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THE JAPANESE.

Rapid Progress in Civilization—The Young Sovereign.

No monarch, and very few private persons, can have led a life of higher, more intense, and more absorbing interest than the young man, who in 1868, when but sixteen, found himself Mikado of Japan, with the ancient but long dormant rights of sole and supreme ruler restored to that office. By fortunate chances the purple fell, in his case, on one well fitted to wear it, and the work done in Japan in which he has taken an active and intelligent share in fourteen years has been enormous. Between 1869 and 1871 the daimios, the great feudal princes, were, with the exception of the clan Satsuma—not radically subdued until 1877—whose chief was the mighty Sargo, denuded of their power, they and their military retainers receiving a pecuniary compensation. In 1873 all classes of able-bodied men were rendered liable to conscription in the imperial army. This army, organized by Frenchmen, has now for nearly ten years been in a high state of efficiency. Its West Point, conducted chiefly on the pattern of that establishment, is Toyama, near Tokio. The total military forces is 120,000. The Japanese navy is on the model of the British. It includes twenty war vessels, nineteen being steamships. National education on the new model dates from 1871. By 1873 the government schools had 400,000 pupils. To-day they have over 2,500,000. Tokio university has nearly 2,000. One well acquainted with Japanese pupils says that "intellectually they are on the average equal to those of Europe or America, while in the gentler virtues of respect, docility, industry, politeness, and self-control, they are unquestionably superior." A prevailing feature among this people, and one which strikes even the least observant, is their almost exasperatingly sweet temper. It is well nigh impossible to make them angry, and a lady, long resident in Japan, says it is really true that Japanese children are never heard to cry. This celestial condition in the nursery is not produced by the soothing syrup or the Japanese Winslow, but it is the result of the tact of the child-handlers—oftentimes old men. The Japanese postoffice is another of the nation's triumphs. A molehill has in ten years grown into a mountain. The railroads, though not numerous, are cheap and pay well. They are now chiefly superintended and worked by natives. Accidents are almost unknown. From half a mile in September, 1869, the telegraph lines have grown to 4,000 miles, worked by 1,800 employees, of whom ten only are foreigners. It would be well for this country if its jails were put in half as satisfactory plight as are those of Japan, and in this matter Japan has borrowed but little from the foreigner. The most minute precautions are taken to prevent abuse of authority by prison officials. The governor of a jail may inflict no punishment more severe than the dark cell or shackles, and this but for a strictly limited period, without the sanction of a district court. This system is carried out with as much strictness in the most remote provinces as in the capital. The vast system thus in little more than ten years created is directed and controlled by a cabinet of thirteen, over which the Mikado vigilantly presides, assisted by a council of the ablest and best informed men who give advice and

attend to the details of enactments made by the cabinet. Provincial assemblies have existed since 1878, and national parliamentary government is to be the order of the day.

Fast Filling Up.

In the last number of the Agricultural Review, Gen. E. A. Walker has an article on the future of the unsettled area of the United States. According to the census of 1880 this wholly unsettled area amounts to 1,400,000 square miles, being nearly one-half the whole area of the country. He discusses the questions of the character and capabilities of these vacant lands and the probabilities of their occupation. He shows that the unsettled area east of the Appalachian range has been reduced to only 10,000 square miles, since 1830, and that in the original thirteen states 14,500 square miles are still unoccupied. In Wisconsin and Michigan 2,500 square miles are unsettled, being largely covered with timber or unfit for agricultural purposes. Florida has nearly 21,000 square miles of swamp and everglade. Texas has 137,000 square miles of vacant lands. In the remaining territory west of the Mississippi, 1,200,000 square miles are either unsettled or occupied by Indians. Of this 240,000 square miles are embraced in Indian reservations. After deducting those mountainous tracts, inaccessible or sterile, and those areas of dry or arid regions not capable of irrigation, it is shown that the amount of public land available for ordinary agriculture is not large. In fact it is estimated that in another year it will have been practically all taken up. Every quarter section worth entering at the land register's will have been seized upon. While the available agricultural land has nearly all passed out of the hands of the government, there is still a great quantity that has not come under cultivation, so that there are still indefinite capabilities of development in the way of food production and the elements of supporting population. But all these facts serve to show how exceedingly deceptive is the idea conveyed by the bare statement that nearly one-half of the area of the country is unsettled. Manifestly the proportion of this which can never be settled is far greater than generally supposed.

