

Vultures Devour Bodies of Dead Parsees. First Flapping Wings in Faces of Mourners-Religious Belief Basis of Mode.

Hindulam, beautiful and pure theory but all that is vile in practice and debasing in its effects, will be briefly reviewed by Mr. Haskin in his next article. He will describe the rohust sikhs, the fanatical Jainsand the devil-fearing Animists, descendants of the aboriginal race of Hindustan.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, July 17 .- The Parsees are the most distinct and peculiar of the many races which have their home in India, and their religion is interesting The tower is roofieds, of course, and for that reason receives the rain. The rain water is polluted by contact with the corpses and decaying bones, and, being one of the sacred elements, it must be purified. The towers are drained into the central well, and from thence conduits run out in four direc-tions, onder the tower walls the water is filtered through several feet of char-coal, and again, at the end of the drain, through a filter of sand and gravel. Thus purified, the water is permitted to return again into the earth and the sea as a survival of the early Aryan faith

which held sway in Central Asia when the lamp of civilization burned brightest in Persia. They expose their dead to be devoured by vultures, and the sacred firs is the emblem of their highest de-voiton. These strikingly peculiar cus-toms, together with the commercial su-premacy of the race in Bombay invite the interest of every visitor to India. The Parsees are followers of Zoroas-ter and believers in the sacred writings of the Zend-Avesta. Their religion was founded 12 or 14 centuries before Christ, and, with many changes, remained the previding faith of Persia and Central Asia until the Mohammedan mission-aries of the sword overthrew their na-tion and persecuted their religion. In the year 717 a small body of Persian ref-uges fied to India, and were welcomed by the Hindu chief of Baroda. It was then that they assumed the cap shaped like a horse's hoof in token of submis-sion to the rulers of their adopted coun-try. They led a precarious existence. in Persia. They expose their dead to

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Parsee means simply "Persian," and is a racial name. The veligion is correctly called "Mazdaism," and is sometimes known as Zoroastriahism, from the name of its great prophet. The Zend-Avesta, the sacred book of Persia, was not completed until many centuries after the death of Zoroaster, and the Parsees look to the Hebrew prophet. The Daniel as one of their greatest teachers. Parsees stoutly deny that they are fire worshipers, despite the opinion of centuries, and the excertation which they are fire some parse is brought the endition of centuries, and the sacred fire from Central Asia, and the fires now alight in the parse temples of India are believed to have been kindled more than 3000 years aso. According to the isense of the isense is a second isense of the isense of the

Their hope and belief is that Soshios, son of Zoroaster, will be reincarnated and that he will destroy evil, purify the cleaser and closer so that when the world and make Masdalam suprome. This belief is a heritage from the Jews through Daniel. . Lower Cinsses Are Pagan. They believe in heaven and hell; that conduct in life determines the future state of reward or punishment. They

tation as men of honor in business hey will fulfill a contract to the minute and the letter. But it is wise for the ther party to look sharp at the time the contract is sealed. In the "Towers of Bilence. The hody, whence the soul has de-parted, is accounted in pure and unclean. Therefore fire must not be defiled by burning it, water must not be defiled by easting it into the sea or river, and earth must not be defiled by burying it. So the practice began, ages ago, of ex-posing the corposes to be eaten by birds and beasts. This practice has been re-fined and systematized, and is now in-vested with the strict ceremonial of ul-tra-ritualism. SYSTEM FINSHED

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Perfection of Sanitary Burial.

McAdoo Tunnels and Terminals at New York Are World's Wonders.

vested with the strict ceremonial of ul-tra-ritualism. The Towers of Silence in Bombay are the most interesting things to be seen in that interesting city. They stand at the top of Malabar Hill, the highest point of ground on Bombay Island. There are five circular towers of from 205 to 300 Teet in circumference and about 30 feet in height. Permission to visit the tower compound is easily ob-tained, but no one is allowed to so near-er than the flower garden which sur-rounds the House of Prayer at the gate. Even the mourners in a funeral train may not approach nearer than this. **Undertakers Are Accursed.** Men set apart for the purpose, de-New York, July 17 .- The south tubes of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad

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vised. The project for tunnels to connect New York and New Jersey underneath the Hudson river was first broached in 1874. De Witt-Clinton Haskin, a civit engineer of California, who had been active in the construction of the Union Pacific railroad, drew the plans and made the surveys at his own ex-pense.

