

MARVELS OF SKILL IN IVORY CARVING

The finest ivory carvings in the world are made in Japan. If your treasure should become broken and the pieces are not lost they can be repaired. The dismembered fragments must be fitted in place, and held there by a cement which is not affected by moisture. A cement which cannot hold its own in spite of moisture, is of no use, and for this reason—ivory must have water in order to preserve its beauty. Exposure to the dry air any length of time causes fine lateral cracks to appear, and when they come your masterpiece is ruined forever.

By wetting a bit of cotton flannel and wrapping it about your ivory carving you can close the cracks, but once the piece is exposed to the dry air again the cracks open. And just here is a case where "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Keep your ivory carvings in a glass case in which there should always be a wet sponge or a saucer of water.

By way of illustration as to the possibilities of the Japanese expert restorer, suppose your ivory carving represents a hunter, his gun and game bag. A dead bird, too large for his game bag, is slung over his shoulder, while a wounded live bird is held by a cord tied around its leg.

The wounded bird is squalling with fear and pain. The skillful Japanese artist has been able to separate the upper and lower bills of the bird, showing clearly that the mouth is open, although the bills are not much thicker or wider than the point of a stub steel pen.

If by any accident one or both of the bills have been broken off and lost, the Japanese importer can send the piece back to his own country, perhaps to the very artist who made the carving, and in due time have the treasure returned to its owner in all its former beauty.

Now, this is what the Japanese carver has done: He has carved out a new bill, and with the tiniest dowl pin attached it. A correspondingly small hole has been made in the bird's head, and a joining of the two parts has been so skillfully done that the keenest eye cannot detect the break.

No American or European "restorer" would have either the ability or the patience to do this, but even if his patience and skill should be found equal to the demand, if he is an honest and well-informed man he would not undertake the work for you. He knows he could not live on the price for which you could get the work done if you sent him where to mend it. It is only in Oriental countries where living is cheap, that this is possible.

In Japan no carvings are made in

factories. The artist works in his own studio. At the bottom of the piece when it is finished the maker carves his name, initials or sign. In due time this distinguishing mark comes handy when the commercial value with art dealers, just as the name of a great writer has with editors and publishers.

In Tokyo there is an art school in which an average of about 500 pupils a year study art under different masters. In ivory carving there are native teachers, but in this the Japanese are but following out the rule which governs their conduct in all matters of education and progress. That is, the person who is best fitted for the profession is given the chair.

In other branches of art taught in the Tokyo schools European and American masters are employed, but for ivory carving the Japanese, for the simple reason that they have no equals at that particular work. Moreover, the best ivory carvings, even in Japan, come from Tokyo and its environs.

It would be well for all those who are not connoisseurs in ivory to purchase these costly bits of a well-known and reputable dealer for near-ivory carvings are sometimes made of the bones of an enormous fish which is caught in the waters about Japan. This fish the Japanese call chachi. The bones of the chachi are not as hard as ivory, and consequently the most valuable carvings are not attempted on them, although they are used for a coarser grade of work.

The bones of the chachi will take on a fine polish, and where articles made from them are sitting on the same shelf with others made of real ivory, the resemblance is so close as to deceive all except experts.

The length of time which a Japanese artist must give to his apprenticeship work upon ivory before he can become sufficiently skilled to earn a living at his chosen profession depends upon a number of things, such for instance, as natural taste and industry.

In this, as in other arts, but few ever become great, but if a carver, after he shall have been under his master's instructions for five years, has reached the place where his works will sell, which by no means must be taken to imply that he can tell enough of them to live on the proceeds, he has no reason to be ashamed of himself or feel discouraged as to the progress he has made.

But the man must be made of that kind of stuff which loves art for art's sake, for his work will always be but poorly paid. Though a little piece not more than four inches high may retail in America and European art stores at a price ranging between \$50 and \$150, but a small part of this sum ever reaches the Japanese artist.

Those hair-fine carvings tell their own story of the weeks and months of patient labor expended in their making.

FILIPINOS GAIN NEW CONFIDENCE IN ISLAND RULE

Birth of a Nation Is Seen At Manila.

Manila, Sept. 23.—To all intent and purpose the Filipinos today are self-governing—and, taking everything in consideration, they are doing a fairly satisfactory job.

