

KOREAN GIRLS AND WIVES.

"The Korean girls have names which they retain until they are married. They are very expressive. The following are examples :— 'Katnane,' Newborn; 'Soonie,' Amiability; 'Powie,' Rock; 'Epoonie,' Fair; 'Poktongie,' Blessing. Dancing girls are called by the names of flowers. The name of a married woman is wife of such a man, or mother of such an one. I know of no instance where a woman is called by the name of the place from which she came.

A man in Korea considers it a great indignity for another man to speak to him directly of his wife. This is illustrated by a Korean poem. The legend is that a man had been away from home for a long time and was most anxious to hear from his wife. Before reaching home he met a neighbour of whom he could have inquired, but custom forbade that he speak of his wife, he therefore inquired about the plum tree that grew in front of his door. The neighbor understood and replied, 'It is in bloom, 'tis true, but pale from waiting long for you.—Sel.



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Look at the pillow in the picture. Japanese ladies take a great deal of pains with their hair. They plaster it with pomade, fat, or ointment of some sort, and then put it up very carefully in high rolls and coils, so that it will remain in that position for some time.

But how do they keep it from being disarranged at night? Their pillow is a piece of wood which they put under the neck and allow the head to hang over without resting on anything. Not very comfortable, is it? But people will sometimes suffer a good deal for the sake of being in style.

Does this not call to mind what Paul says about the way that women put up their hair in his day, and about the most beautiful kind of ornament that women and girls can wear. Find it and read it, girls.

Look at their shoes lying on the floor, blocks of wood with straps to pass over the feet. They could not run very fast. But this wonderful people are rapidly learning the ways of Europe and America. Let us pray that they may receive with open hearts the best thing we have to give them—the knowledge of forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ, in place of their idolatry and sin.