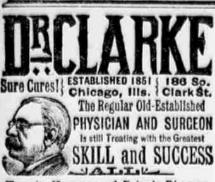
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they are better looking than either. What gorgeous dresses some of them wear and you look twice to see whether the big sugar loaf hats of horse hair which are fastened to their hands are as a second to the second A DAY IN THE HERMIT KINGDOM heads are a natural part of their person or Seoul and Its Sixty Thousand

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ful Hats-A Nation of Girls Born to Blush Unseen-

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Carp's Letter. [Copprighted, 1888.]

as Florida or Italy, and it hangs down into

the Pacific ocean from the northeast edge of

China and the lower eastern edge of Russian

Siberia. Between it and China is the dirty,

boisterous Yellow sea, which takes a day

and a night by steamer to cross, and its lower coast is about an equal distance from

the western edge of Japan. It has 1,700

lined with bold and rocky islands. It is a

land of mountains. A great chain winds

through it from north to south, and

going by the land in a steamer

that the supplies of gold are rich in the ex-

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now writing and carried these presents to the emperor at Peking. The embissy goes still, but the amount of tribute has been lessened.

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It is an old country.

island, but a peninsula. Let us take a look at Korea.

heads are a natural part of their person or are article of dress. How THEY DRESS. How many of them dress in white! and their long full gowns belly out at the front and each of their legs looks like a baby in swaddling clothes. They wear padded white stockings and the shoes of the rich are porgeous in their embroidered decorations. There is one of them walking. He swings HOW THEY DRESS, LOOK AND ACT. There is one of them walking. He swings his arms as he goes, and his pipe with its long stem and small silver bowl hangs al-most to his knees in his smoking. What a maze of bright colors and how gorgeous are the delicate sky blues, the bright pinks and he compared stemphore which come forth Korean Mourners and Their Wonderthe delicate sky blues, the bright pinks and the crushed strawberries which come forth from these mud-walled thatched huts. The contrast of colors is striking and that of colors strike your eye at every turn and had Dean Swift lived here he would have had no excuse for Gulliver. The hats are as dif-ferent as the men and each hat has its mean-ing. Here comes a man in a long gown of SECUL, Korea, December 7.-|Special correspondence of THE BEE. |-Ten months ago I had no idea that I would ever visit Korea. ferent as the men and each hat has its mean-ing. Here comes a man in a long gown of gray hemb and his head has a covering of finely woven straw as big as a sun um-brella which comes out and down over his shoulders and makes him look as though his hat was walking off with him. You wonder what kind of an animal he is and you peek under as he passes. He has a little strip of gray linen stretched between two sticks which he holds before his face and you see which he noids before his face and you see It seemed the jumping off spot of the end of the world. It was known as the hermit kingdom, and was the last of the unknown lands. Our learned state department has long since found out that Korea is not an It is a peninsular of about the same shape

only his eyes and his forehead. This is A MOURNER. For three years after a man's father or mother dies he is compelled to put on this garb. He must not let his face be seen; he dare not engage in festivities, and he cannot marry. If, at the end of this time or during it, another relative dies he is forced to mourn three years longer, and in this way would be benedicts are sometimes kept for nine years out of the married state. From the number of these hats on the streets death seems as common in Korca as elsewhere, and the sickie of old time cuts down the almondeyed Korean quite as freely as his straight-eyed brother.

its coasts look mountainous, bleak and bare. Nature, however, has done well These mourner's hats are the same as those of the bull drivers. They are mare'y of finer material. The bulls and men are the beasts of burden of Korea and coming up the for it. Its mountains are filled with minerals ank its soil, under proper cultivation wide street of the capital you see many a bullock harnessed to rude carts, the wheels would blossom like the rose. Mr. Dinsmore, our minister, tells me that more than of which are fastened toge her with pins three million dollar's worth of gold dust and and which are almost as rule as those sawed out of logs by our early pioneers. gold nuggets was taken from the Korean ROLEAN HATS Are by no means in expensive. The stiff sugar loaf variety of black horse hair cost about hills last year, and the foreigners here say

treme. The climate is delightful. Its air is sixteen dollars apiece when of the best qual-ily, and the Korean men spend more time on the dress of their heads than they do on any as bracing as that of Colorado, and its spring and its autumn are like the winters of Caliother part of their bodies. It is said that from two to three hundred dollars are some-It is a country of rivers, though it has but times invested in head gear and every Korean few navigable streams. It has some large carries a little olled paper coulcal cap which looks like an immense lamp shale closed at the top and which folds up like a fun. When cities and its population, so Judge O. N. Denny, the foreign adviser to the king, tells t rains he carefully pulls this over his horse air hat and carefully ties it under the chin me is about twelve millions. It has thus not quite one-third the population of Great I have as yet seen no umbrellas in Korea and Britain and its area is nearly as great as that there were no waterproofs in such shops as of the land of John Bull. It approximates in size our states of Kansas, Minnesota or