Most of the work of running these scattered islands with their 11,000,000 people is in the hands of the Filipinos. There are still a few seats of American officials, but they are retained because the Filipinos themselves want them to remain. Of the different government bureaus, only those of education, audit, and science are headed by Americans.

Veto Seized Used.

Governor-General Harrison has tremendous powers of veto, but he has exercised them very little. He and the other American Government officials here have attempted to carry out the full spirit rather than the letter of the Jones law.

There has always been a certain amount of silent pressure exerted which has tended to steady the local government and to smooth out the most glaring defects.

There have been and are great defects in the Philippine Government. In the first place, it is an autocratic one party Government with the real power pretty well centered in two men—the president and the speaker of the House. Outside of the ranks of this one Nationalist party there has been little opposition and it has resulted in the party being the Government. The one thing that has tended to steady things down has been a silent, continued struggle for power between the two leaders, Quezon and Osmeña.

Filipino Takes Reins.

The Jones law, passed by Congress a few years ago, pledged independence to the islands when "a stable government" has been established, but, with the exception of strong veto powers of the governor-general, gave practical autonomy to the islands.

Following this law and the arrival of the present governor-general, the majority of the American officials either resigned or were shown the way out, and the reins of government were turned over to the Filipinos.

It is true that the Government has far too much favoritism and party loyalty, and there is unquestionably a good deal of bribery and graft and numerous election frauds. But these are all the ills of young countries, and there is no fundamental reason why the islands cannot eventually outgrow these evils.

Scheme of Government.

Under the Jones law, the islands are governed by the Philippine Legislature, consisting of an upper house of 24 senators, elected for six terms, and a lower house of 90 members, elected for three-year terms. Executive powers of appointment and veto are placed in the hands of the governor-general, who is appointed by the president of the United States.

The different provinces, corresponding to American states, have locally elected governors, while the 300,000 non-Christian people of the islands are ruled by governors appointed by the governor-general.

Present Policy Criticized.

Both in the matter of appointment and veto the present governor-general has bent to the wishes of the Filipinos. It is understood that he came under definite instruction from President Wilson to make the islands actually self-governing. This policy has brought down upon him the most intense criticism of the American businessmen here. But it has resulted in giving the Filipinos several years of practically full governing experience.

As they have been during the twenty years of American civil government, the islands are self-supporting. The Government of the United States has spent no money here except for the upkeep of the United States army and navy and for purely military purposes. What might be called the insular government has always paid his own bills out of Philippine revenues.

MARRIED MAN'S AMOURS

Letters From Girls He Deceived Whilst In Army.

London, Sept. 23.—Disclosures with regard to a married man's conduct whilst serving in the Army were made at Leeds during the hearing of a case in which Lily Kilbey, of Belmont place, Chorley-lane, Leeds, asked for a separation and maintenance order against her husband, William Kilbey. The parties had been married 12 years, and there are three children. On August 4, explained applicant, her husband received a letter and a photograph from a girl, and, after some words, he attempted to strangle her. Their daughter got him away, and she then left the house—Mr. Maude, representing applicant, read two remarkable letters defendant had received from two different young women—one at Portsmouth, and the other at Reading. One of them was as follows:

Dear Billy,—Your letter received this morning. You have been deceitful all the ten months you have kept me company. You knew you were married, and still you led me on, pretending to be a single man, keeping me from decent men. I suppose you will be surprised to know I have got a letter in my possession from your wife to you that you left behind at hospital when you left for Winchester. Well, Billy, you have been a scoundrel and I put all my love and confidence in you. I gave you all a good girl can give money on you, haven't I? I have suffered. Why not you? If you had any respect for your wife no other girl would trouble you. I don't see why you should call me darling, as you belong to another.—Yours truly,

The other letter read: Dear Billy,—Just a line in answer to your letter, which I can assure you I was more than surprised to receive. Well, in the first place, I have heard too many tales about you since you left Reading. You always made out to me you were a man that had nothing to do with other women, which, of course, as I know myself, was absolutely untrue. You are a bad, wicked man, and, as you know, I am justified in saying so. I will say good-bye, and I hope, please God, you will get a better man.

The bench granted a separation, and ordered Kilbey to pay his wife 25s a week.



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