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JAPS FULL OF SUPERSTITION

Have More Foolish Beliefs, According
to Traveler, Than Any Other Peo-
ple on the Earth.

"When I was a very young man I
was filled with superstitions," said
a "globe trotter." "They were
thoroughly dropped from my mind,
however, after a visit to Japan. In
that country there is a superstition
surrounding practically everything.
The Japanese housewife, for instance,
will never sweep out a room immedi-
ately after anyone has left it, for fear
of driving away the luck. At a Japa-
nese marriage it is not considered
wise for either the bride or bride-
groom to wear purple. It is held
that purple is a color likely to fade
and that the marriage will not be of
long duration. Perhaps the strangest
ideas are those which prevail with
regard to finger nails.
"The Japanese believe that the cut-
ting of finger nails before starting on
a journey will bring misfortune to
the traveler when he reaches his des-
tination. The howling of a dog al-
ways causes considerable perturba-
tion, for it signifies death. It is a
serious matter for a woman to step
over an eggshell. It is the belief of
the country that if she does so she
will go mad. There is a great fear of
ghosts in Japan and many of the na-
tives keep lights burning throughout
the night in the belief that the flame
will drive them away. One of the su-
perstitions is put to practical use.
Japanese children are told that if they
tell a lie an imp will pull out their
tongues."

CITY IN BEAUTIFUL SETTING

First Sight of Constantinople Cannot
Fail to Impress Even the Most
Satiated Globe Trotter.

However many descriptions of Con-
stantinople may have been read or
heard previously, the actual sight of
it must certainly come to every one
with a feeling almost of astonishment
at the sheer beauty of the place.
Certainly it can be a matter of sur-
prise to no one that Constantinople
Byzantium as the spot from which to
rule the East, for surely no city ever
had a more magnificent situation.
Whether seen from the deck of the
steamer, as it nears Constantinople,
coming up from the sea of Marmara,
or from the land of the Golden Horn,
or from the heights of Pera opposite,
or even from the Galata bridge, Stan-
bul, rising from the brilliantly blue
waters which surround it on three
sides, must always take first place for
loveliness among all the beautiful
cities of the world. In May, when all
the Judas trees are a mass of pinkish
blossom and the wistaria hangs in
pendant pale mauve masses above the
narrow streets between the old wood-
en houses, Istanbul is perhaps beau-
tiful above all months in the year.

When Alchemy Flourished.

The cult of alchemy was at its zenith
during the fourteenth, fifteenth, and
sixteenth centuries, holding the place
with many that religion did with oth-
ers. People believed implicitly in the
existence of the philosopher's stone,
and pinned their faith to its potency
to an incredible extent. It was, of
course, in the great majority of cases,
simply a matter of suggestion accept-
ed by those who were on the outlook
for the means of increasing wealth.
And there were many who drew no
distinction between the philosopher's
stone, which was supposed to have
the power of transmuting the base into
the noble metals, and what was called
the elixir of life, a substance which
would promote and preserve health
and increase longevity. Thus the ap-
peal was also made to credulity
through the desire for health and the
fear of disease.

Measuring the Height of Clouds.

A scientist attached to one of the
bureaus at Washington has been en-
gaged in measuring the height of
clouds by photography. Simultane-
ous pictures of a cloud were made by
two cameras placed 600 feet apart and
connected by telegraph wires. From
the amount of displacement of the
cloud caused by viewing it alternately
from each end of the 600 foot base line
its height could be calculated. Some
of the "mackerel sky" clouds photo-
graphed were seven and a quarter
miles high. The loftiest clouds whose
elevation was thus measured belonged
to the type known as cirrus, or "curl
cloud," the height of which was a lit-
tle more than seventeen miles.

FAMOUS MEN OF GREEN ISLE

Country Has Few More Picturesque
Figures Than the Three Widely
Known Myles Brothers.

Lieut. Col. Sir Thomas Myles, M. D.,
—better known as Sir Tom Myles—
who has been in America on a British
medical mission, is one of the most
picturesque figures in Irish life. As
medical students in Trinity college,
Dublin, the three Myles brothers were
famous for their eccentricity and mem-
bers of the "heavyweight" division of
the Metropolitan police. It used to be
said of the Myles brothers that, if
they found it necessary to beat up the
Dundie "finest" at night, they were
equally assiduous in patching them up
in the morning. So there was no hard
feeling on either side.