Sitw. Korean hair is as queer as is Korean hats and there is here almost a language in hair dressing. Married men wear their hair lifferent from those unmarried, and no mut interent from those universitied, and no make for what be his age a person is not a max in Korea with he has a wife. Boys and bach-clors rank on the same footing. They part their hair in the middle and it is brailed in a strand which hangs down the back. When Korean scholars go back almost to the flood in their traditions, and the land was conquered by China as far back as 1135 B. C. In the year 1636 a Chinese army invaded

the boy is married he has the right to CUT OFF HIS HADR, Korea, and Korea bought peace by paying tribute. She promised to give 100 ounces of and when it grows again he combs it up into gold, 10,000 bags of rice, 2,000 rolls of slik. a round, hard anot on the crown. This knot is as hig around as your wrist and it stands straight up on the crown of the head like a 10,000 rolls of linen, 500 rolls of cotton, 2,000 rolls of paper, 2,000 knives, 1,000 ox horns, 200 pounds of dye wood, 100 tiger skins, 100 deer skins, 400 scal skins, and 200 blue rat skies every year. For generations an em-bassy of Koreans started from the place I am handle, which, if the American Indians could hunt in Korea, would be a bonanza in

could hunt in Korea, would be a bonanza in scalping. With their gowns and their long hair tims parted in the middle the boys of Korea-look like girls, and the candy sellers and venders who earry their gools around in little boxes slung before them by straps about their necks are often taken by travel-ers as the fair girls of the country. In Korea, however, the high-ored girls are unseen. They are secluded at seven, and after this are seen only by their booth ers, their fathers and husbands. If they ers, their fathers and husbands. If they come out at all in the streets they come out at night, and their quarters are in the back

of the houses and apart from the gaze of strange men. Only THE COMMON WOMEN and not the ladies, are to be seen in the city, and these are as queer as the mea. They attempt to hide their faces by throw

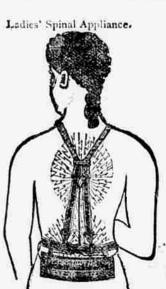
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their furniture is scanty. The king has a palace covering many acres. I have an appointment for an audi-ence with him to morrow, the result of stride or squatting on their heels and smoking pipes, which are so long-stemmed that they have to have some one to light them for which I will report in my next. FRANK G. CARPENTER. hem.

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Every door in the Grand Central build ing opened before Mr. Forepaugh, whe was mistaken for Mr. Depew. Mr. dirty ditch along the edge of the now nar-rowed streets, tie over the whole a lot of thatched roofs of a ridge shape with clothes Forepaugh penetrated the sanctum sanctorum, where a near-sighted clerk received him with the most unctuous crossed like a net-work in order to hold them politeness. street. You must first, however, knock out "Can I see Mr. Depew?" asked the

arch showman. The near-sighted clerk thought this a great joke of the part of the jaunty Chauncey, and grinned from ear to car. "Is Mr. Depew here?" queried the

The near-sighted clerk grinned again. Mr., Forepangh began to perceive that there was a mistake somewhere, and said: "I am Adam Forepaugh." The near-sighted clerk waxed indig nant and was for turning the showman

and Naples are the ottar of roses compared to the Fifth avenues of the Korean capital. The smell is so great that you could cut it with a knife, but no one has so fallen in love with iwthat he cares for it as a curio, and it paugh departed the genuine simon-pure entered the office. "Has Mr. Forepaugh been here?" in quired Chauncey M. The near-sighted clerk was now irritated, and, still imaglies in solid blocks unseen, but by no means unperceived. Mix this smell with the smoke which comes pouring out into the streets ining it was the showman exclaimed; "Get out of here. I have no time for

your asinine jokes. Keep them for rom these chimneys, which jut out three eet from the ground. Remember there are your show." no public improvements of any kind, and you have some idea of the capital. There is not a lamp post in it. There are no public build-

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this leads to the palace, and is 100 feet wide. On it are the principal shops and markets, but the houses are no bigger than those of The Candy Stain d His Trousers. Chicago Tribune: A somewhat dis the narrow streets, and they look all the more squatty by the wide space between them. The narrow streets are dirty, muddy agreeable accident occurred a few days ago on a train of the Mexican National railway between an American passen-ger and a son of General Hinojosa, Mexican minister of war. Young Hinand winding. You gingerly pick your way to keep out of the filth, and you long for your carriage or the jinrikshas of Japan. STREET SCENES. There are no carriages, however, in Seoul, ojosa had placed a fragile box of sweetmeats with other articles in a rack of a and the horses are numbered by dozens. Korea is the only land in the world where the hackman does not flourish and there are car, and while he was dozing the sweetmeats fell from their place upon the seat behind. The American entered the car and, not noticing the box, occuno means of public conveyance for hire. The nobles go about in chairs, but each owns his own chair or rides his own donkey, and the

pied the seat, crushing the box and general means of locomotion from one place to another is Mr. Shank's mare. staining his trousers with the contents. He awakened Hinojosa, and angrily asked him if the article belonged to The scenes upon the streets are those of another world. The whole town seems to have laid off for a rest and its queer pepola-tion takes a perpetual siesta. What queer looking animals these are which squat and him, and, on receiving an affirmative answer, beat the youth severely. smoke in couples or in dozens on the side or at the corners of the streets. They might be Chinese and they might be Japanese, but

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those glass windows and up under the thatched-roof saw out a hole in the mud. Into this rudely fit a frame of lattice backed with greased paper, and hunt around through the sheds of some of the farmers' barn-yards for old doors to hang in front of the entrance. You want no door-steps, and as for the chim-ney you may knock a hole in the wall about three feet from the ground, and another hole beside this will do for your sewer. The sewerage of Seoul is emptied into these narrow ditches which run along the side or in the middle of the streets. showman. side or in the middle of the streets. THE KOREAN NOSE has not yet learned to shiff and asafeotidae out. A few minutes after Mr. Fore