

QUEER BURIAL RITES.

HOW THEY DISPOSE OF THE DEAD IN ASIA.

Various Outlandish Modes of Burial in One of the Largest European Nations—Millions Expended on Some Dead Bodies, While Others Are Food for Dogs and Vultures.

Recent investigation shows that cremation is rapidly growing in the United States. There are cremation societies in New York and Washington, and there are crematories in active operation in New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Los Angeles.

This Japanese crematory was on the edge of Kiota. In going to it I drove through the streets of shops filled with the beautiful blue china for which that city is so noted, and out through fields of rice and tea to a large brick building on the side of a hill.

As I went I passed many funeral processions, consisting of stalwart Japs in blue gowns and bow hats, four of whom carried a box swung on a pole which rested on the shoulders of two bearers.

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 burned or thrown away at the same time that the body is cremated.

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 king.

Only this week I was reading Gen. Hancock's story of Gettysburg, and the day before I had seen the old general on the street.

Gen. Hancock's staff, Col. Billy Wilson and Joe Parker were Gen. Hancock's pets. They were both young, full of mischief, and only saw the ludicrous side of everything, no matter how serious.

Gen. Hancock was severely wounded, and Capt. Parker immediately rode off to find Gen. Doubleday, who was the senior division commander, and put him in command of the Second Corps.

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"Doubleday isn't dead," replied the officer. "I saw him in command of the corps after you were wounded and two hours before I left the field."

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OUR TINY LIGHT-GIVER.

The Numerous Processes Necessary in Match-Making.

The operation of making matches from a pine log may be divided into four heads, viz., preparing the splints, dipping the matches, box making and filling.

As the block revolves and decreases in diameter the knife advances, and a band of veneer of uniform thickness is obtained.

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Rich Japanese Merchants.

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