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JAPAN'S FINANCES.

The secret of the system of finance adopted in St. John during the past few years has been discovered. It was borrowed from Japan. For some time the Minister of Finance in the Eastern Country has been following a policy exactly like that which has been revealed here, only of course on a much larger scale. The results have been equally unfortunate. Japan now finds herself in the position that she is unable to pay her debts and there is grave fear that unless some proper reorganization of the finances is made immediately the country's credit abroad will suffer. The first domestic war loan amounting to \$50,000,000 falls due in July. If the outlined plan of meeting this and other amounts had been followed there would now be on hand a sinking fund of not less than \$50,000,000 the total amount being completed by certain sums still coming due. Instead of this the government has expended the sinking fund in public ownership schemes so that there is now not more than a million dollars to meet the bond issue of fifty million. The downfall of the ministry is feared if the true state of affairs becomes generally known to the people, and in order to prevent this the Finance Minister and others of the cabinet are endeavoring to devise a scheme by which the crisis may be passed. A proposal has just been made to the bondholders to induce thousands of private individuals and small firms throughout the country to reinvest their subscriptions in a new issue of nine per cent. The loan now coming due is at 5 per cent. and the very fact that the government is prepared to allow double the rate of interest is taken as an admission that the bonds cannot be met because the sinking fund is deficient. This new scheme is offered as an inducement to bondholders to rewrite rather than to demand hard cash and it is anticipated that a large number will do so and that the government will be free from the necessity of handing out money to everyone who subscribed. Bankers and other financial men are taking from this that the government is endeavoring to dodge its obligations to settle the 5 per cent. issue. The belief is that the Minister of Finance is prepared to rewrite the loan in its entirety, which is practically an admission that the country is unable to pay its debt to the people. If this were not the case there would be no reason for the tempting offer of 9 per cent. which is now made. The national debt of Japan is \$1,108,500,000 and the government by its announced policy of rewriting the various loans making up this debt at higher rates of interest is only involving itself more deeply. The failure of the government to pay promptly and in cash the first of these loans will seriously affect the nation's credit and make it very difficult to raise any further loans abroad. The net deficit for this year will be \$60,000,000 and an extraordinary tax has been imposed amounting to \$8.00 per head, a very serious demand from people whose average income is not more than \$4 per month.

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He must have a face that will attract dogs and babies. Beauty is no object. He must have just money enough to know where the next meal is coming from, and not enough so that he can live without working.

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do it at once and where the advantage is in having them continue the performance, while asleep Dr. Randall does not explain. This hypnotic idea of his will scarcely take the place of the carpet slipper.

"It haint no use to grumble and complain, It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice; When God sorts out the weather and sends rain, W'y, rain's my choice."

A SONG FOR MAY.

Awake! arise! gray dreams and slumber scoring,  
For every dawning looking on the east  
Is portal to the banquet hall this morn-ing  
Where May doth call her lovers to her feast.

Lo! as it were a pledging, goblet, glowing,  
In her rose fingers over which do run  
The golden bubbles poured to overflowing,  
Up, up, she lifts the sun!

Oh, drink with her this airy wine of spring,  
Sweet philtre for all hearts on earth to be!  
That from her hands her winged breezes bring,  
Sweet philtre for all hearts on earth to be!

How, hailing it, the waves go carolling  
On the sea,  
See how dull earth, meek flower and stately tree,  
Where the breezes haste it,  
Rejoice that they may taste it,  
Shall we then, slumbering, waste it—  
This draught of ecstasy?

O lovers all, in this sweet wine I pledge you and your love and mine—  
Up, up with you!  
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# SIGNS OF SPRING WHICH THE NATURE FAKERS OVERLOOKED

Buttercups Commit Suicide—Spaniel Fights Mad Dogwood—  
Skunk Cabbage a Fragrant Dish—Singing Trees in Chorus.

JEALOUS OF OLEO.  
CHURNERS, Pa., May 12.—Several Chicago men established an oleomargarine plant near here recently, and all the buttercups died of humiliation and shame.

