STRANGE POPULATION OF A QUEER JAPANESE VILLAGE.

Pet Deers Which Invade a Visitor's Bedreem and Hunt for Sweetments-They Sarround a Traveler and Beseech Him to Provide Them Biscuit.

As I was leaving Kloto on my first expedition to the venerable and romantic city of Nara, one of the most ancient capitals of the Japanese empire, I received a singular caution from my merry friend Oshikoji, the bonorable Kuge's son.

"Expect strange visitors," he cried. "Prepare to meet the most wonderful acquaintances you have ever encountered in all your

But I had seen so many rare and marvelwas things in Japan that the admonition was forgotten before my journey was fairly begun. Arriving at Nara on a bright summer afternoon, I found comfortable quarters in the upper story of the largest inn that the place contained. After responding to the landlord's salutations and accepting the wishes of his household for my health and happiness, I proceeded to make a change of cires and otherwise put myself in order for a stroll through the beautiful temple groves for which the region is famous.

While thus engaged I was disturbed by a loud clattering on the floor below, presently followed by the sound of heavy footsteps clambering up the rough staircase which led to my apartment. Somebody was making an extremely noisy and clumsy attempt to intrade upon my privacy. There was no sloor to close, for, as in many rustic Japanese liabitations, the rooms of the second story were reached through a hole cut in the floor. to which no covering was provided. The Force himself upon me it would be difficult to prevent him, except by using strong meastares of dissussion.

A STRANGE VISITOR. The extraordinary noise grew louder and I waited for an explanation with no little curiessity. Imagine my amazement when a pair of spreading antiers rose through the apertere, followed by the delicate and graceful head of a young deer. The warning given in Kioto came suddenly to my remembrance. Truly a more astonishing visitor to one's bedgroom could not be conceived of. Struggling awkwardly to his feet, the pretty animal adwanced with friendly confidence and gazed into my face with what I took to be a look of

gentle interrogation. Maving, however, no suspicion as to the purpose of his coming, I stared blankly in return, until, with a toss of his horns and a smiff of disappointment, he moved to the inspection of my baggage, which lay loosely scattered upon the matting. For several minutes he made himself free with my wardrobe, pushing various objects about with his and apparently searching for something to his taste, but the investigation proved fruitless, and fixing his big eyes reproachfully upon me, he stalked gravely to the staircase and descended backward with comical deliberation, feeling his way with a security that betokened a practiced familiarity with

The interior structure of human dwellings. On setting forth to explore the neighborshood a fittle later, I was abundantly, not to say oppressively, supplied with the extraorelinary companionship of which I had been forewarned. Streets, gardens and parks were thronged with deer of all sizes and ages. Wherever the eye could reach they might be counted by thousands. They seemed to constitute the real population of the city, and they certainly displayed far greater activity and interest in life than their human co-resielects.

THEIR PAVORITE REFRESHMENTS. Several of them at once approached me with the same auxious look of inquiry that my unbidden guest at the inn had worn. Again I failed to comprehend, until a group of stags surrounded me and signified by unemistakable action that I was required to acscompany them to a certain corner, at which a peddler of sweet cakes was stationed. It was impossible to resist to de pressing invita-Tion, although there were nothing violent in their demonstrations, they closed around me and waited patiently while I purchased a supply of their favorite refreshment, and fed Shem one after another by hand. At various points of the temple grounds I was compelled to repeat this operatio L and I soon learned that the sale of crisp in out; for the consumption of the deer was one of the established inshustries of that country. *

For more taun due thousand years these mantiful creatures have fearlessly enjoyed The freedom of Nara in obedience to the Begendary decree of a tender hearted empress of olden tions. This lady, moved to compassion by the plaintive cries of a hind | New York News, whose mate had been destroyed by the hunters, signified her communit that in all ages. we come no deer should be wantonly stain To this day the tradition is respected, and no man's hand is lifted against these barmless inhabitants of the woods. They dwell in little lodges provided by the priests, who are their authorized guardians and protectors, and they pass their lives in familiar association with the citiz us, whom they outnumber ten to one. All doors are open to them, and the idea that danger can result from this intimate fellowship with the race of bipeds meyer darkens their innecent thoughts. Their privileged existence is one of the happiest filmstrations of the natural simplicity and Sumanity of the Japanese people - E. H. House in New York World.

