

PICTURES OF THE YEAR

"THE HEART OF A GEISHA"

A Geisha's life imagination tints with all the charms of the rose. And people won't believe her when she says...

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those who came to the Tea-House of the Burnished Maples, and she was the most beautiful girl in the city.

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What an outlook you had from the matted balconies of the tea-house. In thickly-wooded Shiba the tinselated roofs of boar-houses, freights were set in dense clusters of laburnum, arbutus and trees with foliage a denser green.

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The Imperial hotel is another world to the Tea-House of the Burnished Maples, and the doctor will tell you so, when his voice rises as the eye catches the military attaché speaking with prejudice, or he comes to drink tea poured by O Yuki San.

O Yuki's father was an Austrian; so her mother and her people are of the Weavers and earned their living by embroidering silks for kimonos—until Takeyuchi came and changed her life.

How long had she earned the money for her? For a long time, no, nearly two. It was a small matter, but she had a small matter, but she had a small matter, but she had a small matter.

O Yuki San rose from her cushion in response to a shout from beyond the screen. She set on the matting, and the open upper floor, talking of many things, until it was time to call the waiting rickshaman and return to that grimy town, the Imperial hotel, where a hundred men waited for permission to join the armies that were already in Manchuria.

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their entrance in procession. The thoroughfare was filled with spectators, and open-mouthed, awaiting the riders, when the dull roll of an explosion startled the crowd.

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Being a Narrative of What O Yuki San Sacrificed for Love of Takeyuchi San and Loyalty to the Emperor.

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which made it possible for Takeyuchi San to have paved the way for his successes.

Two weeks had passed, and Takeyuchi had not visited the Tea House of the Burnished Maples. He had been so busy, O Yuki told herself, for the newspapers had still much to say of his going and the Count Matsuyama.

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administer the laws impartially. It was in fact to this that the law observes any form of respect at all or to the law of the land.

magistrate takes it upon himself a fine upon one whose only in disregard of a religious practice he does not believe, and then the fine because he disregards religious practice, in which he does not believe.

Because I'm rather quaint and picturesque. They think that for a butterfly like me, existence is delightfully grotesque. How very much mistaken folks may be.

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EF TEMPLAR DEAD. Work, May 3.—Dr. G. Main, chief templar of the Order of the Templars in this state, died at Brooklyn, N. Y. He was born 70 years ago at Delhi, N. Y.

LED BY LIGHTNING. Ste. Out., May 3.—A boy, seven years of age, while he was on the farm of Samuel Turner, 10 miles north of here, was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon and killed. The team he was also killed.

USIAN ELECTIONS. ersburg, May 3.—Several more held their election for members of the national parliament today. In the results were given to the constitutional party, and elected candidates of other parties, however, are not all other issues to the one of evidence of the spirit reigning among the members elected in force in the despatch from Vancouver.

T. B. A. IN TEXAS. Texas, May 3.—Commercial "knights of the grip," are on an every train, and before it is anticipated that all of the representatives of the Travelers' association will have arrived here with their baggage, and the arrangements for the stay of the "drummers" are elaborate. The social program tonight will be for the visitors at the Rice hotel. The sessions begin tomorrow morning in the evening the annual banquet will be held.

THEMATICAL FORGER. Standard Works Gets Ten in Kansas Penitentiary. A City, May 3.—Michael Angelo, a former college professor of a standard work on optics, was convicted of forgery of a check for \$200, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

THE OIL TRUST. ington, May 3.—The statement that the department of justice had begun an investigation of the relations of the Standard Oil Company with the railroads, with a view to determining whether there were violations of anti-trust laws, has been reported by the commission recently submitted to the president in a report of Commissioner of the bureau of corporations, which soon is to be made public.

MISSISSIPPI PEDAGOGUES. Capital Scene of Teachers' Gathering. on, Miss., May 3.—Practically every county of the state is fully represented among the hundreds of teachers who are taking possession of the capital for the annual convention of the Mississippi State Teachers' association.

MANCHURIAN TRADE. Chinese Government Gives Notice of Opening of Ports. Washington, D. C., May 5.—The Chinese government has given notice that it will open certain Manchurian ports and interior cities to the world's trade only after it has completed the preparation of regulations for the government of the ports.

CONCLUDING SESSIONS. Synod of B. C. —Alberts at Vancouver Completes Business. Vancouver, May 4.—Today's sessions were received and adopted asking the general assembly to divide the synod into two, with boundaries coterminous with those of the two provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

GENERAL SUMMARY. High school, divisions 1 and 6. Boys' school, division 1. Girls' school, division 4. North Ward, division 4. South Park, divisions 1 and 3. V. West, 211.33. Spring Ridge, division 1. Kingston Street, division 1.

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Advertisement for School Statistics for the past month. Includes text: 'CAPTURED THE FULL DRESS TRADE', 'SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR PAST MONTH', 'Attendance at Victoria West Placed That School in the Lead.', and a table of school statistics.

Advertisement for Dickens' 'Little Dorrit'. Includes text: 'DICKENS' "LITTLE DORRIT." Mother of Canadian Alderman Was Original Character.', and a list of names and addresses.