Previous to that time all the fields were covered with yellow blossoms, and made a beautiful show in the early May days. Cows were so inspired by the lovely sight that they gave the richest milk from which the highest quality of butter was made.

All this was changed when the oleo factory started. The cows in the fields saw their friends and relatives taken into the plant to be converted into butter substitute, and the sight so affected their nervous systems that they plied away and gave about one-half their usual output of milk.

With the buttercups it was worse. For ages they had been looked upon as the emblem of purity, and their pictures were placed upon wrappers by creamery men. The little buttercups could not bear to think of the invasion of oleo.

First, the pretty yellow blossoms near the plant folded their petals and passed away and when the war spread through the neighborhood whole fields of the plants died in a night. Now it is impossible to find a flower within five miles of the factory.

SPANIEL BATTLES WITH DOGWOOD.  
HOUNDSVILLE, Pa., May 12.—Now that the dogwood is in bloom many children are afraid to venture into the woods; the bark of the dogwood frightens them into hysterics.

Two children of Thomas Underwood went out yesterday to gather some myrrh, taking with them a pet spaniel. The animal strayed away from them, and after a short while they were attracted by his frantic yelps.

The children ran in the direction of the sound and came upon the spaniel engaged in a terrific battle with a dogwood that had apparently gone mad. The struggle was a fierce one, but the plucky spaniel fought with such valor that he finally tore off several of the dogwood's limbs, and in its crippled condition it could not inflict much damage upon the pet.

The youngsters finished the work by beating the dogwood's bark until there was not enough left to make even a whine. In a short time the vicious thing was dead, and the spaniel and children went home.

THIS NEW CABBAGE  
STIRS NEIGHBORS.  
PHAKUS, Pa., May 12.—Several remarkable incidents, which attracted something more than passing notice, took place here during the last few days.

A joker presented several heads of a long-fangled cabbage to Mrs. Samuel Smeltz, with the suggestion that she try it for dinner. The highly respected and unsuspecting woman, perceiving that the trees in a kettle and started to cook it.

In a few minutes the neighbors were aroused, and the coroner was hurriedly sent for to find the corpse. He found that Mrs. Smeltz was cooking skunk cabbage.

Abner Slicer, while chopping down a tree, noticed that his axe refused to cut. Each stroke slipped off to one side, and finally in one slip his left leg was badly cut. Mr. Slicer then discovered that he was dealing with a slippery tree, which explained everything.

During a recent thunder storm a large number of milk weeds were reported to have turned sour.

LOCUST TREE SONG IS LIKE INSECTS.  
LOCUST GAP, Pa., May 12.—In a few weeks the locust will be in bloom, and the residents of this community are looking forward to that time with much dread, for it is a peculiar fact that the trees of the variety give no rest to persons who live near them.

They are singing locusts, and they buzz and hum very like the winged insects of the same name.

Last June several persons who lived near a large grove of the trees were compelled to move away because of the noise. All the time that the trees were in bloom they sang night and day, and only quit when the blossoms dropped off.

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have their medicinal values. The mint employed in getting money out of mint is to crush the plants and distill until the oil passes off. The product is then shipped to the city markets.

Some mint is used to concoct juleps and still more mint is used to decorate and flavor spring lamb. In fact, any way it is used it represents money.

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"INVALIDES" SURVIVE

Peace Makes a Revolution in  
Paris Veterans' Asylum.

The Government Already Uses Most of the  
Building Where Napoleon Is  
Entombed for Offices.

There are only twenty-seven of the old soldiers of France left in the Hotel des Invalides in Paris, well known to tourists as the building that contains the tomb of Napoleon I. About a hundred years ago there were 28,000 mutilated veterans of the Napoleonic wars in the institution. The maximum was in 1812.

Times of peace have reduced the number of those qualified for admission in the last thirty-five years to almost nothing. Already public officers have invaded the great pile of buildings so that the survivors are crowded into a corner. The offices of the colonial division of the army, the army and artillery museums and various bureaus of army administration keep

# For Fashion's Followers

OUR SHOES ARE ALWAYS ATTRACTIVE

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the place in a constant bustle, and the government is waiting impatiently for the last veteran to die so that it can completely utilize the buildings.

