

blossoms were pigmies either, but would measure at least four or five inches in diameter. There were other plants with as many as seven varieties on one stem—white, brocade, yellow, mauve, pink, red and lilac.

In the open space between the flower booths the guests were gathered. As you watched them moving here and there, all laughing and chatting, you were impressed with the fact that the ladies in their beauty and loveliness vied with the flowers themselves as an attraction.

At the request of the Emperor all guests were dressed in European style—the gentlemen in the regulation black and white, with Prince Albert coats and silk hats; the ladies in light and brilliantly colored silks, satins and velvets. All of the representatives and attaches of the different foreign legations were present and they, with all the court officials, were in full uniform.

As we stood watching this human flower garden, we noticed two courtiers hasten down through the centre of the company, which immediately separated into two parts, leaving a wide path through the centre of the grounds. Someone whispered, 'The Empress is coming,' and shortly afterward the military bands, stationed at either end of the courtyard, began to play the National Hymn, and immediately following the gentlemen removed their hats, while all down the line we saw the people bowing low.

Presently, as we watched, two courtiers, dressed in rich dark green velvet suits, with gilt trimmings and made in Louis XVI. style, with white silk stockings, patent leather slippers, silver knee and slipper buckles, and military hats to match their suits, stepped into view and came towards us. Close behind them came Her Royal Highness, the Empress. She wore a handsome greenish white satin brocade, with hat to match, and carried a parasol. As she slowly moved along she smiled most sweetly and bowed gracefully to her assembled guests.

Following her came the Crown Princess, dressed in royal purple velvet, and behind her came the other court ladies, arrayed in gowns of beautiful texture and in all the colors of the rainbow. They made one think of exquisitely dressed dolls out on parade, they were so small and dainty in appearance.

Next in order came the wives of the foreign ministers, in rich and costly costumes, and back of them the ministers themselves. Then followed the numerous officials of the court, the army and the navy, in brilliant uniforms, and behind them the other notables fell into line as the procession moved along.

An awning had been erected for the Empress. Under this she stood for an hour or more and received the ministers of the foreign nations represented at this court. When the ceremony was over, we were directed to small tables, spread with white linen, and set in an open space in front of an immense refreshment booth (this booth was in itself a work of art and was most beautifully decorated), and here the ladies of the company were seated, while the gentlemen stood and served them with the many and delicious viands prepared for the occasion.

While the bands furnished delightful music, we indulged ourselves to our satis-

faction in the finest of American foods and delicacies. In the midst of this pastime we were told that the Empress was about to depart, and in consequence each guest found a place in the crowd assembled along the path over which the Empress was to pass. She came as before, and passed as graciously, then we returned to the tables to finish our repast, and afterward, leisurely made our way out through the grounds to the gateway through which we had first entered. The Emperor's Chrysanthemum Garden Party was over for another year.

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In Genesis, the world was made by God's creative hand;

In Exodus, the Hebrews march'd to gain the Promised Land:

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The city walls of Zion, Nehemiah builds again,

Whilst Esther, saves her people from plots of wicked men.

In Job, we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,

In David's Psalms, are precious songs to every child of God.

The Proverbs, 'like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear.

Ecclesiastes, teaches man how vain are all things here.

The Mystic song of Solomon, exalts sweet Sharon's Rose;

Whilst Christ the Saviour and the King the 'rapt Isaiah,' shows.

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Next Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.

Haggai, wrote to those who saw the Temple built again,

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In Thessalonians, we are taught the Lord will come from Heaven.

In Timothy and Titus, the Elder's rule is given.

Philemon, marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know.

Hebrews, reveals the Gospel prefigured by the Law.

James, teaches without holiness faith is but vain and dead;

St. Peter, points the narrow way in which the Saints are led.

John, in his three Epistles on love delights to dwell.

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When Christ—and Christ alone shall be the trembling sinner's stay.

Foolscap.

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When Oliver Cromwell became protector, after the execution of Charles I., he caused the stamp of the cap of liberty to be placed upon the paper used by the English government. Soon after the restoration of Charles II., having occasion to use some paper for dispatches, some of this government paper was brought to him.

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