and made the surveys at his own ex-pense. Starting at Fifteenth street, Jersey City, 100 feet inside the river bulkhead, he began his first bore. The work was soon stopped by an injunction obtained by the Lackawanna railroad. A few years later the litigation was settled and Haskin's son succeeded in pushing it on until in 1880, when some 1200 feet of the tunnel had been completed, the company failed. The work was abandoned for 10 years until Pearson & Son, the great English contracting firm, and Sir John Fowler and Sir Benjamin Baker, who built the bridge across the Forth in Scotland, became interested in the project and took it up again. Two years later the com-pany again failed. McAdoo Takes It Up.

suicide or who have died unnatural deaths. Western opinion concerning this method of disposing of corpses is di-vided, some persons advocating it be-cause of its undoubted sanitary per-fection, but most foreign visitors look upon it with repugnance. Even the burning of the dead on open pyres, as is done by the Hindus, seems less re-volting. The white towers of themselves sug-gest nothing half so grewsome as the serried grave rows of a western ceme-try, the house of prayer is a simple platform open at the sides and roafed over; the garden is beaufful with the flowers of the tropic and the temperate xones; and there is nothing in the ap-pearance of the place to suggest any-thing unusual. The Bush of the Soavengers. marvels of the age. The structur-sists of two buildings situate Church street, from Cortland to streets and from Dey to Fulton.



tractions of Emerald Isle as a Tourist Retreat.

By Thomas, F. Curtayne.

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New York, July 14.—With thousands of Americans beginning their annual pilgrimage to Europe, the question re-news itself. "Why do not Irish-Americans inspire in tourists a desire to visit the beauties of the Emerald Isle?

where, waiting rooms, restaurants, lunch counters, bootblack stands, and every other convenience possible in a rafiroad station. The great concourse will be lined with stores and booths where the traveler may buy clothing, hats and haberdashery, groceries and hardware, photographic and optical sup-piles, drugs, furniture, automobile sup-piles and all of the other necessaries of life. where the traveler may buy clothing, hats and haberdashery, groceries and hardware, photographic and optical sup-plies, drugs, furniture, automobile sup-plies, and all of the other necessaries of life. The United States annually exports more wheat flour than all other coun-tries combined, about three fifths of the total amount. the total amount. the second states and states are superi-that a very small proportion of tour-ists visit Ireland. Some of them seem to know nothing at all about Treland as a summer resort, and I have been surprised at the ignorance shown in uestions put to me concerning Ire-land and the Irish. On the other hand, many have com-

plained of the poor hotel accommoda-tions and bad railroad facilities that existed some years ago. During a re-cent visit there I found that all this had been changed. Not only in 'Kil-larney, my native town, but, throughout Ireland, during my six weeks' stay, I found the same improvements had been made everywhere. und the same imp en made everywhere.

been made everywhere. Where could tourists find a prettier spot than Killarney, with its beautiful lakes and seenery? It is said that here "angels fold their wings and rest." This is what Americans never think of although the people of Killarney speak of them as having these sids to flight they refer to them flying in on one train and out on the next. This cer-tainly is not the way to enjoy Killarney speak of Ireland. I have been informed that make they know how to cook a potato.

of Ireland. I have been informed that many of the fine mansions situated near the lakes are untenanted, owine it is said to the unsettled condition of the land purchase bill. This I should think might be an fdeal opportunity for the American millionaire to rent one of these mansions for a season. Why not form an American colony at Killarney? Glengariff is one of the best known

health resorts. It is a beautiful spot where even the coach horses rest and only move after some little persuasion. The memory and historical interest up the river Lee from Gueenstown to Cork and Blarney Castle will please the most critical tourist. Then there is the lace industry, in which every woman traveler is inter-ented. Considerable money appropriated dur-

roads in the world. England has her roast beef and plum pudding, and Germany her beer and cakes, but nowhere in the world do they have the delicious muiton of Ire-land. It is only in Ireland, too, with all her faults, that they know how to cook a potato.



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(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, July 17.—Secretary Bal-linger has wired Senator Bourne from Seattle that he will personally inspect the Malheur irrigation project in cast-ern Oregon. He will make the inspection about two weeks hence. One thing must be said of the Parsees —their morals are hich, and there is no blemish upon the conduct of their lives in their family relations—as father and son, mother and daughter, husband and wife. The Parsees have a high rep-





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