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AINSWORTH R. SPOFFORD.

Mr. Spofford was a New Hampshire boy, born sixty-one years ago. His education was had at private schools, and included chiefly a thorough classical course. He was chosen an assistant librarian of congress chiefly through the remarkable talent he displayed in compiling statistics, coupled with one of the most retentive of memories. In 1864 he published an alphabetical catalogue of the library, and this with supplements which have followed is exceedingly valuable to bibliographers. In 1875 Mr. Spofford became principal librarian and has worked ceaselessly for the advancement of the library, it being very largely through his efforts that the new library building has become so near a fact. The American Almanac is edited by Mr. Spofford, and is truly a treasury of facts. In 1870 the copyright business was transferred from the patent office to the care of congress. This has largely increased his labors.

Only members of congress and about forty high officials of the government are allowed to take books out of this library, and yet there are 5,000 books out all the time. The library is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and may one day 13 years of age be allowed free use of its books for consultation within its walls.

THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER.

His Picture and His Life as Far as Known.

His excellency, Chang Yen Woon, is the new Chinese minister to the United States. He is said to be tall and handsome. The last part of the statement seems rather startling. Mr. Woon is picture-que-looking, sitting there in his quilted peticots and queer little cap, like the pictures on a Chinese tea box, but one would not at first call him handsome. However, he might grow on one, in time, becoming like Kutisha in "The Mikado," an acquired taste. Perhaps in due time the Washington society ladies will rave over him in their amiable manner, and call him a sweet thing.



HON. C. Y. WOON.

It must be with mingled feelings that he sets foot upon American soil, and disgust must be one of the feelings. He came by way of San Francisco, but he and his legation were not allowed to land for some time in this free country because of the stiff laws relating to Chinese immigrants. They were treated as common Chinese laborers until their papers were all gone through and their cast-iron credentials proved. This of itself could have been nothing less than a mortal insult to the high-minded mandarin. China must love America, anyhow.

After the delay on shipboard the legation, nineteen persons in all, proceeded to the Palace hotel in San Francisco, thence eastward.

Chang Yen Woon is a gentleman of high culture. He wears peacock feathers in his cap. That is the badge of a mandarin of the second rank. His thumb ring and pointed finger nails also show his high degree. He is 50 years old, and dresses in the richest silks and gold embroidery. His wardrobe would make a city belle pale with envy. But his wardrobe is not his chief recommendation. He is a highly cultured man, to begin, and a trained diplomat besides. In his own country he has held responsible offices in the bureau of foreign affairs. His manners are polished and winning; and—don't tell it!—but in this respect he has the advantage of some of the ministers the United States has sent to foreign parts.

The Chinese embassy at this moment has duties of unusual importance on its hands. Through it will have to be settled the little fracas in which our unterrified countrymen up in Washington territory lately amused themselves by killing and robbing Chinamen. That was their idea of fun. Chang Yen Woon is charged with very special dispatches regarding this matter. His emperor's last instructions to him were to promote an amicable feeling between the two nations.



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The testimony of witnesses to be taken before J. N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1888, at his office.

And that of said administrator before Hon. Register or Receiver of U. S. Land office, at Fargo, Dak., on April 30, 1888.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 27, 1888.

The time for taking testimony of the witnesses in the matter of making the within proof is extended to May 4, 1888, and that of administration to May 11th, 1888, and before the officers herein named.

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Wm. Glass, att'y.

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