

ORDEAL BY FIRE - Eastern mystics perform
weird rites to ward off **dreaded** plague.

-Ofuma, Japan.-



Picture.:- A remarkable picture of a **mysterious** Eastern
rite which civilization has--

--not altered. Over blazing coals walk men, women--
--and mothers carrying their--
--babes, and reach the end of--
--the fiery path without harm. Extraordinary, but true !
This ordeal is to--
--protect them against sickness--
--and plague. The Priests of the Shinto sect--
--of Buddhism lead their followers to the sacred waterfall.
By many and curious antics they arrive--
--at the point where the purifying - and also icy cold -
--water drenches them and washes away their--
--sins. Men and women--
--stand under the freezing--
--falls with no more regard for--
--the cold than they had for--
--the flames a few minutes before.

Surely, if there is a faith which will remove mountains,
this must be it !