BY JOSEPH C. CANNING

Why the Mississippi should be styled the "Father of Waters" I never well conceived, unless the appellation arose from its length, and even in this the Missouri might fairly claim her "stolen thunder. The river is indeed broad, and it would be a difficult matter to name one more treacherous. No boat passes up or down that has not constantly a deck-hand

sounding for safety. Before the rebellion the passage of this river developed customs peculi arly sectional, exclusively characteristic of the old South. The favorite amusement was gambling, and the knife and pistol were familiar features of the hazard. I was, as an innocent charge, he will be hunted for my of the rise and fall of dynasties. As spectator of a game, once led to an death. acquaintance of a very eccentric personage. He was more than plainly the exertions and hazards incurred by once upon a time forefold an eclipse little exertions and hazards incurred by boots of an extravagant spread, a hat of sufficient age to enjoy a pension, an and impending fear are sequences angular body, with a noticeable expressionless face, excepting a quiet, these who meet these exigencies, his sun was not soon to be eclipsed. sharp glance when he supposed him-Give such all praise, self unobserved. He puzzled me. When called upon to make up a 'hand," he quaintly remarked: "I reckon, I don't know the game; but I'll try to play into it. I won't bet, though." One of the party was a doctor, who staked his money but played honestly. The remaining two, had decided, were "professionals." soon detected their cheating, but to the Wellington street Wesleyan Meexpose the fraud was worth just my life. It was some time before the doc- P. M., filling the chair. We trust tor discovered into what hands he had that the lecturer will see his way fallen, but when he did he threw down clear at some future time to repeat it his cards, paid his losses, and retired, in this town or else to give it to the after announcing his reason for so country in pamphlet form, for we are doing. He returned soon, however, sure the facts and figures concerning and approaching me, inquired it I the flowery land therein contained knew the parties against whom he would prove generally interesting. had played? Instinctively surmising his intent, I answered in a decided negative. His hard gaze changed, Was first noticed. A magnificent river, and drawing his pistol hand from be- equalling the Mississippi in size, dihind his back he added, "If I did not vides the country in equal parts back for that purpose!"

cied me a particepe criminis I could ants, was next alluded to. Before not then imagine, and do not know ROMUTAUS AND REMUS FLOATED DOWN now. I was alone upon the boat, and had been entirely silent. It was a were not only useless but dangerous; ing twenty-six dynasties, 260 Kings but I bit my lip from pure vexation. and Emperors have held sway in the necially worship those things which

ed him. Upon the upper deck and prospered from being conquered and alone he said, in a voice utterly at va-reasons for what appears the wonderhave had a narrow chance, sir, for China for 4,000 years. The first realistence of the modern Buddhist denies the exyour life!" The moon was full and I gazed carnestly into his face, which ton. He noticed my surprise and added, laughing—"What do you ple consisted in the firm belief of the think of me? I know that you have populous that been studying me all the evening."

I confessed I had, and candidly told The people believe that a kind fatahim he was not what he would appear lity works everything for their wel-

"In that you are right," and with spoken of as the Son of Heaven. a steady gaze, reading every muscle THE EMPEROR IN THE ROLE OF FATHER in my face, he continued, "I can trust ! you. I am an old detective—I retired had a good deal to do with the stamyself well disguised-for I know people the Chief Magistrate was lookthese gamblers who fleeced the doc- ed up to as father, in fact the lectutor, yet they did not recognize me. rer pleasantly remarked the position My wife insists that I shall be brought of the Chinese Emperor to his people home some day the victim of some of reminded him of the care of "the my peculiar patients. I have always afficient with me"—pointing to his and had so many children she did not properly ally shown capable of curing a nerpocket -- "and, although I look slow, know what to do." I know it is only who can shoot first! should not have allowed you to have been viewed by a coroner's inquest.'

