

pany at Newcastle, where the train is broken up, and the car loads dumped into the bunkers preparatory to shipment. These bunkers are so combined that the

coal and rapidly pick out the waste being far superior to that of any white man, who grows lame and impatient at such confining and pernickety work.



IN THE COAL BUNKERS, NEWCASTLE MINES.

coal falls upon screens permitting all the small pieces to drop through upon other screens that give it a second sifting, below which the dust is carried away in a flume. It is necessary, however, to pick over the main body of the coal in order to reject slaty fragments. For this duty Chinese are employed, their ability to stand all day bending over a sliding stream of

They are paid \$27 a month, and "find" themselves—which is more than I could do until I chanced upon the colony honey-combed away in an old engine shed that had been patched up for their occupancy. Thither rushes a riot of screaming Celestials when the noon whistle blows, for the winner has the first big dip into the common kettle of luncheon