

BURIAL OF A RULER.

HOW CHINA'S DEAD RULERS ARE INTERRED.

Etiquette and Costly Ceremonies Attend the Obsequies—Long Period of Mourning and Great Number of Sacrifices Made—The Interment Itself.

Etiquette is the Chinese religion. The center of ritualism is the Emperor, alive or dead. M. Ch. de Harlez of the French academy, one of the greatest authorities on China, drawing from the hundreds of volumes filled with a description of Chinese rites, has lately prepared a full account of all the imperial ceremonies, developed and added to from 713 A. D. to the present time, dwelling at length upon the funeral of the Emperor.

Immediately the Emperor dies his successor, with the other members of the imperial family, removes caps, head dresses, ornaments, and plumes, and begins to sob and leap for sorrow. In this interval the corpse is dressed and laid in state in the great hall of the palace.

For 100 days the family live in a plain house outside of the palace, wear coarse garments, and leave the hair uncombed. All of the sacrifices cease, save that to "Heaven and Earth." During the twenty-seven months following mourning is worn; there is never a bouquet nor any music.

After various prostrations, lamentations, tea drinking, waving of banners, etc., the Emperor returns to his mourning-house, but etiquette compels him to visit the corpse again and again during the first day, each time presenting the dead man with choice viands and making libations of wine.

Next morning, amid innumerable small ceremonies, the will is brought in by the supreme counselors and laid upon a yellow table, whereupon the new sovereign assumes his robes of state, and orders the tambour to be struck five times as notification that sacrifices are in order. This is a prelude to the imperial cremation, or, rather, burnt offerings, for during these almost endless obsequies more than 1,000,000 pieces of paper money, with thousands of sheep, bottles of wine, and sacrificial meats, are offered, accompanied by libations of tea on the part of the new Emperor or the priests in attendance.

Day after day the weeping prostrations and offerings, accompanied by new prayers, take place, with the mandarins and princesses in attendance. Each one has a special function to perform, and no small detail of tears, incense, or gloriously colored silk garments are ever neglected or misplaced.

Three days before the interment, which may not take place for a year or more, five delegates of the Emperor announce it to heaven and earth and the geni and ancestors. On the eve of the transporting of the body offerings of nine sheep, fifteen bottles of wine, and 150,000 pieces of paper money are brought, a prayer is read, and a libation made. On the day itself five rolls of the tambour announce the ceremony. The funeral cortege is formed, and the bier is carried to the mortuary hall. The Emperor comes weeping, makes three libations of wine, and the Dowager Empress does the same. The coffin is brought out, placed on the bier, while the Emperor stands to the left. An officer pours out the wine, and the coffin is carried forward, followed by the Emperor, Empresses, etc., with their eyes fixed on the bier. The coffin is borne through all of the palace gates, the Emperor mounts his chariot and the mandarins mount their horses. At a station on the road offerings of fruits and wine are again made. Arrived at the cemetery, the Emperor hastens to make his prostrations before the tombs of his ancestors. When the funeral train reaches the bridge over the stream around the cemetery the coffin is carried through the south gate and placed in the large hall, where the Emperor makes the usual offerings. Delegates are sent to all the tombs to announce the new arrival. On the next day seven sheep, fifteen bottles of wine and 90,000 pieces of paper money are offered. Then are brought sacrifices of appeasement and repose to calm the spirit of the deceased, till then wandering about, restless, not knowing where to go; for cessation of tears; for association of the deceased with his dead ancestors. On the day of the first of these the Emperor kneels down outside of the cemetery, while the coffin is carried in by officers, preceded by torch bearers. The wangs and other dignitaries follow. It is placed on a bed of precious stones; the tablet and seal are placed to right and left. The body is lowered into the tomb and the stone door closed and sealed. The funeral is over.

EXPENSE OF LONDON SEASON.

Duties Devolving Upon Those Desiring Admittance Into Swelldom's Circle.

