



No. 31.—THE CANGUE.

The *kiá*, or cangue, is a wooden frame, weighing about 20lbs., which is bolted round the neck of criminals convicted of certain minor offences. It rests on the shoulders and causes very little suffering, and it carries hardly any disgrace with it. It is, however, slightly inconvenient, as the sufferer is unable to feed himself, and is liable to have his nose tickled with straws by wicked little urchins. Persons sentenced to the

cangue by purely native tribunals are obliged to wear the genuine instrument; but there is a much lighter imitation kept for use at the Shanghai Mixed Court, as here it is only foreigners that appear as accusers. The date and sentence, as well as the name, residence, and offence of the delinquent are written upon strips of paper pasted round the upper surface of the cangue, near its edge.