

**CHINESE ON THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.**—  
When a Chinaman is killed the whole gang invariably quit work upon that part of the road. What secret fear or open superstition they have upon this point I could not learn. The overseers only know the fact, and no more pretend to account for it than does the farmer for the fact of young ducks taking to the water. He knows that they always do it. Early last winter a snowslide overwhelmed and buried thirty out of a gang of one hundred. The rest immediately prepared to leave, not so much as offering to dig out their dead bretheren. This the white overseer would not permit, but with his pistol drove the frightened Chinamen to work digging for the poor fellows. They were all dead except one when dug out. He was in a steam of sweat, and his first words were brief, and expressed his impression; "too much hot," he said, and prepared to follow his pugnacious companions away from the tabooed section of the road.

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