A Mean Husband's Revenge. Mrs. De Pride (anxious that her daughter mball make a rich match) - I wonder why Mr. Elichfellow doesn't come to see our daughter

Mr. De Pride-I don't know. The last time he was here he borrowed my clockwork phonograph to have some music played into it. He brought it back to my office the next morning, saying that the musician was sick or something, and that's the last I've sees of him.

Was the phonograph empty?" "Um! now I think of it, I believe it did have in it your reception of me when I came home late the night before. Maybe he's changed his mind about marrying."-New Work Weekly.

About Smoking.

It may be mentioned that persons leading an outdoor life can, as a rule, smoke with much greater impunity than those who spend emost of their time indoors. It is further worthy of remark that the inhabitants of warm climates suffer less than the dwellers in what is, probably on the a non lucendo principle, called the temperate climate of England. This is doubtless due to the greater resisting power of throats less harassed by east winds, and partly, perhaps, to the use of milder tobacco. -Sir Morell Mac-

A Wanderful Cat.

A cut in Miliville, N. J., finds pleasure in

ALUM AND AMMONIA

In Our Bread-Shall We Drive Slow Poison From Our Breakfast Table?

A nutisance that troubled England firty years ago is now rapidly spreading in his country, that is, putting alum in the bread we eat. This question is causing a great deal of discussion at the present moment, as it is revealed that alum is being used as a substitute for cream of tartar in baking powders. A story is told that a very large percentage of the baking powders sold on the market contain either alum or ammonia, and many of them contain both these pernictons drugs. Much timely alarm is telt at the wholesale use of alum in bread, biscuit and pastry. To young children, growing girls, persons of weakly frame, alum bread eaten morning, noon and evening is the most harm-It is the small quantities taken at every meal that do the mischief. Alum is cheap, costing but 2 or 3 cents a pound. while cream of tartar costs 31 cents, and the high price of cream of tartar has led cheap baking powder to be made of alum. If the reader wants to know something of the corrosive qualities of atum, let him touch a piece to his tongue; then reflect how it acts on the tender, delicate coats of the stomach.

The Scientific American published in a recent number a list of alum and ammonia baking powders, which is of great value at this time. Following is a condensed list compiled from official re-Powders marked with a star seem to have a general sale, as they are mentioned in at least two of the official reports:

PATEANTIC & PACIFIC. PROVAL. CROWN. SILVER STAR. "DAVIS' O. K. "SNOWDRIFT. GEM. STAR.

*KENTON; STANDARD. There are, in addition to the foregoing list from the Scientific American, a number of such powders sold in the Western that were not found in the Eastern stores.

Following is a list of the most prom-EWS' PEARL............Contains Ammonia (C. E. Audrews & Co., Milwaukee.) (Thos. Wood & Co., Philadelphia.)

ON BON Contains Alum (J. C. Grant Baking Powder Co., Chicago.) CALUMET UMET Contains Alum (Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.) CLIMAX ...

LIMAX Contains Ammonia (Citmax Baking Powder Co., Indianapolis.) FOREST CITY.Contains Ammonia Alum (Vouwie Bros., Cleveland.) OTEL Contains Ammonia Alum (J. C. Grant Baking Powder Co., Chicago.)

HERCULES. Contains Ammonta (Herenies Baking Powder Co., San Francisco.) ONE SPOON, TAYLOR'S Ammonia Alum (Taylor Mig. Co., St. Louis.)

(VAL _______Contains Ammonia (Royal Baking Powder Co., New York.)

Ashestos Mining. Mining is carried on by cutting down the a farmer cuts down a stack of hay or straw, panion. or by open quarrying on the level. The rock is blasted out and the asbestos, separated from the containing rock, is "cobbed," that is, separated by hammering from inferior foreign matter. This "cobbing" is a comparatively easy matter in the case of the finer quality, as it usually separates readily from the gangue, but in the lower grades much difficulty is experienced in separating non-fibrous. Av us matter from the best there is a great waste. Much of the asbestos is in thin, narrow veins and is wasted, as by the present mode of operating it does not pay to separate this from the serpentine. A machine that will enable these parrow veins to be utilized is a desideratum -Popular Science,

Danger from Fire.

An old gentleman, a doctor, sent for the chief to complain that for weeks there was an odor of smoke in a room. It appeared to come from under a carpet. At times it would not be detected.

Chief Gicquel pulled back the carpet, cut up the floor and found a beam, the core of which was burned into for several feet by a fire which was traveling to a draught from a brick flue on which the end of the beam impinged.

