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Cuingar Manneh of BetrothalBetrothal, in China, is a matter with which the parties most deeply con, corned have generally little to do-Their parents or guardians manago their betrothal much in the following manner :
A person is employed as a go-be. tween, or match maker between the families. The proverb says, "without a go-between betrothal cannot be ef. tocted." This person may be oither a man or a woman. Usually the gohetween engaged by the famils which first makes the proposal is employed by both fumilies in subsequent nego. tiations.
The negotiation is generally commeneed by the family to which the boy or young man belongs. The go between is furnished with a card stating the ancestral name, and eight characters which donote tho hour,
day, month and year of birth of the candidate for matrimony. This card he takes to the family indicated and tenders a proposal of marriage in regard to a daughter in behalf of a son of the party employing him. If the parenta or guardians of the girl, after instituting inquiries about the family making it, are willing to entertain the proposal, they consult a fortane teller who decides, after considering the imo of the birth of parties, whether the betrothal would be fitting and nuspicions. If a farorable decision be mado, the go between is furnishod with a eard indienting the hour, day, month and year, when the girl they re willing to betroth was born, which plojed him. The parents of the lad then consult a fortune.teller in regard to the proposed betrothmont, furnish. ing him with the characters which indicate the ages of the boy and girl.If this fortune-teller pronounces favorably, and the two families agree in regard to the details of the marriage formal assent is mado to the betroth mont.
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weighed a little over one thousand pounds. In 1849 bis coat was buttoned around three inen, each of them weighing over two hundred pounds, who walked together in it acrons the square at Lexington. In 1850 it required thirteon and a half yards of cloth, one yard wide, to make bim a coat. Until 1853, he was active and lively, and able to labor; but from that time was compelled to stay at home or be hauled about in a two horse wagon. His coffin was eight feet long, thirty.five inches deep, elgbteen across the head, and fourteen across the feet: It required twentyfour yards of black velvet to cover the side and iid of the coffin. Miles Darden was twico married, and bis obildron aro very lurge, though it is probable that none of them will over reach half the weight of their father.

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