

## GAM LEE MARRIED.

**The Leader of Kansas City Chinamen  
Takes a White Wife.**

Gam Lee, a Chinaman of 220 West Fifth street, and leader of the Chinese Four Hundred of Kansas City, was married yesterday to Miss Lillie Hanks, a Melican girl.

Unlike most marriages of this kind, the bride was not a Sunday school teacher. Had she been she probably would never have met Gam, and the sweet influence of his presence and the seductiveness of his personal charms would have been altogether unknown to her. Gam first met the young lady about six months ago and became badly smitten. He pressed his suit with so much ardor that she finally consented to become Mrs. Lee.

Yesterday afternoon Gam and his bride, accompanied by a young woman friend, walked into the recorder's office. Gam stated that he wanted a license to get married. He was arrayed in a brocaded silk blouse and other holiday attire and was happy and smiling. The bride was demure and blushing, but attempted to convey the impression that getting married to a Chinaman was a very ordinary occurrence. The other young woman, as is customary, seemed rather to envy her companions' happiness. Gam gave his age as 38 and the young lady averred that she was 18 years old. The recorder delivered the license, Gam produced \$1 and the trio departed.

They immediately took a carriage waiting at the door and were driven to the office of Justice H. D. Barto, on Independence avenue, where they were married according to forms and ceremonies as laid down in the statutes of Missouri. They then drove back to Gam's rooms over his store, where they received a large number of friends. Among the callers was a reporter for THE TIMES who received a hearty welcome. First he was handed a glass of wine and then a tray of Chinese sweetmeats and watermelon seed were passed to him. Mrs. Lee also sprinkled his clothes liberally with cologne. The bride is rather good looking, with a wealth of fluffy brown hair. She said she hoped the reporter wouldn't "give her the worst of it in the paper," whatever she ment by that. Gam said that he loved his wife and that she liked him and as he expected to live in this country for twenty years he thought he might as well get married. He intends to open a grocery store soon, "and then," he said, "I'll want a wife to cook for me."

Gam's friends, who visited him last night, brought in presents of various kinds, mostly handkerchiefs and wearing apparel. In return Gam passed around the cigars, and a bottle of light wine was constantly on tap. Altogether it was a jolly crowd of Celestials on West Fifth street last night, and Gam's wedding will long be remembered among the Chinese 400.

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