

the shopper will, with his greenstuffs and steelyard go to this store for various kinds of oils, cooking wine, rock sugar, soya sauce, and dried as well as fresh ginger and mushrooms.

Another open front store which does a thriving business is the fruit store. One shop I passed every day had in addition to the signs in Chinese this large one in English, red background with gold lettering, "Gales Universe All Kinds Four Season Fresh Fruit." Mandarin oranges in gay pyramids, apples, pomelos, water chestnuts, grapes and pears, fruits in season out of season were there. Indeed, they had come from the two oceans.

In the ghost shops could be bought things needed in the other world. Incense sticks, strings of silver paper joss money together with paper models of everything that a departed person might need including motor cars, beds, chairs, musical instruments, cooking utensils and clothes, could be bought there.

The four large modern department stores had goods from many places. French perfumes, German cameras, English leather goods, American pens alongside Chinese toys, artificial flowers, rings, bracelets and silks were there. Canned music amplified through loud speakers was heard on all floors.

All Chinese stores are ablaze of with light so the neon tube feels right at home there. Shop signs in gold or black lettering on vivid, varied and interesting green, gold, vermilion, and sky blue horizontal boards over balconies and doorways, give a festive appearance to the otherwise drab setting.

To advertise a bargain or announce the opening of a shop, it is proclaimed to the public by a one man orchestra from a second floor window piercing the air with "Are you washed in the blood of the lamb," "Pass me not," or some other lively tune.