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A COREAN CEREMONY.

A Scheme to Strike the European Traveler with Wonder

As I entered Scoul a royal procession. with which the king visited some of the ancestral tombs, was returning by another gate, writes a Seoul correspondent. Its novel feature was that the minister of war rode in European evening dress and a "bowler" hat. On the day following I witnessed a ceremonial new in Corean history, and which may have far-reaching results to Coreans. The Japanese have re-solved to clean the Augean stable of official corruption, and compelled the king to begin the task by proceeding in state to the altar of heaven and there taking an oath before the spirits of his ancestors to the proposed reforms. His majesty, by exaggerating he was asleep or in a trance he was exa trivial ailment, had for some time delayed the ceremony, and, even the day before, a dream, in which an ancestral spirit appeared to him adjuring him not to depart from ancestral ways, terrified him from taking the proposed pledge. After a long delay and much questioning as to whether at the last ing Wootton by the forchead and chin, moment the king would resist the foreign pressure, the procession, in solemn silence, emerged from the palace gate; huge flags, on trident headed poles, purple bundles carried aloft, a stand of sacred stones conveyed with much ceremony, groups of scarlet and man, it was found, had by this time beblue robed men in hats shaped like come rigid. One minute after the exfools' caps of the same colors, the personal servants in yellow king's robes and yellow bamboo hats, decorated with pink roses, and men carrying bannerets. Then came the red silk umbrella, followed by-not the magniffcent state chair, with its forty bearers, but a plain wooden chair with a green roof and glass sides, in which sat the dominal. Temperature was 98.2, or norsovereign, looking very pale and dejected, borne by only four men. At a short distance followed the crown prince in a similar chair. Mandarins, ministers, and military officers were then assisted on their caparisoned ponies, and each, with two attendants holding his stirrups and two more leading his pony, all in gorgeous rai-ment, fell in line behind the home minister on a dark donkey conspicuous by his foreign guard. Half an hour later, by passing along a street so narrow that two horsemen cannot ride abreast, the king reached the altar of heaven, where the military escort was left outside the outer wall, and only the king, dignitaries and attendants proceeded to the altar. The groupings of the scarlet-robed men under the dark pines was most effective from an artistic point of view, and from a political standpoint the taking of the oath by the Corean king was one of the most significant acts in the tedious drama of the present war.

A DWARF'S QUEER RUSE.

Had Himself Shipped in a Box in Order

to Best the Railway. Four or five years ago one of the most celebrated of European prodigies was the Polish dwarf, Herman Zeitung, at one time one of the chief attractions at the Folies Bergere. Latterly Zeitung rather was until the other day, when he started in to carry out an interesting exploit which very nearly succeeded. He dressed to a large importing house at Madrid and labelled "Fragile. With Care. Top." Holes had been made in this box for breathing purposes, and one of its sides was so constructed that it could be opened from within to give the little dwarf a way of getting out unnoticed when he reached his destination. cushioned seat, and an abundant sup-

SIX DAYS IN A TRANCE.

Alfred Wootton Was Put to Sleep by a

Hypnotizer and Watched by Doctors. A dramatic illustration of hypnotism accompanied by many grewsome features has been given in London by Prof. Morritt, who seems to possess extraordinary powers of a mysterious nature, says the New York World. He put a man to sleep in a coffin-shaped glass case and kept him there nearly a week and at the end of that time awakened him in the presence of a large number of witnesses. The victim of this achievement, one Alfred Wootton, is a stained glass-worker, 35 years of age. During the whole of the time hibited in a public hall. When the experiment was ready to begin on Monday he had readily climbed into the coffin-shaped case, and many people watched the hypnotizer as he proceeded to exercise his mysterious power. Holdthe hypnotizer gazed steadily into his eyes. He then made a few downward passes from above the eyes along the side of the face, from time to time examining the pupils of the eyes. The periment began the hypnotizer asked Dr. Forbes to examine the man. He was found to be thoroughly unconscious. His pulse was 96, the exact number of beats it registered before he became unconscious. His respiration was about 16, the breathing chiefly abmal. The pupils of the eyes were contracted almost to disappearance. During the following days the respiration, temperature and pulse changed slightly, but the man remained in a trance condition. His beard continued to grow. When he was awakened by Prof. Morritt the following Saturday evening, he could not be convinced that he had been in a hypnotic trance for nearly a week until he felt the thick growth of beard on his face. He said it seemed to him that he had only been asleep for a few minutes. It did not take longer than a minute to wake him up. The professor made a few passes of his hand across the man's face and lifted his head and shoulders from the coffinshaped case. Wootton then opened his eyes and instantly recognized friends in the crowd about him, with whom he began to converse. The only notable sensation he experienced upon waking, he said, was that of hunger. A short time after being awakened he put on his coat and walked out of the building with his friends. He had been constantly watched during the whole time in the trance and evinced much interest in the records of the doctors.

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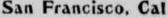
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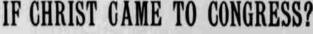
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