

A CHINESE STORY.

In Nishirou's reign 'tis told
How a certain person sold
Terror into the world.
A good part of last One day
Afterward the buyer found,
With his hands he tore himself,
Burst singly under earth,
Gold and gems of mighty worth.
In a hole he lay all day.
Locked from worm and rust away.
Never plow before, I weep.
Turned up the stones so close as this;
Never plow of such price
Searched it over so hasty eyes!
Did our master's hand over him?
Over his unexpected wealth?
And his bones were scattered
Heard as hoarse from his race?

The steamer was stopped, the engines were reversed and worked by hand to keep the Bennett from drifting down-stream; a boat was lowered and manned, the Chums forming part of her crew, and the two officers went ashore to take soundings, while the passengers, to whom even so small a cause for excitement was a godsend, crowded the rail and steam.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," said the Captain.

The Judge appeared, with a very solemn face, his coat buttoned tight to his throat, and the party started. Colonel May, of Missouri, who read Voltaire and didn't believe in anything, merely took the Judge's arm, and remained silent.

"You didn't finish your story, Judge," the Judge frowned reprovingly.

"But, really," persisted the Colonel, "I don't want curiosity to divert my mind from the solemn services about to take place. Do tell me if they ever caught the rascals."

"They never did," replied the Judge. "The Sh— had hunted and advertised; They the case, at length submitted; Sh— had been sent to the Emperor; Hit upon the following measure:

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Bather, strangled hurried he! With it is the seller. 'See!

Bring up the horses, bring up the horses, Dugged up under, 'take, 'tis mine.'

But the latter answered: "No; when I have got it, I'll give it back."

I fice the whole sold gold,

With which it might hold."

"I bought the soul, my brother; what the devil is this? We must get!

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