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THE TRIP ABROAD.

How to Prepare For Its Enjoyment in a Sensible Manner.

It is always well to get into first class physical condition before you undertake an ocean journey, for you are sure to tax your strength daily as far as it will go, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The safest plan is not to take anything which your doctor does not heartily endorse, to avoid sweets, uncooked fruit and all things not likely to agree with you.

All travelers will find it convenient to have a piece of oiled silk, oilcloth or even waterproof cloth, if not a bag, wherein to wrap wet sponges and towels.

A flat steamer trunk to be left at the steamer office until your return is desirable. This will contain your steamer rug and a small pillow anyhow and probably most of your steamer outfit.

Underwear of extra thickness will make this suit warm enough for cold ocean days, while a couple of suits of gauze underwear will adapt it to temperate and even moderately hot days.

Ladies should set out with one tailor made skirt and jacket, as plain as possible, of a material which will shed the rain and dust and stand the sun.

How to Care For Tired Feet. People who suffer from tired feet may note that a good deal of their discomfort is caused by the fact that they wear stockings that do not fit.

How to Keep Our Wild Fowl. To keep our wild fowl from further decrease and better to increase their abundance it is vitally necessary so to regulate shooting that there shall always remain each spring a sufficient breeding stock to return to the wilderness "nurseries," certainly in no less numbers than the year before, says Country Life.

How to Prevent Tan. If you are obliged to be out of doors very much you should secure a good cream and vegetable powder, says the Pittsburg Press.

How to Waterproof Cloth. To waterproof cloth take of powdered alum and sugar of lead each half an ounce and stir them into a gallon of rain water, and when the mixture is clear pour off the upper liquid.

merse the cloth for twenty-four hours, then dry and press it. The cloth will be unharmed in color and texture and will stand any amount of rain to which you are likely to be exposed.

How to Prepare Plants For Winter.

If you have geraniums—or any other plant for that matter—that you intend to make use of in the window garden next winter do not allow them to bloom during summer, says a writer in Outlook.

A PROMISE KEPT.

BY LAFACIO HERN.

This story is taken from a volume of Japanese Miscellany recently published by Little, Brown & Co., of Boston.

"I shall return in the early autumn," said Akana Soyemon several hundred years ago—when bidding good-by to his brother by adoption, young Hasebe Samon.

"Your Izu—The Country of the Eight-Cloud Rising—is very distant. Perhaps it will therefore be difficult for you to promise to return here upon any particular day.

"Wiy, as for that," responded Akana, "I have been so much accustomed to travel that I can usually tell beforehand how long it will take me to reach a place; and I can safely promise you to be here upon a particular day. Suppose we say the day of the festival of Choyo?"

"That is the ninth day of the ninth month," said Hasebe; "then the chrysanthemums will be in bloom, and we can go together to look at them. How pleasant!

"So you promise to come back on the ninth day of the ninth month?" repeated Akana, smiling farewell. Then he strode away from the village of Kato, in the province of Harima—and Hasebe Samon and the mother of Hasebe looked after him with tears in their eyes.

"Neither the sun nor the moon," says an old Japanese proverb, "ever halt upon their journey." Swiftly the months went by; and the autumn came—the season of chrysanthemums. And early upon the morning of the ninth day of the ninth month Hasebe prepared to welcome his adopted brother.

The day was beautiful, the sky without a cloud and the air so pure that the world seemed to be a thousand miles wider than usual. In the morning many travelers passed through the village—some of them samurai; and Hasebe, watching each as he came, more than once imagined that he saw Akana approaching. But the temple bells sounded the hour of midday, and Akana did not appear.

The night was pure as the day had been; all the sky throbbled with stars; and the white River of Heaven shimmered with unusual splendor. The village slept; the silence was broken only by the noise of a little brook and by the faraway barking of peasants' dogs. Hasebe still waited—waited until he saw the thin moon sink behind the neighboring hills.

"Oh!" cried Hasebe, springing to meet him, "I have been waiting for you from the morning until now! . . . So you really did keep your promise after all. . . . But you must be tired, poor brother!—come in; everything is ready for you." He guided Akana to the place of honor in the guest-room and hastened to trim the lights, which were burning low.

