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A PROBLEM IN JAPAN.

Japan is feverishly anxious to obtain full recognition in the modern world. The aspiration she has an undoubted right to.

The language, as it now exists, is both alphabetic and ideographic. For an alphabet the Japanese have taken certain Chinese monograms, forty-eight in number, selected as sounding like the words upon which the combinations of these characters.

Even the characters of their alphabet, as used by the Japanese, are written in two different forms, one rendered complex by the addition of variations; and consequently much more difficult to read than the simpler. The method remains the same of the different forms of writing in ancient Egypt, discovery and decipherment of which is one of the achievements of modern scholarship.

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made a report to the State Department at Washington on public highways in France, which contains highly interesting matter. He shows that the public roads in France are good, not because of any superiority of raw materials nor because of any extraordinary skill for roadbuilding possessed by the French.

THE TWO WAYS TO JUSTICE.

"The object of the English rules is to provide the best and quickest and simplest method of bringing before the court the merits involved in any particular case." This, says the New York Times, "is the statement made at the recent meeting of the New York State Bar Association by Mr. Elbridge L. Adams, of the New York bar, in summing up the results of an investigation of English procedure in civil practice and their working, made at the request of the Board of Statutory Consolidation, created in 1904."

But this is not the object of the American rules. The object of the American rules, and of the practice under them, is to obstruct the presentation of a case, to delay the case; to keep the actual facts away from court and jury, to object to all testimony that would throw actual light on the case as incompetent and irrelevant, and to fortify the objections by quibbles and quibbles built up on the law of evidence.

SCHOOLBOY PUNISHMENT.

People who prosecute the teacher for punishing their children usually belong to a certain well-marked type. They are likely to be without much sense of responsibility, their homes are undisciplined, their relations with their wives and children alternate between foolish indulgence and pettish cruelty.

The person who has begun a legal action against Principal Hughton for paddling his son may or may not believe in the justifiable claims of parents. The case is to be investigated in court; and it behooves the public to withhold judgment until the evidence is known; but it is a remarkable feature of the affair that the Matthews boy is the only one out of a dozen or so who seems to have been injured.

If boys must be flogged, the paddle seems to be an almost divinely appointed instrument to do it with, that rests on the body which it most aptly fits is not very susceptible to mortal wounds; it has merely a sufficiency of nerves to unlock penitential tears by their tingling when temperately flagellated; and the bones which it contains are so unduly swathed about with muscular tissue that there is no danger of breaking them.

But must boys be flogged? What is the ultimate effect of paddling upon the boy himself, and upon the teacher, upon the paddler and paddle, to borrow a legal terminology? In the opinion of the Oregonian the paddle is distinctly and unequivocally a means of grace. It edifies not only the physical and intellectual parts of the boy, but also his soul. Many an unruly boy naturally prone to rebellion, pugnacious and predestinated to wrath, has been plucked like a brand from the burning by a regenerative paddling.

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TROUBLE IN MACEDONIA.

Macedonia, once the ruling nation of the world, has for a long time been subject to Turkey. Like all Turkish possessions, it has been misruled. The object of the government is to extort as much money as possible from the inhabitants by no thought of their welfare.

The concert of Europe is at best but a puppet show, a mere play with the slightest strain and the Sultan understands the art of keeping it over becoming stronger. He is master of the game of playing off one power against another by secret concessions, and of making promises to be broken as soon as the pressure is lightened.

RECORD WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

Argentine wheat shipments for the week ending Thursday reached the enormous total of 6,864,000 bushels. For the preceding week they were 5,700,000 bushels, and on the last week in January 5,078,000 bushels.

The American markets failed to reflect the weakness in Europe, for the close in Chicago was practically the same as for the day previously. There is, of course, a possibility that the foreigner, whose market is the least affected by the Chicago market opens, were yesterday reflecting the pronounced weakness of Chicago for the preceding day, but in both markets the weight of the big Argentine surplus has been hanging heavy for a long time.

The tornado season has opened earlier than usual this year. Like other things that appear in the South, the South is always first in the field, and the pioneer 1908 cyclone tore through Mississippi and Texas.

LURES YOUNG GIRLS TO ROOM.

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VANCOUVER BARRACKS NOTES.

No Orders Yet for Troops to Be Sent to Alaska. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Leave of absence for 15 days is granted to Frederick W. Phisterer, Coast Artillery Corps.

The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant William B. Gibson, Third Infantry, has been extended two months. Inquiry at Department Headquarters today revealed the fact that up to this time no orders have been issued through these headquarters for any movement of troops in Alaska, incident to the labor troubles at Fairbanks.

A London cable announces that there is a prospect of Ratsul's appearing on the variety stage. If he should, his appearance will open up a new and rich field for exploitation by theatrical managers, and in due season we may find the boards of the "continuous" circuit thronged with the famous bad man of the world.

CONFERENCE COLLEGE WOMEN.

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WILL DISALLOW NATAL ACT.

Ottawa Government Overrules Action of Provincial Legislature. VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 14.—The new provincial Natal act, now in force in British Columbia, providing an educational test before their entry for Japanese and other Orientals into Canada, will probably be fully tested before the end of next week, at which time it will undoubtedly be disallowed by the Ottawa government.

For some reason, which it is impossible to learn today, the provincial government has refused to impose tests for the examination of immigrants under the Natal act. This morning, on the arrival of the steamer Wakailele from Seattle, two Japanese were examined and given certificates and no fees were charged.

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