

STATE OF BUDDHISM.

WHY THE ORIENTAL RELIGION CAN NEVER MAKE HEADWAY.

It is Not in Accordance with the Progressive Spirit of the Age—The Buddhist Idea is Diametrically Opposed to the Tendency of Civilization.

Every few weeks the newspapers give voice to some one of a certain class of mystics who announce, or perhaps we should say threaten, a revival of Buddhism which is to revolutionize the world.

Granting for the sake of argument that there are in Europe and America a million persons who incline toward this form of religion, which inculcates a great deal that is admirable and true in morals, we shall yet be very far from that sweeping conversion to the dogmas of the Injunctive, which his admirers predict.

Buddhism is the faith of perhaps 500,000,000 persons, inhabiting Burmah, Siam, Cambodia, Cochinchina, Ceylon, Annam, Tonquin, Thibet, the Chinese empire and Japan.

THE BUDDHIST IDEA. The life of Buddha is the keynote of the belief of his followers.

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Buddhism is inferior to Christianity not only in that it is unprogressive, but in that it is highly personal and selfish. The governing motive of the Buddhist is to purify and save himself. The leading idea of Christianity is doing good to others.

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Those which remain, in which Buddhism may almost be said to be a state religion, and that does not include China and Japan, amount to nothing. There is nothing in Buddhism which corresponds to the temperment of any western nation of this epoch, which is all for action, and has no sympathy with the perfect repose of the nirvana.

It hardly needed the opinions even of a thinker so profound and so practical as Renan to convince any sensible man that if the world is ever to return to Buddhism it is not just at this epoch.

As for ourselves, there is so much to do, so much to develop and complete, that we seem just at the commencement of our national career. The period for the whole world is one of hope, not of despair.

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queried the melancholy looking Yankee. "Wall, I swan!" Then after a pause, during which he expectorated freely, "S'pose you're writin' up this Injun fight, ain't ye? Wall, I wanter tell ye these Cheyennes is mean devils when they get started. Stole a mewel o' mine onct. I got on its trail and follered along for three days and suddenly spied ther Injuns in er bunch o' timber.

"Park." Not a Good Name. It is perhaps a misfortune that all lands set apart for public use should be designated by the name of "park," a word which suggests to most people some attempt at gardening or decoration.

Insufferable Fops. Walk along Fifth avenue any pleasant afternoon and you are sure to encounter at least a score or two of professional "lady killers," so called, made up for heart's lighter.

The Hair of the Astor Millions. J. J. Astor 3d is not a student or lover of pictures, like his father and cousins, but, on the contrary, prefers outdoor amusements, dancing and social gaieties.

Disappointed Tenderfoot. "Many people who visit Colorado now," said the visitor, "are somewhat disappointed. They go there expecting to find it a howling wilderness.

Helligoland for Science. When Helligoland has become German it is intended by German naturalists to use it more than hitherto for scientific examination, as it offers considerable opportunity for studying special problems, especially in minute life in the sea, now so important to biology.

Papa Didn't Interfere. It was growing late, and papa crept down stairs to warn the young people that it was too damp to sit outside any longer.

Another Fish Story. Capt. Obed Knowlton, of the schooner Trader, at Advocate Harbor, N. S., reports that while on his way from Boston he sighted what he supposed to be the wreck of a vessel.

Theatrical Catarrh. A New York doctor says that five-sixths of the people who come to him to be treated for catarrh can trace the beginning of it back to colds caught in an opera house.

A Model Ceremony. Mamma—Did my darling little Nellie hear the words of the wedding ceremony? Nellie—Yes, I heard every word.

He Ate Them. Employer (sternly)—You said you were going to a funeral yesterday, and I hear you went fishing! Clerk—Well, I buried the fishes!—Pack.

EVERY MAN MUST BE BALD. Rumor Has a Novel Club to Offer for Admission to New York's List. Apparently New York is not yet sufficiently supplied with club life, despite its long and varied list.

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MEDICAL. A SCROFULOUS BOY.

Running Sores Covered His Body and Head. Bones Affected. Cured by CUTICURA Remedies.



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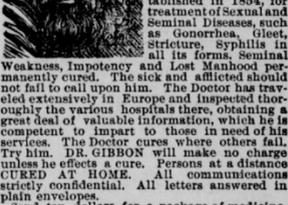
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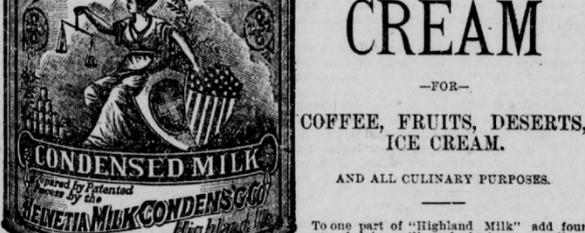
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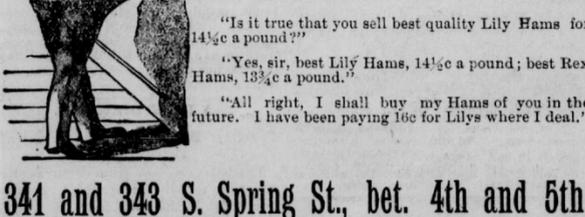
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