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## MONGOLIAN TARTAR3．

Rov．Yather Gundy＇t Roettal of $\underset{\text { A strivangely－attired Bolgian }}{\mathrm{A}}$ priest China Ho is Rev．Father．A．Gundy． president of the Roman Catholic mis－
sions in $M \rightarrow \mathrm{ngolim}$, where he has arduously laboring for ton years past． age，with a fall flowing beard and a rich silken gown of an oriental do－
sign．Other marks of dress betoken him a resident of a land most remote from ours A reporter soug
vew with him．Said he： ＂My lifo work has been with the Tar r
tars who inhabit Mongolis and the tars who inhabit Mongoina，and the
seenes of my work have been close by
the great wall of China．The commer－ eial emporium of Mongolia is Kalgan ，a
twwn of 40.000 inhabitants．It is here tuwn of 40.000 inhabitants．It is here
that the Russians come to buy chamois
skins and tea，which the Cininese resi－ skis and tas，which the Cinnese resi－
dents of Mongolia raise in immense
quantities．The Mongolians themselves quantities．The Mongolians themselves
despise tilling the ground．and as the land belongs to the difforent tribes，
heir chiefs have been selling it off to
the Chinese． ＂The Mongolians are descendants
of the old Tartars，and raise tens of
thousands of cattle and horses．Be－ yond this they do nothing except hunt，
They are a wild，angovernable race
living in tenis．They are magnificent living in tents．They are magnificent
horgemen，something ，like your wild
Indians．
Their religion is Tartaric Buddhism．Oue of their sacred tem－
ptesi is at $\mathrm{K} u n$ nuna．In Thibet the
great temple of U Lassa is constructed after the manner of an Indian Budd－
hist teuppe．Oly one or two Euro－
Oeans have ever been adinited wirt peans have ever been adinitted within
itt sarcei precincts．They think the
mere aimianon mere admission of a foretgner with
its portals would forever defle it this country three years ago have re－
linquished their，efforts．They got golian coast，and they have had to
give way．They now have open ports as far as Peking，but no fur her．All
the talk you hear of invasions from
the Russians now goos for nothing． the Russians now goes for nothing．
Mongotla is under the domain－of
China． The country is largely a desert，al－
tbough with water it Yy exceedingly
productive．There are very rich mines of copper and silver as well as mag－
nificent beds of coal．Mongolia is
colder than China，and consequently the inhabitants，although dressing somewhat like the Chinese，put on
more ctothes．They are untike the
Chinese aggressive and warlike．They are not
a tractable race by any means． ＂Hunting the chamois is great sport
with the Mongolians．They are skilled weapons，a variety of which they
usce．They are also skillful with tho
dart． ＂In the ten years that I have been
there we have succeeded in converting
about twenty－tive thousand of these there we have succeeded in converting
about twenty－tive thousand of these
wild Tartars．Though wild they are open to eivilizing and humanizing in，
fluencess；but there are so many of
fhem，and their country is so large them，and their country is so large．
that it takes a long while to make much effect upon them as a mass，
The reverend gentleman is acoom－
paniied by a wealtty resident of Brus－
sels．Viscount do Benghem，who has been making a tour of certain parts of
Mongolia and studying up the habits
of the natives．－San Francisco Exam

1 An Eccentric Colored Man． Aman of comical characteristics is
Owen Davis，the colored janltor and special policoman of the Minnesotn
capitol．In enrly life he hoed＂de cot－
ton and do cana＂＂ years in the Union army，and then en－
listed as a roustabout on a Mississippi he received his education，and，among ing was not negtected．His interpreta－
tion of the moral law prohibits even the appearanoe of fighting，or boxing．
nuless it is neeossart．His supersti－
tions aro his pets，and I do not believe he world thank a person to convinee
him that they are a myth．When he hunts in the basement for a oat or a
rat he spits thre times to insure him－
self against attack，and he believer nothing more Sincerely than that the
ghost of the little boy who was killed during the construction of the eapitol
haunts the dome every night．He
claims to hear a racket up there every time he goes near the building at
night，and nothing earthly could in－
duce him to climb the stairs atter dark． $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ is a devoted member of the colored
Baptist Church of this eity，and is， figuratively，the foundation，walls and roof of that soeiety．－Sh．Paul Pioneer
Press．






 It was in one of the stately mansions
of Bescon street，Boston，that our story



 am－1－drifting look had come over the
girl＇s face，and his heart sank within
him． ＂If my words are displeasing to you，
Miss Penelope，＂he went of in his
broken tones， broken tones，＂if I have said what I
ought not to say，or you ought not to
hearr：if I＂， hear；if I－＂，
＂Not at all，＂interrupted Penelope，
looking wildly about looking wildy sbout her，＂but I have
oertainly lost my speotacles．Oh，there they aro．Thanks As you were s
ing，Mr．Waldo－＂－N．Y．Sun．
dANGERS OF BENZINE．
 music printing estabissment while a
boy was engaged in cleaning a press
with benzine，rubbing it with a rag．
the fuid blazed up；the lad＇s clothing the fluid blazed up；the lad＇s clothing
eaught fire，and he was so severely barned that his recovery was stated to
be doubtful．It has been popularly supposed that flame，or at least a tem－ of iron，was necessary to ignite ben－
sine，but this is，mistake．It is a
fact little known that hat it fact little known that hard friction
can develop sufficient heat to to
inflame benzine vapor．especially
it inflame benzine vapor．especially
if the surface rubbed be varnished
with shellac．We are informed by a with shellac．We are informed by a
competent and truthful mechanical en－
gineer that a few years ago（whit gineer that a few years ago（while try－
ing with benzine in a closed tin vessel
to to construct a thertuoszat to ignite a
powder giving out sulphurous gas in
case of fire outhrask），he found that case of fire outhrank）．he found that
the vapor was leaking from a minute
crack in a seam．He requestop a a tin－
man to solder the leak，supposing that
a eopper soldering tool at dark heat a eepper soldering tool at dark heat
would nor be dangerous．To his sur－
prise and that of the workman，the

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 crack and a flame played around thetool like a willo－o－the－wisp．This gen－
tleman several times experimented
afterward and found that at a dark elephants and a large lion started
across colt across country towards Fairfield and
Easton．f Great excitement seized many
rexidenk，and they have barred windows and doors of their houses．
In the horse room were all the ring
animsls，trained stallions，ponies，etc animsis，trained stallions，ponies，etc．
and all were burned．In the cali room were birds，monkeys，rhinocer
hyenas，tigers，$l$ lions and all the men－
agerie，which also fell a prey to the flames．A great deal of valuabbe tent
and other property also burned． and other property also burned．The
total lose is eatimated at not less than
700,000 ，with but $\$ 100,000$ insurance． The watchman discovered the fire
while making his rounds，and started
to to give an alarm，when some unknown
person hit him on the head with some
blunt instrument．One of the thre elephants burned was a＂sacred whi elephant．The
at the time the fire broke out was late $\left.\begin{aligned} & \text { found in a barn，where he had killed } \\ & \text { and was deveouring a cow．}\end{aligned} \right\rvert\, \begin{array}{ll}\text { whe } \\ \text { frif }\end{array}$

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