QUEER BURIAL RITES.

HOW THEY DISPOSE OF THE DEAD IN ASIA.

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the side of a hill. As I went I passed many funeral processions, consisting of stalwart Japs in blue gowns and bowl hats, four of whom carried a box swung on a pole which rested on their shoulders. This box was much like a child's playhouse, and it had its roof and its curtained windows. I was told that it was a coffin, and that each party carried a corpse. These coffins were about four feet long, two feet wide and four feet high. They were made of thin white pine, unpainted and unvarnished, and each coffin is belief to the complete of the complete of

ed over them, and he stirred up the fires as he chatted with me in regard to his business.

We have, "said he, "first, second, and third class cremations, and we graduate our rates according to the age of the body. A man or women can be burnt here in first-class style for \$2.50. We will give either a good second-class burning for \$1.25, and we can send a man off in very respectable style for \$1. Children under 3 years are burnt according to the class for \$1, 75 cents, or 60 cents, and boys and girls from 3 to 12 years of age are burnt for from \$1.50 to 75 cents apiece. We burn the bodies as soon as they come in, and we average at least ten cremations a day. We give the bone ashes to the families of the dead after the cremation is over, and they take them away and bury them in their family tombs."

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Siam is the land of cremation. It costs more money to die there than to live, and the funerals of Congressmen, which are paid for at extravagant rates by the Government, cost but little in comparison with that of a Siamese noble. When a king dies in Siam the whole nation takes part in the funeral, and \$1,000,000 and upward is sometimes spent in the turning of the royal embalmed body into ashes. The last queen who died at Bangkok was seated in a golden urn for a number of months after her death, and the foreign merchants in Siam bought thousands of dollars' worth of goods from Europe and China for the king to give as presents to those who came to the funeral. A great



CHINESE WORSHIPPING AT THE TOMBS
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temple or palace with roofs covered with gilt paper was built as her bier, and the funeral car was overlaid with pure gold and set with jewels. This car was significantly the was surrounded by tiers of golden umbrellas. All the foreign diplomates attended the bureing, and there was a tiger right, a lion dance, and a tournament among the celebrations. The king lighted the fire at 6 p. m., and the gave presents of gold and silver as well as a dinner to the most noted of the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close the mourners. It took a full week to perform the ceremonies, and at the close to find Gen. Doubleday, who was the mourners are taken in a royal barge and strewn upon the waters of the Menam River.

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"Gen. Doubleday, Gen. Hancock has been very seriously wounded, and you will—"

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parenment-skinned old hag who has hair as white and stiff as the bristles of a Chester white pig, and who smiles at you through, her toothless gams, and with long, withered fingers with the same of the same of



the bones of all going to the same reservoir, and the vultures who to-day feed on the fiesh of Dives make their morrow's meal off of Lazarus.

I saw many cremations among the Hindoos, and I attended not a few funerals in India. The bodies were generally carried on the shoulders of men, without coffins and revered with cloth. In some cases a band accompanied the procession, as many creations and the shoulders of men, without coffins and revered with cloth. In some cases a band accompanied the procession, as many and the control of the contro

He Always Saw the Brightest Side of Everything.
Only this week I was reading Gen.
Doubleday's story of Gettysburg, and the day before I had seen the old General on the street. His presence in New York and his book combine to recall to my mind a very wractical icke



Charming Duel of Politieness.

Old Judge Fernald, of Santa Bar bara, has the reputation of being the politiest man in California. He never loses an opportunity to doff his lant or offer some slight attention to way faring men and women. One day, as he was about to take the train for San Francisco, he reached the rear steps of the last car just as they were approached by a young priest.

"After the cloth," said the chivalric Judge, stepping back with a courtly bow.

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After the chord, said the chivalric Judge, steppling back with a courtly how.

"Gray hairs have the preference," returned the priest, with a splendid wave of the hand.

"The church always has precedence," retorted the Judge, taking another backward step, hat in hand.

"The church follows in the footsteps of the fathers," replied the priest, how ing low and indicating the way to the steps.

The duel of politeness was not hall through, neither yielding an inch, when the train pulled out, leaving both howing and smiling on the platform.—San Francisco Examiner.

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