In building the best houses wooden materials are so placed that some day they will be touched by fire which will eat its way to air. If an odor or smoke that cannot be entirely explained is detected in any house, the safest way is to go to the nearest fire quarters. -

A Statue in the Clouds.

A wonderful phenomenou was witnessed within the environs of the imperial court. by the passengers on the 1 o'clock Jersey Central ferryboat one afternoon. When the boat was near the New Jersey shore a bright mirage was discovered in the air right over the Jersey Central depot. The whole bay was reflected on the clouds and ships were to be seen as plainly as if they were on the water. Just before the boat reached the slip the magnificent Statue of Liberty was seen in the mirage, and it made a most beautiful and impressive spectacle. The statue was clearly revealed and it seemed to be about a thousand feet in the air .- New York

Eating Flies.

In Mexico a favorite dish with the common people is a compote of the eggs and young of the common house fly, which is gathered in the spring from the surface of the water in the marshes near the city of Mexico in vast quantities. Certain Indians living there not on four wheels. The valve gear is of the oronly make a business of procuring them, but really cultivate them, by making arrangements which attract the flies and facilitate the disposition and safety of their eggs.-Earnest Ingersoit

Fartunes in Church Luces.

There are also fortunes invested in ecclesiastical laces. Those belonging to the Fifth Avenue cathedral are said to be valued at \$100,000. The late Rev. Dr. Ewer, formerly of St. Ann's Episcopal Church for Deaf Mutes, owned lace vestments and sacramental laces probably worth \$50,000. Many churches own \$5,000 worth of laces. - Interview in New York Star

St. Petersburg tailors got up a scheme for publishing in the newspapers the names of all their customers who refused to pay their bills, but the government forbade it. Now the tailors accomplish the same object by putting up a large blackboard in the reception rooms of their shops, upon which they chalk the names of the chief delinquents and the amounts of their bills. They say it has reduced by 60 per cent. their losses.

At a banquet at San Francisco of the Undertakers' association of California the menus has been found by Hansen in a bacillus reswim in pursuit of a dock rat clear across salad a la flotaire, chicken dressed a la shroude, amplia across shroude, amplia across shroude, amplia across a la were printed on cardinard cut in the shape sembling the germ of consumption, and Dr. Arning, of Hamburg, has produced leprosy in a condemned criminal by inoculation.— New York Tolegram. tomatom a la grippe.

The Sloyd School in Boston.

But perhaps the school presents none of these sights, but a very different one; a sight half sad, yet not without a ray of gladness; a picture not composed of trained teachers or boisterous youths or prattling children engerly listening and as engerly speaking, but of a group of deaf and dumb. And now, if ever, you may see what intense enthusiasm may be thrown into manual training The poor unfortunates deprived of hearing and of speech find here a new field in which to exercise their minds and express their ideas. By their disabilities they are enabled to concentrate their minds better than their more fortunate brethren, and even outstrip them in excellence of workmanship.

Among the boys there is a deaf mute some 16 years of age who surpasses all others in the school, a result attained not by superior talent but by close application. Near him another boy of magnificent build and great ability dushes off his work-now planing, now carving, with a master hand. On the other side of the room, in the midst of that row of girls-near, even pretty girls-there are two most 'noticeable; one a brunette, whose quick, observant eye omits nothing while her snow white hand defuly draws and carefully carves the model. Beside her stands a quiet blonds with blue, thoughtful eyes, carefully examining her model; and then, as if suddenly discovering some new principle, makes a gesture of joy and resumes her work. At the close of the exercise she takes the finished model to her teacher, and, with a pleasant smile, joyful feelings struggling for expression in her soulful face, says, in the deaf mute language. "I love this work."-F. B. Arngrimsson in Popular Science Monthly.

We are all creatures of habit, even in performing duties for which we have prepared. A little boy, whose mother had taught him his letters, went to school one day, and attempted to go through them with the teacher. quaintance. At length a happy thought occurred to him.

"Twist my turl!" he said, eagerly, pointing to a sunny lock of hair on his nock. "Mamma always does when I say 'em." The teacher their bleaching bones as a warning. At began to play with the curl, and the little tempt at reforming theology brands boy's memory returned.

Even grown people are dependent on habit in fulfilling public duties. Mr. George W. Cable one evening not long ago, as we learn from another paper, lectured in Scranton, house A large audience greeted him with their presence, but only that. When the noted a dend silence.