"Now I must tell you how it happened that I came thus late. When I returned to Izu I found that the people had almost forgotten the kindness of our former ruler, the good Lord Itoya, and were seeking the favor of the usurper Tomochika, who had possessed himself of the Tonda castle. But I had to visit my cousin, Akana Tani, though he had accepted service under Tomochika, and was living in a retainer, within the castle grounds. He persuaded me to present myself before Tomochika. I yielded chiefly in order to observe the character of the new ruler, whose face I had never seen.

He is a skilled soldier, and of great courage, but he is cunning and cruel. I found it necessary to let him know that I could never enter into his service. After I left

his presence he ordered my cousin to detain me—to keep me confined within the house. I protested that I had promised to return to Harima upon the ninth day of the ninth month, but I was refused permission to go. I then hoped to escape from the castle at night, but I was constantly watched; and until to-day I could find no way to fulfill my promise.

"Until to-day!" exclaimed Hasebe, in bewilderment; "the castle is more than a hundred 'ri' from here!"

"Yes," returned Akana, "and no living man can travel on foot a hundred 'ri' in one day. But I felt that, if I did not keep my promise, you could not think well of me; and I remembered the ancient proverb: 'Tama yoku ichi nichu ni sen ri wo yuku' ('The soul of a man can journey a thousand 'ri' in a day'). Fortunately I had been allowed to keep my word; thus only was I able to come to you. . . . Be good to our mother."

With these words he stood up, and in the same instant disappeared.

Then Hasebe knew that Akana had killed himself in order to fulfill the promise.

*A "ri" is about equal to 2 1/2 English miles.

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All matter for this column is supplied by the Josephine County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Y. and L. T. L. Branches.

Scientific Temperance Instruction meeting Friday evening, November 9, at the Baptist church. Program as follows:

Devotions. Recitation, Mrs. Clements. Music. Address—Rev. C. O. Beckman.

Superintendent of department, Mrs. M. C. Day, assisted by Mrs. Belding and Mrs. Mulkey. Everybody invited, especially teachers, members of school board and parents.

Rev. Beckman's address will be a treat no one can afford to miss.

Regular meeting of Wilderville Union was held October 25. Mrs. Geo. Lewis, vice-president, reported an especially interesting Mothers meeting.

Friday afternoon a very interesting Mothers meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Summers with an attendance of 37 members and friends.

The subject for discussion "Hurry and Worry." Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Rannie and others gave practical suggestions on the subject.

Mrs. Howard, superintendent of Mothers Meeting, read a helpful paper also poem.

The following are the first and last verses which express the sentiments of the poem:

As we travel along life's journey, In this great evolution of strife, There is just as much pleasure and sunshine As there is hurry and worry of life. Then scatter sweet flowers instead of thorns, In paths where others may trod. We will find our blessings will be double-fold When we enter the kingdom of God.

Recitations by Inez Howard, Lois Britten, Ada Gould and Elmer Howard. Solo, by Mrs. Cowdrey. Mrs. Caldwell read paper on "Lights and Shadows." In part as follows:

"In the different lights and shadows is much of the beauty of majestic mountains, the quiet valleys, the rippling streamlet, the shining river, the mighty Niagara, the dark forests; and so in the painted picture, the artist must study well the lights and shadows and put on the canvas the soul lights and shadows if he would give to the world a picture that speaks to the hearts of men.

"Everywhere we find the lights and shadows, in the home, in our city and in our nation. The lights of our city are all about us. Churches and schools and Salvation Army, beloved Pastors and consecrated Christians; young men and women fitting themselves for carrying the Light to other lands; and not least the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, each and all, trying to light up some of the shadows cast by sin and sorrow and the iniquitous rum business. The missionary goes to the uttermost parts of the earth and with him, goes the accursed liquor to quench, if possible, the light he kindles.

"When, oh, when shall the people learn that Righteousness exalteth a nation; that Sin is a reproach to any people; that by mercy and truth iniquity is purged, and that by Fear of the Lord, men depart from evil? So, dear friends, 'let our lights shine' that shadowed lives may be led to see and accept the One Who Lighteth All Darkness."

Refreshments were served and all went away feeling glad we had been there.

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