

in cold cash. The man who carries a goodly sum of life assurance is, other things being equal, a much better man to society than the man who carries none, and worries about the future welfare of himself and family. Worry and anxiety are not conducive to enlargement of character, but rather the opposite, and the man who is the victim is not doing his duty to his fellow-men and society in general. One who carries a large amount of life assurance told us, a short time ago, that since he placed his assurance he has been a much better man. His life, he declared, is larger, and the mental energy he used to waste regarding the financial future of himself and his family is now turned to other channels and to better uses. He also stated that, as a matter of fact, he now gives more money to philanthropic purposes, because he knows exactly how much to give without impairing his future store. In this too brief life a man wants to throw off all the encumbrances that are possible, and when he decides to give life assurance a place, he frees himself, to a very large extent, of a great burden. Sometimes, of course, we meet men who have no life assurance, or provision made for their own future welfare or that of their dependent ones, and are still unconcerned. But these are not the men whom the world counts great, nor are they men who think deeply, for we believe it is impossible for a man who is at all thoughtful to neglect these things.

A Land of Flowers.

The lover of flowers finds Japan his paradise. The chrysanthemum show, held in the Dangozaka quarter at Tokyo in October of each year, is the greatest show in the world. It is not an uncommon sight, we are told, to see single stalks of chrysanthemums from six to

ten feet high, with from four hundred to one thousand flowers springing from a single stem, and with exquisite varieties of color. On the front page of this issue is an engraving of a garden of the beautiful iris, which has its home in Japan. It is in Japan also that the wisteria is in its element. Japan is truly called the "Flowery Kingdom," for it is a veritable summer garden of flowers.



(Japanese Proverbs, continued.)

The fortune-teller cannot tell his own fortune.

A narrow-minded man or bigot looks at the heavens through a reed, or a needle's eye.

Our "Cat in a strange garret" is metamorphosed into the more dignified figure of

A hermit in the market-place.

GENERAL PROVERBS.

The fly seeks out the diseased spot, as people do in their neighbor's character.

By losing, gain.

Give opportunity to genius.

To give an iron club to a devil is to give riches to a bad man.

Every one suffers either from his pride or sinfulness.

Birds flock to the thick branches.

The fox borrowed the tiger's power.

Give wings to a tiger.

Having inquired seven times, believe the common report.

Talk of a person and his shadow appears.

The mouth is the door of disease.

The decree of the mikado is like perspiration; it can never go back.

If in a hurry, go round.

The spawn of frogs will become but frogs.

By saving one cash (one one-hundredth of a cent), lose a hundred (one tempo). Cash wise, tempo foolish. (Our "Penny wise, pound foolish.")

The walls have ears. Pitchers have spouts.

Deaf men speak loudly.

You cannot rivet a nail in potato custard.

The rat-catching cat hides her claws.

If you keep a tiger, you will have nothing but trouble.

An ugly woman shuns the looking-glass.

Who steals money, is killed; who steals a country, is a king.