

four steps, then a straight platform, then down by another lot of steps.

The railway from Yokohama to Tokio passes through a well-cultivated country: rice fields kept slightly under water, rape-seed plantations, tea plantations, and orchards. The apple trees were treated in a manner I have not seen elsewhere. Each tree was surrounded by bamboo canes laced together on the top, and the branches trained to lie over the top so that the fruit might get the full benefit of the sun. In Tokio there are several handsome hotels, substantially built, kept by foreigners, at which refreshments in true Parisian style can be obtained. Most of the native houses and shops are of wood; the roads are wide, and differ from the Chinese in being less crowded. It is estimated that the population numbers nearly two millions.

In British Columbia and the Western States of America, the use of copper money is unknown. The smallest coin is the nickel five cent piece ($2\frac{1}{2}$ d.), which is the general price of a tram-car ride, for cleaning boots, a newspaper, or a glass of lager-beer. If two friends go to the bar of a refreshment house, the charge for a drink of spirits is 25 cents (1s.) The plan is to place the bottle of spirits and a glass before you, and a bottle of water; you take as much spirit, or as little, as you please, the price is the same. If you go in alone, and put down the ten cents, nothing is said; but if you offer a 25 cent piece, you only get a 10 cent piece change. Everybody seems to approve of it, rather than have copper money introduced.

All through the United States and Canada the term "Quarter-day" is unknown; all accounts and payments for rent, &c., are made monthly; hence a remark we often use in England that nothing is certain but death and quarter-day, has no point with them.

Just a word of advice to gentlemen thinking of visiting the States. There are certain phrases that we use which have a different meaning with Americans. For instance, if you see a lady looking very fatigued, you must not say that she looks "knocked-up." In America that term is applied solely to a lady in an interesting condition. I inadvertently said so to two ladies who had been out shopping, and were very tired; and the husband of one of them called me aside, and explained their use of the phrase, and cautioned me not to use it, as it was deemed indelicate; and if it was so in the case of married