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CORRUPTION IN AUSTRALIA

Ex-Minister of Mines Sentenced to 42 Months' Imprisonment

...Sydney, April 22.—The specific proofs were lacking, it has long been notorious that certain members of the New South Wales parliament, acting as land agents, were in the habit of abusing their political influence by corruptly obtaining from the lands department important concessions for clients...

MARSHALL P. WILDER IN JAPAN

Famous Little Humorist Finds Much That is Amusing and Instructive in the Conquering Nation and Its Ways.

Japan is a land of unrealities. No matter where you go ashore you feel as if you were gazing at everything thru the wrong end of an opera glass.

The entire landscape is a Japanese fan, somewhat enlarged, and the inhabitants resemble a lot of mechanical dolls. The people, especially the men, are of childlike status and appeal to your sympathies while they cradle your ears by titling about on wooden clogs that scrape the pavements with a rasping, grating sound.

Japanese oysters are no bigger than a quarter; raw clams are about the size of a dime, though they are as cocky as the biggest ones you can buy at Coney Island.

Japanese streets are fascinating, for they are full of life and color, especially of color. It makes you feel as if you had tumbled into a shipload of Chinese lanterns, all lighted and in full swing.

One reason the streets are full of children is that the youngsters are turned out of doors early in the morning so that their mothers may "clean house" — a job that seems to take all day, for the Japs are painfully, agonizingly neat — so neat that if you blow a speck of dust from your sleeve in one of their houses you wouldn't be surprised to see the owner run for a dustpan and brush.

There are shops, too — small ones, of course, so small that whole front has to be opened to let you get in. Near the front is a sliding paper screen, which is supposed to shut off the owner's home, but as this screen is generally open the visitor can see all he likes of the domestic ways of people and sometimes more than he likes.

Struggles with English

English is quite generally spoken; at least the natives think it is. The street boys find it useful, for their own language contains no slang or "cuss" words.

After I thought myself fairly up in this lingo I was brought to a standstill one day by my ricksha man pointing to a large house, surrounded by soldiers barracks and saying "Quannon." After repeating this word several times without any apparent impression on my understanding, he appealed to passer-by whose pronunciation enabled me to know that "compagnon" was what the other man was trying to say.

Like everything Japanese, is picturesque. One butcher shop displays the sign "Beefandhenmeat." In a Tokio Jeweler's window I read, "The Watches Shop," and on a fence at the top of a hill it was faced by the warning: "AS DANGER IS, SHOULD NOT THROW THE STONES."

For some one of my sins — I must have been an awful one — I was condemned to spend a night in a Japanese sleeping car, and that night will always stand out in my memory as the most uncomfortable one I ever survived.

The compartment was full, and one occupant, a German officer in full uniform, including sword, spurs, and a huge fur-lined overcoat, packed the car still further with a huge satchel, a large flat hamper, and a packing box.

Had sleep been possible in such circumstances the frequent stops would have put it to flight, for whenever a station was reached, no matter how late the hour, a horde of vendors of lunch boxes, tea, hot milk, tobacco, &c., began to cry their wares in tones like the wailings of lost souls.

Yet there were alleviations, for at any station, one could buy a pot of hot tea for three cents, about a cent and a half, and real Japanese tea deserves affectionate consideration.

HONEST CONFESSION

A Doctor's Talk on Food.

There are no fairer set of men on earth than the doctors, and when they find they have been in error they are usually apt to make honest and manly confession of the fact.

"I had always had an intense prejudice, which I can now see was unreasonable and unmeasurable, against all merely advertised foods. Hence, I never read a line of the many 'ads.' of Grape-Nuts nor tested the food till last winter.

There is no other food that agrees with me so well, or sits so lightly or pleasantly upon my stomach as this does. I am stronger and more active since I began the use of Grape-Nuts than I have been for ten years, and am no longer troubled with nausea and indigestion."

each other. Soldiers departing to the front are always escorted to the railway station by a crowd of men and women who wave Japanese flags; when the train starts the crowd raises a shout that is meant for a cheer, but sounds like a screech.

The Japan larynx is the worst thing in Japan; the people seem unable to raise their voices without making sounds that are simply blood-curdling.

