CHANGES IN JAPAN.

The Japanese in European Dress is a Ridiculous Figure.

A London Times correspondent finds it "difficult to speak with patience of the intended change in Japanese dress. The Japanese, man or woman, in native garb is a person of dignity and grace; the average Japanese in European dress is an altogether unlovely and ridiculous figure. Silk hats, frock coats, starched shirt collars, and patent leather shoes, in a climate where, for the greater part of the year, the instinct of the natural man is to don the airiest garments he can find, have been painfully familiar of late years in Japan; but until now the women retained the becoming and charming native dress which they and their ancestors have worn for scores of generations. But the ukase has gone forth, the empress in future will wear European dress on state occasions, and lately gave an order for £40,000 worth of dresses, partly, it appears in Paris, partly in Berlin. Ladies of the court will appear in the same "foreign garb," while for the present other ladies can take their choice. Naturally enough, the choice will be the dress of the court. All this forms the seamy and unpleasant side of Japanese progress. Those who wish Japan to stand well in the eyes of the world, who are firm believers in the solidity and permanence of her progress, and who have faith in her future, grieve at exhibitions like this of her fickleness, instability and lack of a sense of dignity which in other directions they have shown they possess. The rest of the world laughs and sneers at a whole people casting off the picturesque and fitting dress of its forefathers and masquerading in the garments which of all others are most unsuited to them, to their climate, and mode of life. Men ask what guarantee there is for the permanence of reform among a people who can be guilty of such follies and absurdities as these. The stolidity, obstinacy, and impassiveness of the Chinaman are respectable qualities when compared with these apish antics of the Japanese. One stray crumb of comfort is that this crazy taste for European dress cannot go very far. In a country where there are no chairs and people squat on the floor where no table is more than six inches high; where boots must be removed outside the door lest they should soil the mats, which are tables, tablecloths, seats, couches, carpets, beds and bedding, all in one; where grooms speed along on foot and keep up with their masters on horseback; where the laborer toils half the year in the rice fields up to his middle in mud and water; where the artisans and handicraftsmen work at their vocations in a state of semi-nudity, and where the first impulse of everyone, male and female, about to exert themselves, is to cast away the upper half of their garments—in such a country, happily, the unpicturesque, inconvenient Philistine dress of the West can never be naturalized, unless the whole face of social life and manners, and even of nature herself, be changed.

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Emblems of Mourning.

From the N. Y. Mail and Express.

The recent death of Bishop Potter and the draping of the churches in the diocese in purple and black as emblems of mourning, the former being the appropriate color for a bishop, have occasioned considerable inquiry as to the various colors used for mourning. The following facts are, therefore, not without interest. Black is intended to express the absence of light and joy—the midnight gloom of sorrow. It is the color of mourning in Europe as well as in this country. It was also used for the same purpose in ancient Greece and in the Roman Empire. Black and white striped is the mourning of the South Sea Islanders, signifying sorrow mingled with hope. The Romans during the republic wore dark blue for mourning, and purple and violet to express royalty—"kings and priests to God." The cardinals and kings of France have always been mourned for by the use of purple, and this use of the color has been handed down to the present time. It is said that the purple signifies the "blue" or aristocratic blood of the deceased. White is the emblem of hope, and still prevails for all mourning in China. In England and this country it is used for children, to denote purity. Henry VIII. wore white for Anne Boleyn. The ladies of ancient Rome and Sparta also wore white when occasion required, and up to the year 1498 it was the emblem of mourning in Spain. In England it is still customary to wear white silk hat bands for the unmarried. Grayish brown is the color used in Ethiopia,—the color of the earth to which the dead returns. In Persia pale brown is used, while sky blue, to express the assurance that the deceased has gone to heaven, is the color used in Syria, Cappadocia, Armenia and Turkey. A deep blue is used in Bokhara. Yellow is the sere, and yellow leaf, the color of mourning in Egypt and Burmah, where it is also the color of the monastic orders; while in Brittany the widows' caps among the peasantry are all made of yellow. It will be remembered that Anne Boleyn wore yellow mourning for Catharine of Aragon.

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Valuables in the Mire.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

"You would be surprised," said a well-known offal contractor to a reporter recently, "at the large number of valuables found in the city's dumping-grounds. Although the men in charge of the dumps deny that anything of value is ever found, I can vouch that they don't always tell the truth. Miscellaneous articles, such as silver teaspoons, knives and forks, shoes and clothing, in good and bad condition, are picked up daily, but it frequently happens that gold watches and diamonds are among the valuables found. Dead babies a few years ago were not an uncommon occurrence. In the Government grounds 10 cents is charged for each load dumped.

"Articles of an unusual character are only found in the ashes and swill refuse. Ladies washing dishes will drop rings in the swill, and by the time they have missed them the swill will be on its way to the dumping-ground or the piggeries. Diamonds from earrings and rings are lost in the same manner. In London the contract for examining ashes and swill is awarded to the highest bidder. The method employed by the contractor to ascertain whether any articles of value are contained in the rubbish is a novel one. The carts are dumped on a screen which, after having become filled, is elevated into the air. A dozen men dressed in rubber suits, without pockets, are set to work on the screen. These men go over the ashes and offal carefully, and in case anything valuable is found it is turned over at once to the contractor or superintendent. As the workmen wear pocketless clothing, they can secure nothing about their persons. After the ashes have been thoroughly screened they are covered and a new lot examined.

