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THE RATTLE THAT IS NOT TO THE STRONG.

A great many people at the East seem not to be able to "get the hang," as the phrase goes, of the Chinese question. They wonder why it is that the progressive Caucasian is unable to compete with the immobile Chinaman. It is our custom to believe that we are superior to all other nationalities. An American ought to hold his own with any other man, no matter what may be the terms of the conflict. It is not difficult to discover below what is said and printed on the subject, the notion that Californians are an idle, good-for-nothing, weak and overrated variety of human species, and that this is the true explanation of the opposition to Chinese competition.

From the usual point of view the white man is far superior to the Chinaman, and in California there is no deterioration of the race. He has more endurance, more muscle, more brains, more skill, more courage than the Mongol. But for all that he cannot make the fight for which the latter puts up. If continued he has to retire disastressfully from the field. What he has to contend against is cheap diet, cheap lodging, cheap clothing, cheap religion and no incumbrance. It is beef and potatoes against rice and garbage, the neat and comfortable cottage against a bunk in a human hive, modern clothing against a cheap blouse, churches and school houses against a hideous idol planked with bits of paper, a man with a wife and children against an interloper without any tie of any kind.

This is the sort of conflict to which the Caucasian is invited. The mere statement of the condition shows that he could not long maintain it. He has to retire beaten, because he is an American, needing the comforts by which an American is surrounded—because he is a man of family, with many, perhaps, depending on him, and because he has an expensive government and an expensive church to support. The highest illustration of how the contest is proceeding is found in the fact that the free Chinaman on the outside can successfully compete with convict labor—that is to say, the Chinaman can support himself, in his way, and make money on the sum which it costs the State to feed, clothe, lodge and guard its criminals. As a consequence he can make articles for less than they can. This is a proposition which, if successfully grasped by the Eastern mind, would bring the controversy to a close. If we were to take the workers of our own race, feed, house and clothe them after the manner usual in this country, and pay them no wages, the Chinamen would be able to turn out cheaper work.

It would not be a bad formulation of the case to say that this is a competition that leads to barbarism. The lower the labor gets down in the social scale the better he will be able to sustain the shock. It is the boast of Western civilization that it dignifies labor and elevates the laboring man. Many of our laborers to-day enjoy comforts and luxuries unknown to the Plantagenet Kings of England. They are, in many cases, better lodged than Charlemagne. The movement is ever upwards. But in competition with the Mongol the Caucasian must descend. He must discard wife and children; he must issue from his cottage never to return; he must practically strip himself to the buff, and get down to the gutter. The policy which Hoar and Dawes of

Massachusetts, and Brown, of Georgia, advocate is one to barbarize America. But it is not these gentlemen who speak so much as the calico which they represent. Their idea of China is based evidently on their own surroundings. They think that the vast millions there read their newspapers, with telegraphic news from all parts of the world, every morning at breakfast, and that they will be so delighted with what these Senators are saying that they will always hereafter buy American prints at an advance.

The evolution of the contest, which we are considering, has not often been traced out. It is the fashion to regard it as confined to the laboring classes altogether. But it goes on, mounting higher and higher. There are two industries in San Francisco which are completely dominated by the Chinese—cigar-making and shoe making. Some years ago they had no representatives in either of these branches of manufacture. Now they control them. The fight was first made on the white artisan. He was underbid, and has since been driven almost from the field. The turn of the white employer came next. He had a wife and children to support. There were heavy taxes to pay. A few had to be rented in church. Against him was pitted the Chinese manufacturer who, according to his notions, is leading a life of extravagance when he expends \$30 a month. He can live in a place which the white manufacturer would consider to be good enough for his setter or Newfoundland dog.

