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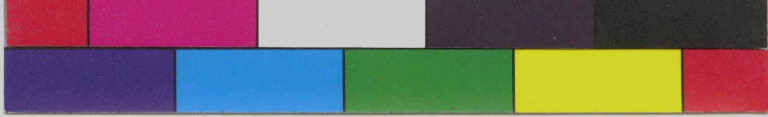
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shrine

5. a. m. July 1st - Two boys have been selected from among the parishioners of the to the gods at the time of the year - Representatives from the streets in which these boys live, come to the shrine ^{at this time} to ask the Kami or gods if these children will be acceptable to them. Having become satisfied that they will be, wooden images of these boys are placed within the shrine.

July 2nd 8 a. m. There is a gathering of citizens from the districts where these children live. They come to the shrine & offer sake & rice in front of these images represent the children of the gods that their may send down their spirits to take possession of these children. The idea is to play & to play to the gods that their they themselves ^{connecting} spirits between the gods & the people.

From this time on these boys are kept in a room apart from the rest of the family & their food is prepared over a sacred fire brought to the home from the shrine on a lighted cord. The purified fire is used to prevent the food from being spoiled by evil spirits & thus made harmful for the children.

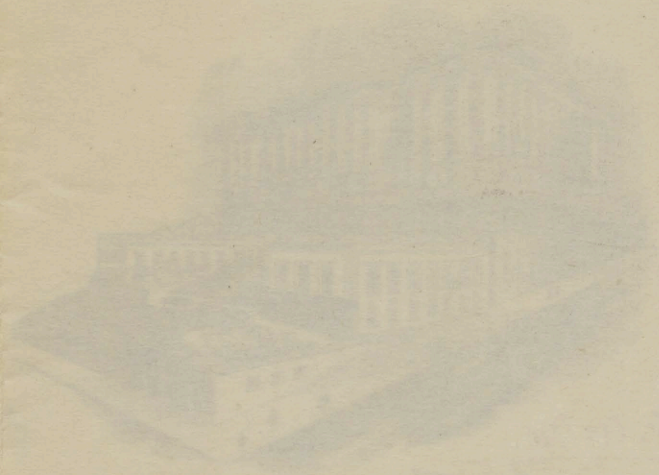


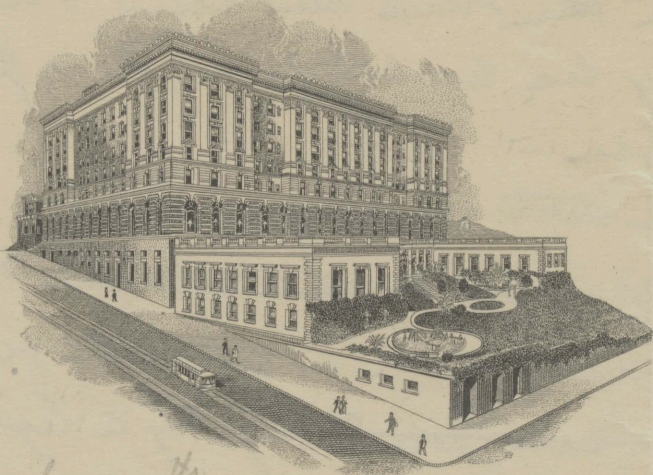
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July-10th The streets having been purified & chased away evil spirits that might otherwise cause mishaps, the gods or helberds are brought out ^{of the main houses} by the parish owners, & are fastened onto the floats. Great wheels the elaborate roofs, the figures & the decorations make these cars very attractive & unique at the Shrine.

4 P.M. The Sacred Treasures belonging to the Shrine are exhibited. Many of these will be carried on the Mikoshi or sacred car procession on the 11th. The Oratory in front of the main Shrine is decorated with several hundred lanterns. The 3 Mikoshi - or cars for the use of the gods - house & placed within the Oratory.

July 11th 2 P.M. Some small boys that have been selected from among the parish owners to be the pages of the gods at the time of the festival, are brought in to the Shrine in two magnificent processions. The one ^{is for} represents the city, the other the suburban districts.

They are brought ^{to the Shrine} by their family & friends to the Shrine where they are received by the Shrine officials into the building. There is a service. & taken in front of the Sanctuary, where a prayer is read & they are purified & given the Sacred Sake & rice. Having been sanctified for the period of the festival they have become the intermediaries between the gods & the people. They look upon for the time being as the children of the gods.

To ^{prevent} ~~keep~~ them from being contaminated
They are kept apart from ~~the~~ other children. In
order that their food may be healthful it is pre-
pared over a purified fire.

And the food, in order that it may not be
tampered with by evil spirits, ~~and~~ ~~contains~~ ~~and~~ ~~is~~
made harmful, is prepared over a sacred fire
brought from the Sheme (see Dec 31st) by a lighted
cord. (see ^{section} Dec. 31st)
