Present Condition of the Velestials in American Cities.

Mr. E. V. Smalley's paper in the February Ceutury on "Features of the New Northwest," is an interesting conclusion to his noteworthy series on the northwestern region. He discusses various sociat and political subjects, and speaking of the Chinese population, sa, s in part: There is a mistaken notion in the east that the Chinese are larger than the control of the Breakfast Table," etc.

"Michael Angelo, A Drama" always humble and submissive and much put upon and abused by the whites of the Pacific coast. There was time when the hoodlums of San Francisco maltreated the As atic imigrants shamefully, but that time has with January. gone by. Now the Chinaman appears to be as secure in his rights of person and property as anybody. Instead of being deferential and timid, he is often pushing and insolent. He does not give way in the street. He hustles you as rudely as an English navy. A body of Chinese laborers marching down a narrow street will crowd ladies into the gutter. The Chinese in relants, doctors and others belonging to the better classes are as politic as French man but the many but the classes of the Chinese are as politic as French men, but the masses of the Chinese population on the Pacific coast are rule and brutal. The chief thing in their favor is their habit of personal cleanliness. The railroad laborers, who are the poorest and most ignorant class, wash themselves from head to foot at the end of each day's work. All classes are frequent customers of the barber, who gives minute attention to their heads, faces, ears and necks.

Among the common laborers there is little sympathy for the sick and injured comrades. If a man is likely to become a burden, the other members of his gang want to get rid of him as soon as possible. It is commonly be-lieved by the white bosses on the railways that the Chinese doctors put sick men out of the way by poison when they trink they cannot be speedily they trink they cannot be speedily cured. A case was told me in Oregon by order, Alt, or registered letter, to of a coole railway laborer who had an arm broken. It was set by the company's doctor and was doing well, but the man's comrades insisted on a Chinese doctor to attend him. The doctor came from a distant camp and gave the patient a dose. In an hour the poor fellow was dead. In such cases h re is no investigation, nobody cares that there is one Chinaman less. The death of a cart horse is of much more consequence. One great difficulty the employers of Chinese labor have to contend with is the superstition of these queer people. Their religious worship consists chiefly in propitiating the malevolent spirit of the dead. It a Chinese domestic families there

is a ghost in the house he departs at once, and leaves an inscription behind to warn his successors. It often happens that a family will be unable to keep a servant longer than a single Man after man will come and go without giving any reason for his abrupt departure. At last the warning sign is found in the kitchen or the servant's room and expunged; then there is no more trouble. Not long there is no more trouble. Not long age two Chinamen were killed in Oregon by the premature explosion of a blast on a new railway line. One of their fellow workmen declared that just before the explosion he saw two devils come to the opposite bank of the rive and hear! them talking. Thereturn to the sp t.

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