A Sovereign Waiter.

A Philadelphia beer garden has for one of its waiters a genuine prince, the son of Prince Verona de Ferrara, who fought as a general with Garibaldi at Solferino. The young man was reared in the luxury of a Modena villa, and in his youth became the victim of indolence and luxurious extravagance. He broke his mother's heart, wasted his fortune in gaming, and then lived for several years upon the indulgence of friends of better days. He married an American who was thought to be an heiress, but who was penniless. He deserted her, joined a pirate crew, was caught, escaped and fled to New Orleans. There he tended bar in a wine house, went to Philadelphia during the centennial, and has remained there ever since. It is said that there are in the city of Brotherly Love about twenty-five German, French and Italian counts, whose lives would furnish romance enough to make a hundred books far more interesting than the wildest fictions of the fiction writer's fancy.

Loss of hair and grayness, which often mar the prettiest face, are prevented by Parker's Hair Balsam.

Bill Arp's View of Life.

What a blessed thing it is that kind nature takes away our desire for frolic as we grow older and begin to wear the sear and yellow leaf. I don't care to dance now that the spring in my extremities is gone and there's lead in my shoes; and I don't lament that old age is creeping upon me, for I have many new pleasures, and one of these is to look on and see other people happy. Enjoy your day, whether it be in youth or old age; enjoy every day, and make the most of it; get all out of life you can. I know people who let the dark side of life cheat 'em out of every day's happiness, who ponder and fret over little troubles until they swell up like dried apples and get to be big ones, and they can't eat or sleep in peace.

Life to them is a grindstone, and the grit of it is always cutting away little by little until there's nothing left. Enjoy the day; get some good out of it even if it's nothing but contentment for good health and being out of jail. An old gentleman of three score years and ten was here last night—came five miles just to see the young people happy—and he was bright as the full moon, and it was a pleasure to see him and listen to him discourse upon life, and how to live and how to farm, and so on. He's seen trouble enough, goodness knows, but he never took it to heart or surrendered his manhood.

Thrift of French Women.

French women, often stigmatized as the most frivolous of their kind, are in reality the most thrifty, a virtue that frequently degenerates into absolute parsimony. I saw a striking instance of making the best of disregarded trifles the other day, when dining with one who certainly has a reputation for prudence. A cherry pie had been on the table, and the mistress gave strict injunctions that all the stones be scraped from the plates and placed in her store-room. I ventured to ask the reason, and was told that not only cherry, but plum, peach and all manner of stones, whether cooked or raw, were invariably saved, gently dried in the oven, and kept in a great jar. "Then," said madam, "in the winter when the fire burns bright and clear in the evening, I fetch a handful and throw them among the glowing coals. They crack and splutter for a moment, send up a brilliant flame and the whole room is filled with a delicious odor."

Kings and princes are getting down now-a-days to the same prosaic, businesslike ways of thinking and doing as other mortals. Oscar II., sovereign of Sweden and Norway, being about to undertake a journey to the latter country, has had his life insured in favor of his family for the sum of 600,000 crowns.

It is now announced on the authority of an eminent physician that it is not healthy to rise before eight o'clock in the morning. This applies only to men. Wives, it is said, can rise as early as seven, and start the fires as heretofore.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, the undersigned, C. W. LAUGHERY, have been furnished with a warrant from the city council requiring me to collect the taxes assessed for the year 1882, and now delinquent upon the list, and make return of the same within sixty days. All parties so indebted will therefore please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

C. W. LAUGHERY,
Astoria, Oregon, September 19, 1882.

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