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*Truth may seem, but cannot be;  
Beauty decay, but 'tis not she;  
Truth and beauty buried be.*

*To this urn let those repair  
That are either true or fair;  
For these dead birds sigh a prayer.*

**Bacon**



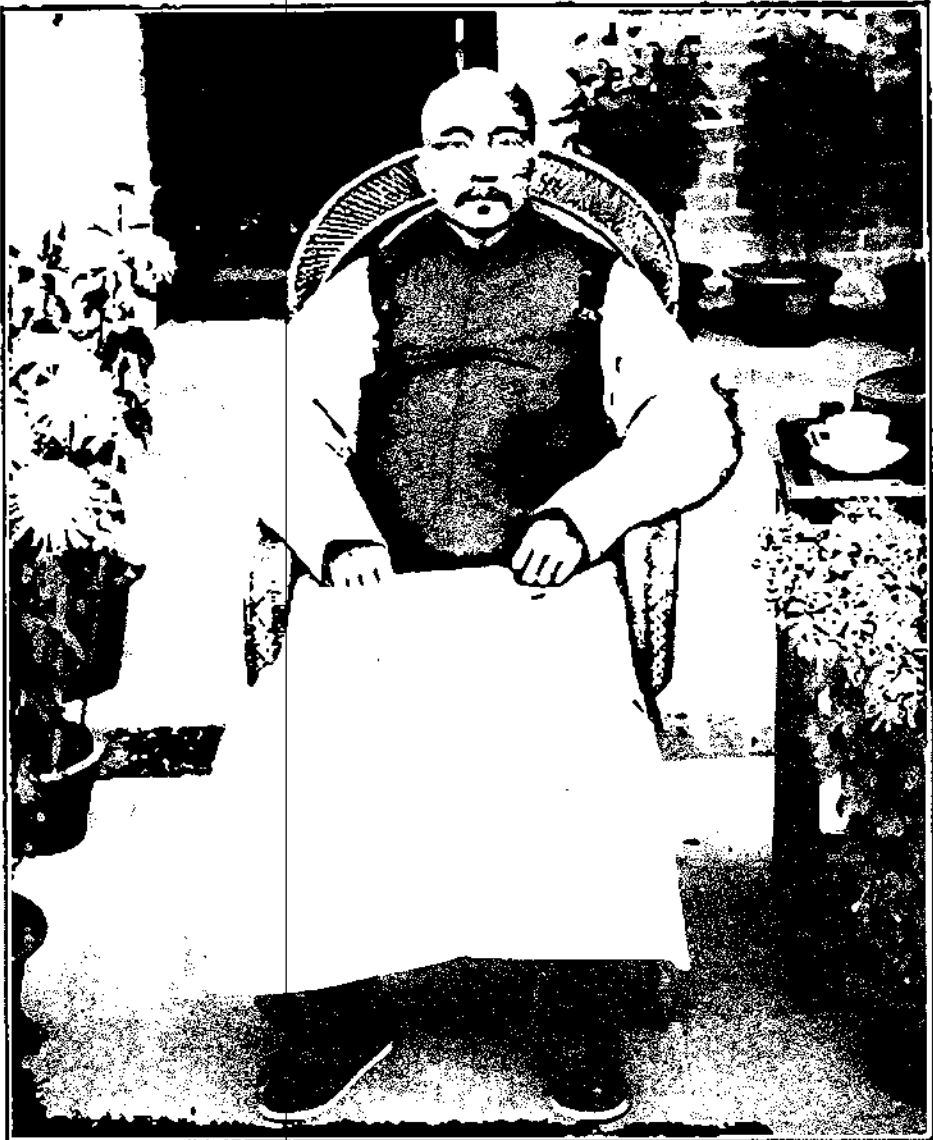




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## NOTE

**T**HESSE chapters were originally published during 1907 and 1908 in *Success Magazine*. Though frankly journalistic in tone, the book presents something more than the hasty conclusions of a journalist. During its preparation the author travelled around the world, inquiring into the problem at first hand in China and in England, reading all available printed matter which seemed to bear in any way on the subject, and interviewing several hundred gentlemen who have had special opportunities to study the problem from various standpoints. The writing was not begun until this preliminary work was completed and the natural conclusions had become convictions in the author's mind.





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