The programme for a social season in London is exceedingly interesting at first sight, but when one realizes it must be repeated by each newcomer and aspiring millionaire, it is evident that "society" soon becomes a drug to the freshest individual. In the first place, a house must be taken at any

cost; then a series of magnificent dinners laid out; then a series of "at homes," with the most famous celebrities on the stage, dramatic and lyric, to "draw" the fine world; then a similar series of dances must be arranged, with a splendid \$100,000 ball bringing up the rear. Besides these actual necessities there must be shooting boxes and salmon fishing privileges secured, to which shall be invited the choicest of new friends, because it is the thing to invite them. Having issued this programme for the social magnates the multi-millionaire sits back and twirls his thumbs while his secretary pays the bills.—Boston Herald.



What are known as "tidal waves" have nothing to do with the tides, but are supposed to be caused by earthquakes. They do not, therefore, appear at regular intervals.

In Germany crystals of silicon-carbide, called carborundum, which are practically as hard as the diamond, are employed instead of small diamonds for ruling fine lines on graduated scales. It is said that they produce lines more evenly drawn than those made by diamonds.

The Savings Bank, in Brussels, says the Revue Scientifique, has recently adopted a process of sterilizing all bank-notes which pass through its hands. The money is exposed for several hours to the vapor of formalin. The Revue suggests that books lent out from public libraries should be similarly treated.

The fact that bright stars can be seen with a telescope at high noon sometimes astonishes curious visitors to an observatory. Even more surprising is the fact that stars can be photographed in broad day. The Draper photographing telescope, belonging to the Harvard Observatory, has pictured the dog-star, Sirius, at midday, and it has been suggested that the photographing of bright stars crossing the meridian in daylight may prove to be a source of increased knowledge for astronomers.

A tide that sweeps across the southern Indian Ocean from Australia to the Cape of Good Hope divides at the latter point. One part continues to travel in a westerly direction toward Patagonia, and the other moves northward up the Atlantic. The latter portion, re-enforced by a newly born tide formed between Africa and South America, takes twelve hours to advance from the Cape to the coast of New Jersey, New England and Nova Scotia. The eastern wing of the Atlantic wave sweeps on toward Ireland and Norway, arriving six hours later in the vicinity of the former, and twelve on the coasts of the latter.

Boys who propose to bombard hornets' nests may find valuable information in the description, by Mr. Hervy Laney, in the Scientific American, of the way those insects defend their homes. There is always a sentinel on watch at the entrance, and when a stone is thrown at the nest, "the hand that threw it has been marked as sure as the sun shines, and before the attacking party can possibly turn the head he will feel a stunning blow in the forehead, and possibly drop to the earth with pain, for the hornet flies with such velocity that the human body is not swift enough in movement to get out of the way." In making such a charge, Mr. Laney says, the hornet flies "with head and tail together," and the sting is driven deep. But if the boy gets behind a tree or bush, and throws from shelter he is likely to escape, because the hornet seems to possess little power of locating enemy by sight. When the delivery of a stone is followed by a successful charge, Mr. Laney thinks, it is because the hornet possesses "the faculty of marking the direction of a missile thrown at the nest."

White Races in the Tropics.

The Indian Medical Record does not believe in the acclimatization of the white race in the tropics. It holds that the lowered death rate in hot countries is not an evidence to the contrary, but rather that it shows it is only after elaborate precautions have been learned that it exists. It is rather a proof of the inability of the white race to colonize—that is, to labor and undergo constant exposure in the tropics. It is absurd to say, it claims, that a reduced death rate directly due to the careful avoidance of every possible exposure is an evidence that such exposure can be endured.

Symptoms of Overexertion.

An eminent German physician declares that as long as a bicyclist, after a long tour, has a good appetite, does not feel a desire to go to sleep at once, and is not annoyed by heavy dreams on the night following, he may consider that he has not made too great a demand on his physical resources.

A man never makes a guess at his sisters' ages that he doesn't cause a family row.

Explanation.

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