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Cyrus W. Field's Encounter With an Expert Tea Taster.

It may be that the millionalce is no. more secentric than humbler mortals, and yet in the flore while light of publicity it often scenes and Crens W Field was never given to may of the expensive hobbles of other rich had He did not done on hors - or frichts or pletures. But Mr. Field d.d. like ten. He used to say there was only one man of his acqualatance who knew how to brew it, and that man was "Old Field." The father of the salumarine cable used to travel a great deal by rall, but he never went anywhere with out his favorite brand of tea and his personal atensils for browing It. Mr. Field seidom traveled in his pri-

wate car, and none of his retinue of servants ever made tea for him. From his berth in the Pullman be rose early. as at home, and it was not an uncom mon sight to see the gray old philanthropist half dressed and stirring about in a buffet car at daylight, seeking hot water with which to brew his choice young Hyson, a canister of which was Invariably a part of his baggage.

One day when Mr. Field was going through Front street he was attracted by a tea taster who was slpping the contents of a number of small cops Mr. Field watched the man carofully and observed his method of using boiling water. Finally be entered the place and said to the expert: "How lon have you been in this business?"

"Thirty-one years," said the tea taster, who was enjoying ru annual income of about \$20,000.

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