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## HOW THE JAPANESE WORSHIP.

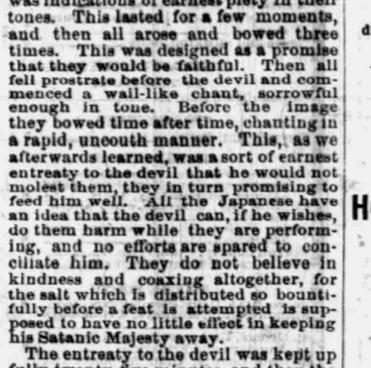
On Sunday last we were fortunate in being & witness to one of the religious ceremonies of the Japanese, one which was evidently brought from their fatherland in all its native barbarity-the land in all its native barbarity—the fire-eating. The performers were the company now traveling in the West. They came to this city on Sunday; and remained here until Monday morning. Fusi-Yams, the father of the flock, is a venerable old Japanese, more than seventy years of age. One of Fusi-Yama's peculiar rites is that of fire-eat-ing, and this is practiced the first Sun-day of every month. About 10 o'clock, Fusi-Yama, with the Japs, some ten in number, came into the room. On a table in the cen-

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to be depended upon. When the Japanese first came to this country, they were particular in their observance, and were careful to keep the devil's table well supplied. One of the agents of the company, thinking the articles too good to be wasted, stole them away. Fusi-Yama would look at the empty plates, shake his head, and declared he had never seen a devil eat so much as his did since it had been in so much as his did since it had been in this country. One morning, however, he caught the tricky agent, and his indignation knew no bounds. He vent-ed his wrath in tones both loud and deep, and uttered threats. He said he would buy all the fruit and wine the agent wanted, but he must "no robbee devil any more, cause he make bad work wid em." Since that time the devil has had his own.

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fully twenty-five minutes, and then the Japs arose, bowed three times, and felt evidently that the evil one had been | .

sufficiently importuned. Now came the strangest part of the ceremony. A dozen pieces of pine wood, each about an inch square, were produced. These Fusi-Yama took, placed on the coals in the grate, and while the remainder of the company fell on the floor, the old fellow fanned the blocks, jabbering all the time till they were real coais. They were then taken from the fire on a plate, still snapping and cracking from the flames. All the company commenced a most doleful chant, or rather howl, while Fusi-Yama rolled up his eyes, com-menced eating the burning mass, block at a time, carrying them to his mouth with his fingers. There was something startling about the manner in which it was done-something that almost made us believe that the devil had left the little wooden image and taken posses-sion of the old Japin earnest. There were the coals, spitting and burning, alive, and as hot as coals could well be, and there was the Jap eating them as fast as his teeth could crush them and his palate work them down. He ap-peared to experience no pain, but rather Carpets.

to relish the outrageous food, while his friends kept up their dolorous cry. At least a dozen of the coals were de-voured—one by one, and rapidly. As the last coal went down the Japs ceased their howlings, and all stood up. Fusi-Yama washed his mouth out with a glass of wine, wiped it, and fanned himself. Reporter escaped from the room, satisfied that the Japa-must be a remarkably funny set of people, any way you can fix it.-[Er.

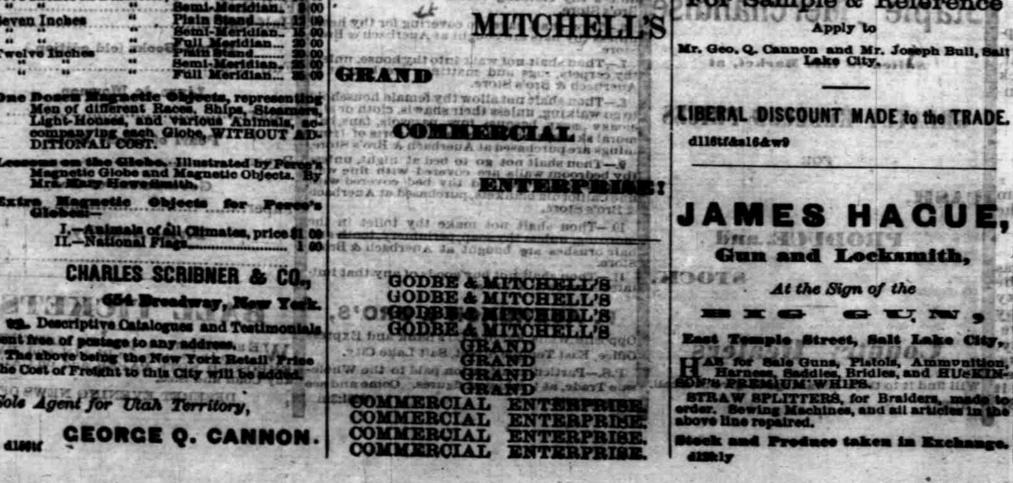
WOMEN WORKING IN ENGLISH COAL MINES .- An account of the condition of the colliers of South Loncashire, Eng-land, published in the London Daily News describes the women who are employed at the pit-mouths. The number of women thus employed in the neighborhood of Wigan is 500, most of whom are and arried. Their ages from 12 to 50; a few are the widows of colliers. They generally wear a peculiar attire, consisting of coarse trowsers, resembling those worn by men, fastened by a belt teed to RETAIN its JUSTLY ACQUIRED

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