The Japanese are not original — never heard of a "character" in Japan — but as imitators they beat the world. For centuries they imitated China, the only country in reach, borrowing China's arts, industries, customs and even the Chinese manner of writing.

Why They Favor Christianity. They have even taken kindly to religions more modern than their own; there are about 150,000 Christians in Japan, almost equally divided between the Catholic and Protestant faiths.

When a Maiden Marries. Real happiness in married life means that the love rests on a firm basis of congeniality and friendship. Women are sensible and would be happier were the lover not so soon replaced by the prosaic husband.

One great mistake that many a wife makes is the thrusting forward of her own family on all occasions. A man marries a woman for her own sake, not for that of her entire connections, and if he has mother, father, brothers, sisters and consanguinity all the way, he naturally grows weary of it.

The first year of their married life a man and woman should be left to themselves. Even where the greatest love exists, it is hard for two people brought up in widely differing atmospheres to settle down to each other's little ways and peculiarities.

So many girls seem to look on marriage as a grand opportunity to fly about and do things they were not permitted to do in their girlhood days, to spend their husband's money freely and to be allowed a certain freedom in conversation.

PITCAIRN CRITICIZED

Outspoken Remarks on Mutineers' Descendants.

A report on the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island, the descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty, by Mr. R. T. Simons, who was sent on a special mission of investigation by the high commissioner of the Western Pacific, has been issued by the colonial office.

Mr. Simons found seventy-seven males and ninety-two females in the island. He describes them as hard-working, more or less healthy, but exhibiting certain vicious tendencies which religion has been unable to eradicate. They are also, he adds, narrow-minded and unstable.

The island is governed by a president, vice-president, and judge, and seven members of parliament. But the functions of all the members of his government to himself. Mr. McCoy has been president for six years.

ELEVENTH CANADIAN

HORSE SHOW

TORONTO ARMOURIES | FOUR DAYS WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY April 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

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BISHOP DEFENDS STAGE

"The dramatic impulse is too deep, too natural, too universal, too human, and too lovely for me to believe that it is meant for nothing but suppression, that it is nothing but an instrument of Satan, that it has its purpose for the brightening, refining, refreshing and elevating of life."

Every hygienist, and most sensible people (remarks "The Medical Press and Circular"), have anathematized the corset with every epithet in the dictionary, and there is no doubt that of all the follies of woman's dress, the tight corset is not only the most ridiculous, but also the most harmful.

"All the greater, therefore, is the obligation of Christian people to help actors to keep up the standard of their profession, and to make the demands such as would be such as actors can rightly and honorably accept."

"We ought to manipulate in the interests of virtue the influence which is exercised on the character of the supply by the character of the demand. It ought to be done. We ought to bind ourselves to do it. It is one of the cases, of which the simple duty knows a good many, where the simple duty is to be withheld away by every sort of weakness and sophistry. It went, I thought, a little self-denial and, for some, thought, a little of the church's honor, and also for the sake of a profession which men's lives, and often risks itself, for the public service."

LABRADOR MEDICAL MISSION

Dr. Grenfell, superintendent of the Labrador Medical Mission, who gave an address before the Canadian Club, will be in Toronto for some days this week and next, and will hold meetings on Wednesday, April 26, at 3 p.m., in the Y.M.C.A.; at 8 p.m., in the Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale; Thursday, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Church (Episcopal), Bloor-street; Saturday, 8 p.m., St. James-square Presbyterian Church. At the evening meetings illuminated views will be shown. Dr. Grenfell will also speak on Sunday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at Wycliffe College (university service); at 2 p.m., at the Guild Hall, McGill-street; and at 7 p.m., at St. James-square Church. A special meeting at which the lieutenant-governor will take the chair, will be held at the Association Hall on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m., in the interests of the mission.

THE FOLDING BEDDQUIN

Flubb: Where do you spend the summer? Dubb: I'm thinking of going to the island and sleeping out under the sky, like a desert Bedduin; and you? Flubb: Oh, I expect to stick to my folding bedduin in town.

The governor-general will deliver an address to the Associated Charities on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The honorary president, Dr. Goldwin Smith, will introduce the speaker.