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JAPANESE SCHOOL IN THE OLDEN TIMES.

This amusing picture represents one of the old-fashioned Japanese schools—now becoming out of date. There are now throughout the empire many thousands of schools taught in a much better manner than this. There is a

cat by the tail. The poor old master seems to have his hands full with his rather turbulent crowd of pupils.

MAKING HER THINGS LAST.

EVERY housekeeper knows how careful treatment keeps table linen and household furniture. Girls do not

last without looking shabby, but I ceased to do so after I had visited her in her own home. The reason why her clothes wore so long was that she took such good care of them. Her dresses were brushed and folded away carefully, and the slightest spot on them was removed as soon as it was

that impressed me most was the care she bestowed upon her ribbons. When making up bows she used to line the upper part of the ribbon with white paper, and this not only prevented the ribbon from becoming limp and creased but kept it clean, so that when the bow was soiled on one side she could



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large model of one in the Normal School Museum at Toronto, which is very interesting. In many higher class schools Western teachers are employed—among them some Canadian teachers of our own Church whose services are highly appreciated. The young Japs in the picture seem as full of mischief as any in Canada, especially the youngster who has the

always know or remember that great care of their own little possessions will often enable them to dress nicely on very little money. A lady says: "When I was a girl there was one of my young friends who was distinguished for "making her things last." Her dress, hats, gloves, and ribbons were a marvel of durability. I used to wonder how she used to make them

discovered. Her hat was put away in a box as soon as done with, the string and laces being straightened and rolled out most symmetrically each time. Her gloves were never folded together, but were pulled out straight and laid flat in a box, one upon the other, each time they were used, the tiniest hole being mended almost before it had time to show itself. But the thing

turn the ribbon, and the part that had been covered came out looking new and fresh. That girl married and brought up a large family. Her husband had to fight his way, and did so bravely, and was usually successful, for he became wealthy. But his prosperity was due quite as much to his wife's care and economy in saving money as it was to his making it.