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CHINATOWN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

CHINESE VICES AND RELIGION.

A New Yorker's Experience in the Opium Joint, Gambling, Joss and Other Houses.

To make the trip from this city to San Francisco and return in twenty-two days, and at the same time get a good idea of the leading points of interest on the route, is not an ordinary affair, even in these times of rapid transit.

"It is like the Sixth Ward here—Mulberry and Mott streets—only a great deal worse," said the "place" set up into little alleys and the houses are wooden shanties, very dirty.

"How it feels to be scalped." From the "Chief" (Col.) Chronicle. A sick and sorry looking specimen of humanity was strong and vigorous last night and climbed into a waiting wagon and was driven to the country.

"One thinks, as the skin is being torn from the skull, that his feet are coming right up through his body to the top of his head. Oh, it is terrible. It is so painful that you cannot utter a cry, and thousands of stars dance before your eyes.

"The Boar of the Surf." A ceaseless roar has been written about the "ceaseless roar of the surf." It is a big thing for a couple of days and nights, but after that you'll begin to wonder why people who come here expressly for that don't stay home and hire some one to trim the mill.

It is a curious fact that the sun never shines hot on the base ball grounds as it does on the harvest field.

RELIES OF THE SURF.

How They Dress and How They Eat—Lunch in the Coaches.

It has been very amusing to witness at the races this year the changing attire and manners of the New York society girls who have attended them.

Another noticeable feature of this year's races has been the open manner in which the society girls present have indulged in betting upon them.

The lunch is of course an important feature of the day at the races, and the parties who drive over from Hempstead in four-hand find an especial enjoyment in this part of the day's proceedings.

"The city is wrecked. The loss is not as great as it seems to be. But the streets are encumbered with masses of fallen bricks and tangled telegraph and telephone wires, and up to an early hour it was almost impossible to pass from one part of the city to another.

"The people had not been out of the buildings but a few minutes before there was another violent quivering of the earth, which was so strong and violent that the first one.

"In many dwellings the carpets and bed-rooms were set on fire by lamps being overturned. In most cases these fires were soon extinguished, and a general conflagration was fortunately averted.

"There was much disputing as to the number of shocks. Some say that there were eight distinct shocks and others say there were thirty men sleeping in the upper story of the building, which, together with the damage, and that each successive shock was less in intensity than the one immediately preceding it.

"The people began to collect in the Park at the City Hall as soon as it was safe to move about. There was a very large concourse of men, women and children assembled in the centre of the central flower bed.

A pretty girl won a musket in the French lottery. When they gave it to her she asked: "Don't they give a soldier with it?"

THE EARTHQUAKE.

A FULL ACCOUNT OF ITS DESTRUCTION AND THE AREA IT COVERED.

Charleston, S. C., and Its Surroundings the Centre of the Convulsions—Great Loss, at that Point of Life and Property.

The 31st of August, 1886, will be indelibly impressed upon the minds of the people of a great portion of the United States for many years to come—aye, even during life.

As Charleston seems to have been the fountain-head, so to speak, of the earthquake, we will begin with that city.—On Friday, Aug. 27 ult., Summerville, a little town 20 miles from Charleston, and the city of Charleston itself were visited by very sensible earthquake shocks.

"At ten minutes past 10 o'clock the men who were at work in the office of The News and Courier were startled at hearing a rumbling sound.

"Broad street was instantly filled with men, women and children, in all conditions of dress. Men in their shirt-sleeves, women and children in their night clothes, just as they rushed from their beds to escape impending destruction.

"The fire broke out at the southeast corner of George and St. Philip streets, and two two-story houses, the one immediately on the corner and the other the next house east of it, were completely destroyed.

"The two-story wooden building at 487 King street, the west side between George and Warren streets, and the one occupied by Schiadaressi Cros as a fruit store, caught fire during the convulsion and was burned to the ground.

"A Miracle.—After the fire on King street broke out and when the whole of the lower wards house-tops were illuminated, a strange thing was seen.

"Crushed in the Joints.—At 1 o'clock this morning the body of a colored woman was taken out from the debris at the corner of Meeting and Broad streets near the lamp-post.

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Hotel heard piercing cries for help.

They went down Hasel street in the direction of the cries and found a white man and woman half-buried in the ruins of the Lazarus building.

"Casualties.—Mrs. Williams jumped from the second story of her residence, and injured her spine. Mrs. E. Galliot, colored, was struck by a brick, and her head badly injured.

"At the Hospital.—The City Hospital was badly wrecked, and it is stated that several of the inmates were killed. A number of the patients were injured.

"At the Jail.—The scene at the jail beggars description. When the building began to shake the prisoners made dash for the door.

"Fires.—A large fire at the corner of Vanderhorst and King streets started right after the earthquake shock and was burning fiercely for about two hours.

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Courier building a water main had been broken by the fall of the granite parapet and the gutters are flooded with water.

Almost the entire front of the building occupied by Myer's cigar store and Smith's stencil establishment is torn out, leaving the two upper floors exposed.

The Police Station is almost a complete wreck. The upper edge of the east wall has been torn down and that of the north wall has fallen on the roof of the porch, carrying it away and leaving only the large fluted pillars standing.

The O'Donnell big house, two doors below the Bill Pringle mansion, basement, three stories and mansard roof, was badly wrecked. Both ends of the mansion fell out.

The Western Union officials state no messages sent to Charleston last night could be delivered on account of the general confusion.

The last earthquake shock was experienced here at 1:50 last night, since which time there have been no vibrations.

[A continuation of the account of Charleston's experience will be found on the 2nd page, inside.]

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