

Since male progeny are necessary if the family line is to be continued, boys have been regarded as more valuable than girls. After marriage, the girl becomes a member of her husband's family and is lost completely to her parents (she will only return to her parents on big events such as death and marriage). Therefore the sons especially the first born, have all the attention of the whole family. The prestige of a woman in a family can be determined by her first born; if, unfortunately it is a girl she will be regarded as incapable and murmurings will be directed against her until she bears a boy. When a son is born into a family, celebrations can be continued for a whole year until the son is one year old and his name is officially registered in "the family book" which is kept in the family temple.

The Chinese family, founded by tradition and Confucianism and perfected by trial and error is the moral and educational center of the Chinese youth. Even the Chinese families on this continent, who have been here for generations still retain their uniqueness and the Chinese youths in the United States, though greatly Americanized, are continuously displaying a high degree of moral excellence over their contemporary Occidental friends. I deduced these facts from various reports in different magazines published in the United States and I do not imagine that they did this only to please the Chinese. I shall only hope that the Chinese families will continue to be strong and an admired characteristic of China.

—ALFRED TSANG '60

TO A MOUSTACHE

I little care if you lack a "pash"
On me or mine or my moustache,
But of your comments I'm really tired
Especially since you've rarely admired.
So please with me do not be short
If you note a snarl in my retort.
I like it, you don't!
Too bad. I won't
SHAVE IT OFF.

—JAMES M. REDDIN '60

The world's longest river is the Mississippi. (4502 miles)