It was late before I "turned in' that night, and I became interested in wars and uprisings. In no country related.

gang of counterfeiters infested our Western country. They had been very successful in their movements had a great deal to do with China's and had cleverly eluded justice. Many prosperity through so many years. of my profession had been employed in running them to earth, but had their flowery realms were barbarians. abandoned the chase as not paying. So strong was this feeling and so un-The leader of the fraternity was evil gracious it made itself that Lord dently an adroit and finished scoun- | Elgin had to stipulate expressly that drel, and the victimized community the name of "barbarian" should not called loudly for his arrest. I was be applied to any true born Englishapplied to, and although the case call- man. From their great philosopher ed for diplomacy, cunning, great pa- Confucius down to the meanest peastience, coolness, and the hazard of life, ant, the people all congratulate themyet the recompense was large and I selves that they had been fortunate was ambitious. I undertook it. Con- enough to have been born in China. vinced that there was but one sure The above four reasons the lecturer way of success, with the consent and thought had very much to do with aid of Justice I turned 'one of them.' the stability of the Chinese realm I made acquaintances, obtained the through so many years. The lecturer signs, grasps, and phrases, and finally next gave his audience a glimpse of the endorsement of the initiated. I don't reckon I ever forgot myself but once, and then I said a short prayer before endeavoring to to cover my faux pas. In the chase—and it was a of politeness consists in debasing himlong one-I found the 'biggest toad in seli as far as words can do it, and exthe puddle' was Dr. -, of Michigau, alting his neighbor in the same man's fireside. a man of education and a recognized comodity. For example: Instead of gentleman. He was arrested, but to saying to a stranger on meeting, "a obtain undoubted evidence of his pleasant evening sir," the Chinese exercially the young men and women, by dosing the sufferers with the alcoobtain undoubted evidence of his pleasant evening sir," the Chinese ex- especially the young men and women, guilt I caused myself to be imprison- quisite begins with "may I ask what to culist their sympathics on behalf holic bitters advertised as medicinal ed for some offence. We occupied is your very honorable name? to these suffering people. If any word stimulants. As a counterblast to the the same cell—I wanted his confess which the gentleman replies, honor- of his should stir up any young man canards put forth by the proprietors sion! For three months I labored, able friend, my poverty-struck name or woman to use their best endeavors of those pernicious compounds, the dissembled, but I found the man my equal, at least in reticence and cunning. Yet at dinner one day an ex
where there was so much spiritual most amiable person reside," "I most amiable pers pression escaped me which instantly dwell," replies the stranger, "in the aroused all his natural suspicions. He mean and contemptible valley of was a powerful man, and strong in the Hung Sin." This same extravagant very pleasant hour in China, under feet that a pure veretable tonic and use of language. With a demoniacal method of descrying solf and exalting the guidance of Mr. Lucas. Enough fact that a pure vegetable tonic and glance and a knife snatched from his your neighbors property, person and has been said, we trust, to make this alterative, unpolluted by alcohol, if plate, he raised his arm fiercely exclaiming—'You are a cursed spy.

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land, and has been frequently the land, and has been frequently the land, and has been frequently th you shall die without benefit of cler- means of deceiving foreigners as to ford Expositor. met his flashing eye and bloody threat Christianity and their own systems.

last test, and regret my words.

my triumph was complete. He re ans would term politeness run mad, ceived seven years. Passing me on were given. his way from the court with the officers, he gave me his benediction:

"'As sure as there is a sun in heaven, I shall live to finish you! The look that accompanied this gentle Satanic.

"He has one more year to serve," added the detective.

"And are you not fearful of his vengeance?

their duties. The dread uncertainty none can covet; yet there must be

Among the Celestials.

CHINA AND THE CHINESE, BY THE

REV. D. V. LUCAS. On Monday evening, the 8th inst, the Rev. D. V. Lucas, delivered his lecture on China and the Chinese, in thodist Church, James Weyms, E-q.,

THE GEOGRAPHY OF CHINA

believe you I should shoot. I came China is divided into eighteen provinces, each one containing ten depart-I have had a pistol placed at my heart with much more reason for suspicion, and yet the leveller was fear country, containing one-third of the fully wrong; but why the doctor fan- human family, or 400,000,000 inhabit-

THE TIBER. moment when words of explanation China was a powerful country. Dur- has in Asia some 500,000,000 followbut I bit my lip from pure vexation.