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—Volumes of bombast have been published about the multifarious and irreconcilable effects of many proprietary remedies. The proprietors of Northrop and Lyman's Vegetable Discovery content themselves with facts susceptible of proof. They state their Purifier to be what it has proved itself to be, an eradicator of dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney troubles, and a fine general alterative.

A MAD KING'S FREAKS.

How Otto of Bavaria Wears the Queer Cap of His Brother.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

A gentleman who recently arrived in this city from Bavaria, where he made an extended visit, tells some interesting anecdotes of the mad King of Bavaria. To a party of friends, the other evening, he said; "King Otto, aside from his mental ailment, is in a perfect state of health and liable to live for many years to come. Of large stature and heavy build, guarded by every attention that money can suggest and science can invent, King Otto will probably outlive many aspirants for the throne. His insanity is not inherited, the Munich people claim, but was caused by his excesses in Italy, where he was taken when a mere boy. On some points he is perfectly sane, and on others his mind is a total blank. In one of his lucid moments the news of his brother's sad death reached him. He understood the outcome of it and at once prepared to attend the funeral. In another moment he had forgotten all else save that he was King of Bavaria. By his order placards were hung up in his saloon labeled 'Otto, King of Bavaria,' and summoning his attendants he formed them into line, and as each in his turn approached him with bended knee he would ask the question: 'Who am I?' 'Your Majesty King of Bavaria,' they would reply. This would be his pleasure for hours at a time, and for weeks he was satisfied to think himself a king. Much of his comfort was due to King Ludwig, for despite his isolation from the world he never forgot his monthly visits to his demented brother, and every kindness was lavished upon him that the king could devise.

"While the Bavarian people laugh at the idiosyncrasies of Otto, it is with tears in their eyes that they refer to the vagaries of Ludwig. Beloved by court and peasant alike, there are many who will not believe that their monarch was an imbecile. Eccentric, passionate, self-willed, a king at 18 years of age, he had many faults, but there are those abroad who will resent the assertion that he was a lunatic. I was in Munich when he died, and I can never forget the weeping men and women, who for days and nights crowded the streets leading to the palace, waiting to get the one last look at his dead face. Police were stationed in the public resorts, and hourly arrests were made of those who publicly expressed a doubt of the dead man's sanity. Many amusing stories are told of King Ludwig. In early years one of his intimates was Rodbe, the now celebrated German actor, who was then the juvenile man at the Court Theatre. For a time they were inseparable until Rodbe, in an unguarded moment, forgot himself sufficiently to clear his throat in his Majesty's presence. The next morning he received a note from the King in which he was requested to call no more.

"Another odd friendship of Ludwig's was his fondness for Herr Keinz, a young actor now playing in Berlin. Keinz was for a time at the Munich Hof Theatre. While playing the character of Mortimer in 'Mary Stuart,' the King entered his box, and was so much impressed with the actor's performance that he summoned him to his box. From their first meeting dated a strong friendship, and the actor became the King's daily companion. While the King and the actor were on a trip through Switzerland Ludwig requested Keinz to declaim for a party of his friends. This the actor refused to do, as he was suffering from hoarseness. 'I, as the King, command you!' 'There is no refusal,' said Ludwig. But the actor still refused, and thus their friendship was not only broken, but Keinz was banished. He afterward attempted to publish the letters that the King had written him, but they were of such a nature that after the first two had been printed their further publication was suppressed by the Government. This action on the part of Keinz reflected on him to such an extent that he was expelled from the Bavarian Court Theatre."

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A King in His Cradle.

From the London Graphic.

The baby King of Spain is a fine handsome child who enjoys robust health, and does credit to the immense amount of care with which he is surrounded. Though court etiquette requires that the 6-month-old Alphonso XIII should be treated with the most rigid ceremony, his mother will never call him "the King," unless on very strict occasions, but uses the simple term of "my child." His Majesty has his own vast suite of apartments next to those of the Queen Regent, and a special guard keeps his bedroom door at night. His foster-mother, the sturdy peasant Raymunda, feeds and amuses the baby; but he is washed and dressed according to traditional ceremony by a bevy of ladies of honor, under the direction of his "gov-ness," who held the same office toward his father. Doctors visit the baby twice daily, and every day he drives out with his governess and Raymunda—sometimes with the Queen. In court ceremonies Raymunda must not carry the King; that is the duty of the Mistress of the Robes or of his aunt, the Infanta Isabella. Queen Christina is a most devoted mother, spending all her spare time with her boy, and the Infanta Isabella is equally attached to her nephew.

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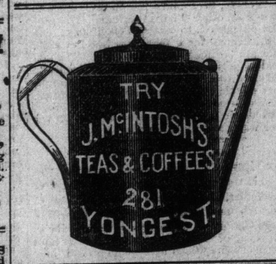

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