

## THE ORIENT'S WED THE OCCIDENT

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*The Orient's wed the Occident,  
The bridegroom and his bride  
In holy, happy wedlock  
Are evermore allied.*

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The Japs are curious creatures,  
Such funny little blokes ;  
Despite their sombre features  
They have their subtle jokes.

They say their Navy's English,  
We taught them how to shoot,  
To rule the ribald ocean,  
To raid, to sack, to loot.

Their Army's "made in Germany,"  
She taught them how to plan.  
They had no need for strategy  
In simple old Japan.

They studied in America  
Its frenzied high finance,  
With its devious horticulture ;  
Their Art—they took from France.

For all which gifts they're grateful  
And fain would be polite —  
Of course they own 'twas Russia  
First taught them how to fight.

*The Orient's wed the Occident  
By subtle grace subdued,  
It was our wondrous witchery  
His failing strength renewed.*