As I turned to leave the saloon I caught the beekoning finger of the stranger I have described, and follow mosnered from heing connerged and wrosnered from heing connerged and wrosnered from heing connerged and wrosnered from heing connerged and most barm, as floods, fire, and the most barm, as floods, fire, and fl subdued. There are four principal practice celebacy, and are much given son the lecturer gave for this long no longer characterized the simple undivided era of success of the Chinese potentate over the Chinese

HEAVEN RULES.

fare. The Emperor is universally

from the business two years ago. I bility and unity of the vast country. from the business two years ago. I billy and unity of the vast country, took a hand to-night more to prove Among all classes of the 400,000,000 are hardly able to serve their fellow men think of serving the gods. How-

THE STRONG CONSERVATIVE NATURE of the Chinese combined with their filial piety was a great reason why they stood so well the destroying hand of time with its devastating the life-history of the detective, and I was respect for superiors stronger append one of the many incidents he than in China, and no people had attachment for the traditions of their "Several years ago a desperate nation and the policy of their rulers. A STRONG NATIONAL PRIDE

To the Chinese all people's outside

GENTLENEN. The essence of a Chinaman's code With my heart in my throat I the estimate the Chinese place upon

here!' I never moved from my seat. have the supreme sorrow to be the fol-Gradually his arm fell, his eye burned lower of the unwise and debasing docout, and giving me his hand, added trine of the Confuscian Creed," at the in a repentant tone-'Here! I am same time give him the chance, and satisfied, pal! I have put you to the he will extol the Christian faith to successfully laid. the skies. Many other curious and I had no difficulty after this, and laughable examples of what Europe-

THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

have for a long period of time flour-ished on Chinese soil. To the inventive brain of a Chinaman the world is farewell, you can well imagine, was indebted for its mariner's compass, ing and porcelain work the Chinese commenced eating the vegetation. have long been famous. This people have paid considerable attention to "No! Seven years will change the astronomy, although the chief lesson man; bosides, he is elever enough to they draw from the movements of the scholars at the private and Governknow, if I am missing after his dis- stars in their orbits is the foretelling an example of Chinese astronomy, the peror on the important disclosure that | year.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE

is both written and spoken. The Chinese have no letters; they express themselves altogether through characters. The first system had some 1,600 of these characters, now tleman illustrated several of these characters, some of which will be considered very suggestive; for instance, a heart surmounted by a prostrate slave signifies anger; a representa-tion of a couple of pearls exactly alike stands for a true friend.

THE CHINESE SCHOOL HOUSE

was depicted in a pleasant vein. The attainment of a literary degree is much coveted by the Chinese youth. The memory of the lads is taxed to ts utmost capacity, the first work it their duty to commit to memory being a book equal in volume to our New Testament. Nearly all are supplied with a four or five years stay at the schools. Numerous examples were given of the untiring energy with which Chinese youth will pursue the often trying path of literary honors. The religious of the Chinese were which, Buddhism, which teaches a man to

KEEP ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE DEVIL. Buddha swarm through the land, to "vain repetitions. Strange to say,

THE PHILOSOPHER CONFUICUOS. has a number of followers though to say truly his scheme for bettering the ther of the Russian Emperor that the is preserved in 16,000 temples, while love. It takes the tinsel off from roy-27,000 pigs and innumerable pieces alty to find it detected in thieving of lowers. Confucious does not attempt government to see that the family of to meddle with divine things; his the Emperor has to submit to the laws philosophy runs "how can men who like common folks." ever, all the religions hold the memory of Confucious in esteem.

THE OLDEST SPIRITUALISTS

spirits of their co-religionists live to all intents and purposes as in this, and, therefore, their priests are very diligent in securing for them provisions, minature houses, apparel, &c., which are all carefully burnt and transmitted in due form to their friends in Hades. Chinamen all desire to have their bones buried in their native soil, and it's not an unusual sight to see wagon-loads of remains winding their mouriful way from Lone Mountain Cemetery, San Francisco, to the steamship sailing for a China scaport. Among

CURIOUS CHINESE CUSTOMS

of black, kept their hats on when in the house, and instead of kissing the babies after the Anglo-Saxon fashion. would hold them up and smell them, remarking, "Oh! how fragrant!" The reverend gentleman dwelt pathetically on the degradation to which the women are subjected in China. CHINESE POLITENESS AND CHINESE Professional match makers brought together nearly all the couples, women being as much sold as beasts of burden are here. There was hardly ever a ray of love around a China-

The lecture was brought to a close originally mild in type, are frequent

Of course, as we stated at the out-

with an impudent reply. 'You are a tool! If you don't know me yet— what religion is his, and, doubtless, —stab! I might as well die as to stay he will reply, "Most honorable sir, I from mere fear of hydrophobia.