Most speakers would have been embarrassed almost beyond recovery by so frigid a reception, but Mr. Cable was equal to the occasion, and administered a just rebuke in the happiest possible manner.

He said that in order to appear at his best before an audience it was quite necessary that he should be greeted with a noise of some sort; they need not scream, nor was it necessary for the ladies to wave their bonnets, but a loud rumbling noise he must hear, Of course the noise came, and when it had ceased he thunked them for their unsolicited applause, and added that now, with the boldest effrontery, he could begin as he had hills of asbestos bearing serpentine, much as intended-"Dear friends."-Youth's Com-

> Drug Stores in Flat Houses. "You have a nice place here," remarked a gentleman who had stepped into a drug store, evidently newly established, on one of the rapidly growing thoroughfares in outlying Brooklyn. "Yes," replied the druggist, rather dubi-

> ously; "it is only an experiment, though." "Rather an expensive one," continued the first speaker, glancing at the handsome dxtures and belongings. "Oh," laughed the druggist, "that is at the

> landiord's expense, not mine. Further conversation revealed the fact that it is a common thing for owners of flat houses to fit up the ground floor in the most complete manner for use as a drug store as an inducement to a druggist tenant. Shelves, lettered drawers, prescription counters, shelf bottles, and the big window carafes holding the colored liquids, all these and more are contributed by the landlord. In return he expects to gain by a speedy rental of his apartments, people being much more ready to establish themselves over a drug store than over stores of another sort. - New York

A Man's Clothes. The most elegantly dressed man who has

walked the streets of floston for fifty years was the late lamented Nathaniel G. Greene. He had an eye for color. He would go into the shop of a tailor who might be unknown to him, having been allured by a piece of goods in the window, and ask in his winning tones: "My friend, can you make a pair of trousers according to a pattern that I will draw?" Then with chalk he would outline on the cutting table precisely his idea, take from his pocket a memorandum of width of waist and length of leg, and, without asking price, would order the garment to be sent to his ad-If that tailor carried out his idea be dress. would buy cloth wherever he saw what he liked and return and patronize him until he & made a mistake. So, also, with his coats, especially overcoats. If the tailor remonstrated as to fashion, Nat would smile and pat his shoulder, and inquire: "Are you to wear this garment when flaished or am If Your reputation will not be injured because you follow my playful, perhaps reasonless, fancy.' -Boston Gazette.

English Street Railway Locomotives. Steam locomotives are quite extensively used in England for city and suburban tramways, or street railways. The Green patent engine, which is in use on fifteen lines, has a boiler of the locomotive type, and is carried dinary type. The engine is boxed in, and a casing, extending to within a few inches of the ground, covers the wheels and running gear. It is fitted with steam and hand brakes, and an automatic brake which comes into operation when the speed exceeds the limit allowed by the board of trade regulations. On the roof is a surface condenser composed of large brass boxes fitted with about 300 copper tubes; the 'condensed steam flows to the feed tank, and is, while still not, pumped back into the boiler. - Engineering News.

"I collect from the one cent scales. I have collected from about thirty today and I have taken out about thirty one cent pieces and more than sixty lead pieces. These leads are cut just the size of a penny and weigh precisely the same as a penny. Who puts them in! You think it is done by boys. These leads are cut so nicely and weigh just the

same that I am inclined to think the work is done by men. You may hate to think there are men as small as that, but I've met 'em. -Interview in Chicago Tribuna Leprosy Is Contagious. Recent investigations seem to remove all doubts that leproxy is contagious. The cause

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ness and fear-twin sisters of intellectual infancy-they cannot much longer withstand the civilizing influence of advancing science. They are slowly but surely "dying Egypt, dying," before the "search light" of investigation. The advancing thinker wonders how it was possible Vain effort! He stopped at "B," and was un-able to recognize "C" as even a casual ac-extant now-to have survived to this late day! But where was the reform to come from? It is not only passe to attempt re-form, it is outright dangerous. It requires a boldness akin to recklessness. Legion is their bleaching bones as a warning. An at-

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every infamy under the sun, and in medi-cine every duck intellect "quacks" at you and you are accused of having no diplema when your diploma is on file in the courthouse under the very eyes of the slander ers. All this is caused by besotted ignorance, and since books are sent free of charge author was introduced he was received with

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