Several propositions have been made to set rid of the survivors. It was proposed to give private and non-commissioned officers pensions of \$50 a year—a big figure for France—and officers more in proportion and turn them out to shift for themselves. There was a cry of indignation from all France. A majority of the old men had no one to look after them.

So there they are still. There is one field officer, Commandant Gaillois, three lieutenants and twenty-three non-commissioned officers and privates. Rooms and a mess hall have been reserved for the officers. The privates live and sleep in the ordinary proper and its kitchens suffice for all. Besides these features, which are good and liberal, the uniforms of the house, not unlike a Prussian infantry soldier's with its long tailed coat and hat cap, they receive a little pocket money, from 40 cents a day for the Commandant down to five cents for the private.

Once every inmate had a garden and there were duties—a watch was kept day and night over the tomb of the great Emperor. Now that all is past and gone. The old men are simply waiting for the last call.

The institution, which dates from 1874 when Louis XIV. and his Minister, Colbert, established it, began the buildings and provided for its endowment, has an inconceivable time tradition. One of its oddities was the woman soldier Angeline Marie Joseph Duchemin, who was admitted in 1797, when she was 25 years of age, and died there in 1859. She enlisted in the Forty-Second Regiment of Infantry in 1792 in place of her husband, whose name was Julien, and who had been killed in action. She was made corporal inside a year and rose to the rank of sergeant.

In command of a post with twenty-two men at Lunio, Corsica, she made a heroic resistance to a vastly superior force of English. At Gerso, May 24, 1794, she escaped at night from the heavily pressed fort and ran to Calvi. Finding no men there, she induced sixty women to find guns and ammunition and follow her back to the fort the next night. With this re-enforcement the enemy were beaten off, but it was the end of Angeline's soldiering. She had a sabre cut in the right arm and a bayonet thrust through the left. So crippled, they sent her to the Invalides.

On June 21, 1850, a sergeant named Kolombesi, a Pole, was admitted. He had papers establishing that he was 125 years old. He had been wounded at Fontenoy and Tsoebach, but did not receive a pension for a hundred years, when he had no one left in the world. He died soon after his admission. The great tragedy of the hotel was

on March 30, 1814, just before the allies entered Paris after Napoleon had been consigned to Elba. On that day the Governor caused the destruction of all the flags and other trophies captured from the other nations of Europe in various wars, which were gathered at the Invalides under guardianship of the veterans.

All the inmates were assembled in the Court of Honor about a huge pyre which the servants had prepared. On this were laid 1,500 captured standards, the trumpets sounded the charge as the great Frederick leaped out of the fire, but a pitiless veteran picked it up and threw it back and it was destroyed. The scene lasted ten minutes. The twisted iron reles were thrown into the scene, but they were fished out again in 1828 and since 1853 they have been grouped in a trophy as one of the ornaments of Napoleon's tomb.

KILLED AND CREMATED  
IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

PARRY SOUND, May 12.—George Haining and his stepson Levi Sutton, farmers of Carling township, who were riding on Canadian Pacific Railway work train, were killed in collision five miles north of here last evening. Two of the crew were injured. The bodies were burned in the wreck.

TRIAL IN PARIS  
FOR AMERICAN MURDER

PARIS, May 12.—Paul L. Roy, the French husband of the American woman known as "Gladie Galla," who is charged by his wife with the murder of her brother George A. Carkins, near Portsmouth, N. H., was brought up today before M. Boudard, the examining magistrate. The judge pointed out to Roy that his wife and Mrs. Carkins had declared in a deposition that George A. Carkins was not armed at the time of his death as Roy claimed and that they had agreed to say Carkins had committed suicide because they feared Roy would otherwise kill them. Roy submitted in response that the local coroner had found a revolver in Carkins's hand. That the two women did not fear him, Roy contended, was evidenced by the fact that they accompanied him to New York when he left for France.

Does not Color the Hair  
Stops Falling Hair  
AYER'S HAIR VIGOR