It is not necessary to inquire what was likely to be the issue of that contest. There could be but one issue, and that against the educated, enterprising, benevolent, far-seeing white manufacturer. Only one more class remains in the business to be jostled aside—that is the jobbers. With them the Chinese are already beginning to grapple. They are establishing their agencies at distant points and importing their tobacco direct from Havana. The result is as inevitable as death. In time the "jobbers" will have to go. From this all the others can be inferred. Call it what you will, the struggle is one, in all its parts, in which civilization has to go down. And to all this is to be added the fact that the dollar paid out the most part, then and there totally disappears. It has no further circulation. It might as well, and perhaps better, have been thrown into the bay. It is sent away to enrich distant China. It does not go into land, or improvement of public works here. It is used exclusively for the promotion of the prosperity of a foreign country. The shoe that the Chinaman makes is worn out; the cigar that he twists is smoked away, but the price paid for both never comes back to us. It goes by the Golden Gate to Asia.

These are the reasons why the man of the superior race—the man of the nineteenth century—has not succumbed to the Asiatic who has not advanced one peg, morally or intellectually, for two thousand years. There may be something of a sociological paradox in what is going on, but it is nevertheless such as we have described it.—S. F. Bulletin.

Customs Districts.

Mr. George's bill relating to the customs districts provides that there shall be in the State of Oregon and Territory of Washington five collection districts:

1. The southern district of Oregon to comprise all of the waters

and shores of that part of the State of Oregon lying south and east of the north bank of the Siuslaw river; in which Coos bay, in Coos county, shall be the port of entry, and Ellensburg, at the mouth of Rogue river, Port Orford and Gardner, on the Umpqua river, ports of delivery.

2. The district of Yaquina; to comprise all the waters and shores lying north and east of the north bank of the Siuslaw river to the north bank of the Salmon river, and west of the summit of the Cascade range of mountains; in which Yaquina shall be the port of entry and Newport a port of delivery.

3. The district of Oregon; to comprise all the waters and shores lying north and east of the north bank of Salmon river to the 46th degree of north latitude, and west of the coast range of mountains to the 48th degree of north latitude, except that portion situated above the junction of the Willamette and Columbia rivers and drained by those river and tributary waters; in which Astoria shall be the port of entry.

4. The district of Willamette; to comprise all the waters and shores lying north and east of the north bank of Salmon river to the 46th degree of north latitude, and west of the coast range of mountains to the 48th degree of north latitude, above the junction of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, and drained by these rivers and their tributary waters, and all other portion of said state drained by said Willamette river or its tributaries; in which Portland shall be the port of entry.

5. The district of Puget Sound; to comprise all the waters and shores of the State of Oregon and Territory of Washington not included in the districts of the southern district of Oregon, Yaquina, Oregon and Willamette; in which Port Townsend shall be the port of entry.

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Allen Dodworth says: "American women are the best dancers in the world. The Oriental races and the Spanish women cannot be said to dance—they merely go through a series of voluptuous motions and slow steps, with perfect abandon. The Germans are very correct and easy, but not graceful, the English put too much struggle into it; the French are inclined to angularity; but the American woman is by nature supple and graceful, learns with facility, and has the vitality that takes the place of strength."

It has been urged by those unfriendly to Blaine that he is brilliant but not safe. In this connection the Cincinnati Commercial says: He was the clearest headed man at Garfield's bedside, and during the trying months following the assassin's shot, made no mistakes. He was the republican leader in Congress for many years, and his work stands. Still, his name makes a stalwart's teeth chatter and his brass medal rattle.

The Sunny Side of Death.

Take the sunny side of death. Sooner or later it must come to all, and at the latest it is only a few swiftly passing days distant. Kings and potentates have no refuge from the summons of the dread messenger. Death is the great leveler of man, and dust to dust is the heritage of all. Why, then, should we shrink from its contemplation? Why banish it from our thoughts with a shudder? It is not rational to turn in terror from what must as surely come as to-morrow's sun. Those who are suddenly chilled day after day by the thoughts of death either shadow their lives by misdeeds, or reject the philosophy that should make every well ordered life wait serenely for its end. The rational apprehension of the upright man is, not that he may fall too soon in the race, but that he may linger too long and outlive everything but hope.

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