

Hollywood

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My dear Sir,

I have read
the papers you sent me,
and agree with one of the
speakers in the "discussion" that
as a rolling stone you have
just the old saying to shave,
and gathered a great deal
of proof, and that of good qua-
-lity - at P. 24, vol II. of my
last edition (1857) I have treated
on the sexual system called by the



Chinese Yin + Yang. They seem to agree that the great business of every body & every thing in nature is procreation & reproduction, and the sun & moon & the manison are among the ^{best} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{universe} against this universal law. The Greeks attributed it to their gods, none profiter:

Διός, Ζηνός, Αφροδίτης, Δανάης,

to Hercules, who quinquaginta in una stuprauit nocte puellas. One is not surprised to find in Eastern climates a philosophy which influences the senses,

while European civilization has aimed at veiling the Yin + Yang under the form of deceery - That sly rogue Pope says

"and but, though certain strains well refined, is quite love, that charms all woman-kind"

I have just seen some of the Percivals, who were here on a visit -

I take occasion to forward by this post my Essay on Chinese Poetry, which may amuse you, being the only work on that subject - yours sincerely
J. Davis

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

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