

of the Brocken in the Hartz Mountains, is considered by the devout Chinaman as the manifestation of Buddha's spiritual presence, and an object of worship. Our monk tells us that there are many pilgrims who annually throw themselves over to Buddha."



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There is something of a chasm in the Chinese mind between a "foreign devil" and the Buddhist god Omito-foo. Our traveller one day leaped the chasm, very much to his own astonishment. "One morning an incident occurred such as one living in the flesh could scarcely expect to behold. It was a scene which will live in memory to the last, and a fitting climax to my already eventful journey. As I entered the hall, filled with the fragrance of early incense, I drew my over-coat closely about me, and gave my red wool cap an extra pull, for the morning was bright and chilly. Two blue

pilgrims were prostrating themselves to the Taoist gods, when, seeing me, they wheeled about and prostrated themselves at my feet, knocked their heads several times upon the hard floor, crying continually, Omito-foo! Amita-Buddha! what unexpected honours come to the humble-minded!"