Sir Thomas was knighted in 1902
when he was president of the College
of Surgeons in Ireland. It was as
house surgeon in St. Stephen's hospital
that he made the first examination of
the bodies of Burke and Cavendish,
the victims of the famous Phoenix
park murders. The strange thing was
that, at the moment, neither Sir
Thomas nor the police knew that one
of the bodies was that of the chief sec-
retary, and the other that of the under
secretary for Ireland.

It is a habit of the Myles family
to be over six feet in height, and
with shoulders and fists in proportion.
In the Zulu war one of the chiefs was
run to earth in his kraal by the British,
who wished to capture him alive. Vol-
unteers were asked for and Sir
Thomas' brother John undertook the
task. He crawled through the long
covered entrance and came out ten
minutes later, dragging the kicking
potentate behind him by the scruff of
the neck.

CITY LOVED BY FRENCHMEN

Country's Glory Indissolubly Con-
nected With Reims, Especially Its
Old and Marvelous Cathedral.

If citations of Reims have especially
interested American readers, refer-
ences to Reims have appeared most
to the French themselves. For Reims
is very dear to them—for historic, for
patriotic, for religious, and for literary
reasons. Nothing, perhaps, has re-
flected our French allies more than
the fact that the Germans have never
been able to take Reims, however close
they have come to it.

It is the damage that has been done
to the glorious cathedral of Reims that
constitutes one of the greatest artistic
tragedies of the war. Here, in this
magnificent cathedral, the kings of im-
perial France were crowned. Here
Joan of Arc led Charles VII to his coron-
ation—the sainted Joan who freed
Reims from its enemies.

One of the great pieces of news
from the western front was to the ef-
fect that Reims had been finally and
definitely cleared from the menace of
the German guns.

Armor Again in Use.

An ancient calling is again very
much alive. The armor is at work
turning out armor for fighting men;
and, in a most distinguished case, the
chief armor of the Metropolitan Mu-
seum of Fine Arts, New York, Dun-
del Tachaux, has been working for
modern warriors with the very ham-
mers and anvils that once were used in
arming their medieval forerunners.
To be sure, armor nowadays is not so
cumbersome that when the wearer is
upset he has to lie flat on his back
until somebody kindly stands him up
again; but it has turned out that, for
practical purposes, modern design adds
nothing to the protective detail of the
separate pieces of old-time armor.

Greatest Jackplane.

A machine so gigantic that the cur-
vature of the earth's surface had to be
taken into consideration in its con-
struction, is being built for the United
States army as part of the program
for the "salvage" of war waste, says
World's Work. It is a huge planer,
500 feet long, which is to be used in
the manufacture of gigantic lathes,
which in turn are for use in the enor-
mous "relining" plant which the ordi-
nance department is building in France.

Fewer Students.

War and the industries made neces-
sary by war have had the effect of
depleting the student bodies of English
universities to an extent that will be
serious this year. At the University
of Birmingham, one of the most mod-
ern and progressive seats of learning in
Britain, where scientific training is a
specialty, all the graduates who re-
ceived the degree of bachelor of sci-
ence this year were women.

English Golfing Statistics.

Englishmen, when their attention is
not occupied by war, make use of 105-
000 acres of land for the purpose of
golf playing. There are 2,000 organiza-
tions, with nearly 500,000 members,
and about 7,500,000 balls are made use
of annually.

To Guide Workers in Mines.

The United States bureau of mines
has had some of its officials working
for three years on a set of rules to
suggest for use where electricity is
used in mines, and the work has been
published for circulation among those
interested.

Utilizing an Antipathy.

"Which are you going to do?" asked
Memphering Miles, "work or fight?"
"I'm going to start in," answered
Piddling Pete, "by working a little.
Dat always makes me feel like fighting."

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at 6
o'Clock Sharp

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the Day
as Possible



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last day,
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et of Candy - Initial Hand-
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Suspenders - Silk Umbrel-
la (any color) - A piece of
Ivoryware - Hose - Jap-
anese Lunch Sets - Fancy
Towels - Waist - Bras-
siere - Silk Underwear -
Slippers - Suitcase - Furs -
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quire Leo Cohen. n71f

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