Two men have died this year in the Manchester and Liverpool hospitals from mere fear of hydrophobia.

News Items.

The submarine cable between Con- LITTLE SUMMER RANGE stantinople and Odessa has just been

Rochester claims to drink one million glasses of lager every Sanday, to say nothing about three or four glasses

A German physician claims that consumption may be cared by the injection of lodine into the lungs. We suppose the lungs are first taken out.

A grasshopper plague is threatened while the art of printing has been in the southwestern part of Minnesota. known in the Celestial Empire for a The ground is represented to be literthousand years. In medicine, paint-ally alive with them, and they have Complaints are made in Japan of

the difficulty of keeping female ment schools, as they invariably marry before completing their term of study. The Synod of the recently disestab-

lished Irish Episcopal Church has just dressed in home-made clothes, heavy the officers of justice in prosecuting of the sun, and the same not appear- decided to strike out the damnatory ing as foretold, the Chinese politicians clauses of the Athanasian Creed and immediately congratulated the Em- to use the creed only three times a A solitary photographer recently found his way to a mining town in

> because he had been shot at by a miner who insisted on having his picture taken by lamp light. In the Parliamentary report in a there are 40,000. The reverend gen- recent number of the London Times it was stated, "The Chairman was then ordered to repeat prayers."
> The words italicized should have

read "report progress. The London Times has established a telegraph line for itself from Paris to its own office in London, and publishes its correspondent's letters, sometimes several columns in length

as received by telegraph. The fatal disease which recently broke out among the Angora goats in Asia Minor has already killed 500,000 of these valuable wood-bearing animals. The wool of the dead goats has been shorn, however, and is available for sale and use.

At an Old Catholic meeting held in Munich recently, it was stated that accounts were already being given at Rome of miracles performed by Pins dwell upon at length, the first of IX, and among those of the Princess Onescalchi being raised from the dead by his mere blessing; and added Et. Lawrence, Scotland, that preparations had already been made for the canonization of the Pope.

Coroners are alike all the world and indulge in a fondness for fees in London as well as in any other place. While a foundation was being dug at Hampstead lately, some old bones were turned up which had been there about a century. On Dr. Lankester being communicated with he could not resist the temptation, and an inquest was held upon them; but we are told that he did not consider a post-mortem examination necessary.

It was the nephew, and not the bromasses has more of philosophy than police arrested in St. Petersburg, and religion about it. Born 550 B.C., his his offence was stealing his mother's fame spread like a deluge over China. diamonds to give them to a French To-day the record is that his memory actress with whom he had fallen in silk are offered as incense by his fol- this sort, but it ennobles the Russian

has discovered a new remedial agent in cases of disease. He finds that music has remarkable hygienic effects when preperly administered. The are the followers of Tsuism. This violin, he says, has been experimentin the Celestial country is of a very vous illness, and a fit of catalepsy that spiritual nature. The believers in defied other remedial agencies has this religion can make tables and yielded to the sound of a trumpet. chairs, hop and dance as lively as any | He quotes George Sand as attributing of their Anglo-Saxon spiritualistic in one of her letters her restoration brethren. One great article in their to health to a persistent application faith is that in the other world the of one of Meyerbeer's touching airs.

Felice Rossetti, a native of Biasca. Switzerland, aged thirty-three, recently died in Virginia City, Nevada, of elephantiasis. The disease is almost unknown in the United States. There was a case at Bellevue Hospital two or three years ago, and the patient may be alive yet. An instance of death from this terrible and unusual affliction has also been recorded in Arkansas this spring. The man who died in Virginia City was attacked by the disease some years ago in Oregon He remained in a San Francisco hos pital for a long time, and was visited by scores of physicians, but nothing the lecturer noted that they on the could be done for him. The immedithe lecturer noted that they on the death of a relative wore white instead death of a relative wore white instead to doctor himself.

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