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A JAPANESE FUNERAL.

How a Buddhist High Priest Was Cremated With All the Honors.

A MONTH ago the High Priest of the temple across the creek from the foreign settlement of Yokohama died and his body was cremated, writes the Japanese correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. His ashes were placed in an urn and then in a pine box in the shape of a miniature temple, and the priests from all the diocese were summoned to take part in the funeral services. The long interval between the death and rites robbed the affair of any exhibitions of poignant grief, and everything was given up to the exact forms and elaborate ceremonines of the Buddhist funeral ritual. The son of the High Priest succeeded to his father's office by inheritance, and he prepared himself for the services by days of fasting and prayer, and at the ceremonies knelt below the officiating priest and wore the plain white robes of a mourner. He had no part in the service, and was like a statue until he rose and, taking the mortuary tablet from the altar, walked behind the casket from the temple to the

The priests came from near and from far,

some arriving by train on the day and at the hour of the funeral, and, hurrying to the temple, with servants carrying bags full of ceremonial robes at their heels, slipped their brocades on in the ante-room and joined the solemn company sitting in rows like so many images. The hundred and odd priests sat at either side of the altar with the casket before it, and, for general effect nothing was ever more dazzling than the row of smooth-faced, shaven-headed priests in superb brocade garments that glowed with all the richest colors and glistening with gold thread. The services consisted of chanting by all the priests in chorus, and in response to the intoned readings of the High Priest. The big temple drum was struck at stages of the chanting, and the priests played on an instrument that resembled the bundle of reeds or pipes that the god Pan played in Greek mythology. The noise was a harsh, shrill wail, combining the worst of bagpipe and flate melody. They chanted from open books, and, standing, held plates of pierced brasswork, from which they sifted the leaves of the icho tree at regular intervals, these leaves being prayer symbols in the Buddhist service. While the chanting and pipe-playing was going on the friends of the deceased came forward, one by one, and, kneeling at the edge of the mats. prostrated themselves in prayer and sprinkled incense in the large bronze burner. Later, the incense burner and the box incense was passed before the priests, each one muttering a prayer and dropping a pinch of fragrant powder on the coals.

As the procession of priests wound out through the crowded court yard, passed under the heavy gabled gateway and down the long terrace steps to the street, it was a brilliant and dazzling spectacle. Their rich brocaded robes shone with gold thread, and many of them were 50, 60 and more years old, heirlooms handed down from one priest to another, and now priceless and impossible to duplicate. The rich, soft old colors, toned by age, are as different from the garish colors of the modern dye pots as possible; and except in simple services and at the great theatres one seldom sees these old brocades now. An attendant carried a large red umbrella over the head of each priest, and as the rainbow color and glistening bullion threads came down the long terrace steps, it was a fine picture. As the procession went out the long street crowded solidly with Japanese, everything was swallowed up and hidden but the red umbrellas, and these flamingo signals were the most conspicuous features of the procession.

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AURA'S CRIME

By Ella Alice.

So fair, so calm, so softly sealed, The first last look by death revealed

A RECEPTION at Mrs. Ashburton's; the brilliantly lighted parlors filled; dazzle lights and jewels, rainbows of color, odors of flowers and perfume, swaying figures and floating drapery as the dancers dancing in time go by to the soft strains of stringed instru-

Laura Hazelhurst and her partner, resting from their waltz, stepped aside to allow two late arrivals to enter.

'Ah!' exclaimed the gentleman, 'who is that divine creature! A goddess, surely.'

'No, indeed, she is not,,' said Miss Hazel hurst, lifting her pretty eyebrows. 'She is simply Mrs. Kenneth Dawson, and not of much account, I assure you, quite a nobody before her marriage.'

'She can well afford to be a nobody with such beauty. I must admit having seen two really beautiful women to-night,' he continued, looking down at the glowing face with a meaning glance, thinking, perhaps, from the slight frown lurking there that he had been rather indiscreet to praise one woman to an-

Laura's face brightened at this, notwithstanding she felt that he was trying to reinstate himself, and her vanity was wounded to the

This was not the first time Nina had been praised in her hearing; when she was Nina Roseberry it had been Laura's part to stand aside and see her worshipped where she had reigned a queen, and then see her capture a prize which Laura had thought her own.

For Kenneth Dawson had been an admirer of Laura's with whom she had flirted so outrageously that at last, discerning the real character of the girl, he left her is disgust. People had whispered that the pretty flirt took his marriage with the fair Miss Roseberry very much to heart.

She could see no beauty in the bride, and THE UNDERSIGNED—TO SUIT THE TIMES—begs to intimate to the Public, that he has opened was very bitter against her. She had even A COAL STORE, -:- corner George Street and Williams Lane, where he is prepared to sell Wholesale sworn in her passionate young heart to have and Retail. You can buy from 10-cts. worth to 10 Ton. revenge some day. How, she did not know; but to-night hatred of this fair girl burned A Cargo Afloat of a 130 Tons, fiercely in her breast.

Nina was radiantly lovely to-night in white silk and pearls, and Laura was quick to perceive it: even so, she said to herself, what was such cold, fair beauty compared to the rich, warm tone of her own dark splendor? One might as well liken the calm light of the moon to the radiant glory of the sun-and, moreover, had she not been likened to an Italian sunset, with her blue-black eyes and the carmine tint in her dark cheek?

Kenneth had whispered this one evening in days past, and she had believed that he loved her when he said it, and while she knew in her heart that she loved him and no other, she told him she was going to bestow her heart and hand, elsewhere, simply because she loved to feel her power to make or mar the life of a lover-and he dared to survive the shock, and did not again return as she had meant he should, but consoled himself with another far lovelier than herself. This fact was very bitter indeed to Laura, and she shed many scalding tears over it. But this was not all. Here, to-night, she had seen another slave to her charms.

'Thank heaven, she is married, and cannot nterfere with my plans to capture the young millionaire! Hateful thing!' she muttered She has no right to supplant me everywhere; and she shall suffer for it.

Ah! Laura, why could you not have reflected pefore you reached this determination? Nina's beauty, being the innocent cause of your disturbance, did not alter the fact that she was not a coquette, and was quite innocent of having caused you a moment's uneasiness.

Their eyes met for an instant when Laura went forward to extend her hand in greeting, and although young Mrs. Dawson returned the pressure, she shuddered while she held the little soft brown hand in hers, and gazing into those velvety black eyes, with their purring expression, she felt a strange, terrible foreboding of impending evil.

'It is only because I do not like the girl, she said to herself afterward, 'but wby I do not is more than I can tell; she has never done me any harm, and yet she makes me feel always as if she hated me.'

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