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It is with pleasure that we peruse the many excellent articles in the above magazine. Time and space, however, do not permit us to detail them all. It must suffice then that we mention a few, and trust that from these the readers may form an opinion of the high standard attained by the publication.

Japanese Commercial Honor, by Arthur May Knapp.

Though Japan is one of the powerful nations of the age, yet she is not included in the competition of industry and trade in the world to-day, because of her supposed low standard of commercial honor. This ostracism has been effected chiefly by the reports of tourists, to whose complaints certainly too much credence has been given. Tourists complain of prices, but are they aware that prices are in accordance with the rank of the buyer? The yellow journalism of the United States has made a great mistake in endeavoring to bring about unfriendly relations with Japan, for the latter country considers the States to be the most favored nation on earth.

Pressure of Population—William S. Rossiter.

The universal betterment of conditions which has taken place during the last century has greatly increased population. War, famine and pestilence have given way to prosperity and peace, which are the outcome of increased civilization and good government. Man and woman now find themselves distinct units of society, and recognize their duties as such. There is to-day a tendency in France and United States to limit the family. A man of knowledge who has a large family is considered to be a hero. It is our duty to pause and reflect what will we do?

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