"A Fool There Was."

A fool there was and he made his prayer. (Even as you and I)

To a Rag and a Bone and a Hank of Hair; We called her the woman who tid not care, But the Fool-he called her his Lady Fair (Even as you and 1) a tewen ad

# Quake May Lead to New

Type of Construction. Tokio and Yokohama disaster are finally catalogued and analyzed it will probably be found, according to much time in Japan, that one factor in the most densely inhabited region of Japan. Just as the San Francisco earthquake and fire and nearly all similar catastrophies carried with them a moral and a lesson, so also is the Japanese calamity likely to point a way to something better in the future sounder buildings more scientifically constructed, designed according to the pattern of the Occident. This will mean incidentally the importation of vast quantities of building materials such as Canada and the United States are able to provide until such time as. Japan has perfected means of obtaining her requirements at home. Lumber, however, Japan will always probably need and from now on her purchases from Canada should steadily increase. The fact that the majority of the buildings of Tokio and Yokohama were unable to withstand the earth tremor does not mean that scant attention has been given in Japan to the importance of considering the earthquake possibilities when building. Through the centuries Japan has been forced to pay attention to earthquakes and to provide against them. Probably no country in the world has more men trained in the science of seismology than Japan, and many of these men stand in the foremost rank among the earthquake authorities of the world. They have given the advantage of their advice to cities throughout Japan with the result that nearly all Jananese cities have building codes which limit the height of buildings to 100 shaku or feet, averaging about 8 stories. These restrictions were dictated by a regard for traffic congestion, ventillation and other factors, but the earth quake problem was unquestionably the dominating consideration. It is doubtful whether any form of construction could have sucrecent earthquake in Japan under the most intense conditions, but investi gation will probably disclose, it is believed, that most of the smaller buildings and the older structures of native construction would not have a chance to survive an earthquake of much less severity. In spite of the warning of scientists, many thousands of the Japanese houses and the business buildings have been erected with a total disregard for the importance of guarding against the effect of earthquakes. Many visitors in Japan who gain their impressions from momentary observation have remarked on the suggetison of strength in the construction of Japanese houses and they have taken it for granted that heavy and solid roofs were provided as a precaution against earthquakes. The fact, however, is that these roofs are supported by such filmsy walls and foundations that most of the earthquake casualties in Japan have been caused in the past by their crashing to the ground at the first rumble of an earth quiver of unusual violence. Native construction is now regarded as its own worst enemy in the event of earthquakes. During recent years the Occidental style of building has been gaining favor in Japan and the recent disaster is expected to result in a general revolution of construction methods, with elimination of the old native plan and adoption of steel and rein-torced concrete types of buildings, of a light skeleton structure, such as is

#### Split on taking

return to the old style,

Seats in Dail.

London, Sept. 10. (British United Press.)—There is an abundance of evidence that the Republicans in Ire-and are nearing a split over the juestion of whether or not those who have been elected shall take their leats in the Dail when it resumes its lessions on the 19th of this month A large number of the successful andidates of the Republican party pelieve that they can embarrass the lovernment with greater effect hrough becoming the official opposition, with a bare possibility of desating the Ministerialists on questions. ions which do not affect the Treaty

popular in Canada and the United

States. Japanese may be able to im-

but it seems certain Japan will never

established authorities, realising that of the young men supporters who Valera himself reco dian Press)—When the causes of the in the past they have alienated thous- have gone so far in their antagonism possibility of being able ands of potential supporters by the to the Free State as to take up arms force the government campaign of violence and destruction against them. Yet it is not until the twelve tho which they have waged for the past oath has been taken that the Republieve, would be an attempt to set up in the Dail and there is little doubt a rival government with rival courts that the established government will such reinforcements those and rival local councils which it is arrest Rutledge, who has acted as acceptance

The only alternative, they be- licans will be able to take their seats tion since the arrest of de Valera, their view either at the next elect The men who oppose constitutional | and Aitken, Chief of the Staff of the

ers or Labor members. They think the taking of the oath by the Republic Chamber. This is regarded as a hat by the adoption of constitution- licans to support the established Free strong argument for the taking of the al methods they will gain far more State Government would completely oath with a mental reservation which support than by continuing to defy discredit them in the eyes of the bulk is believed to be the course which de fully realised would result in bloody president of the Republican organiza- possible to swing the country over to

# Changing Styles.

the destiny of the Japanese

Meals of Metal.

changed. It is bound to Amazing is the only word the crations with changes in adequately describe some in for the Japanese women to swallowed seventeen keys, or them three and a half inches through it; three safety pins, which was open so that the might have perforated her stor and a pencil sharpener. Naturally, an operation had formed to remove these thing

> Every now and then cases in corded in which despite have so meats in this way, as well as their abnormal cravings for other articles which no one imagine could have any attract foods. Among these latter ar may be mentioned pieces of earth, string, hair, as well as and silk.

From one patient a mass and string was removed which w through inability to eat and was ted on for what, at first sight, se o be a tumour in the stomach. mass of hair which filled the ste and was exactly moulded to it. nair is rarely found in men and it occurs in young girls and wi

ope for removing a metallic stance which had been swallowed place at Leyden very nearly three dred years ago. The patient w man who had inadvertently sw ed a knife, and the surgeons en held a short service before the

two hundred years had to elapse fore anæsthetics were discovered An unconsciously humorous was furnished by the patient, ported to have looked at it and a "That is the very knife I swallow as if it could have been any ou One knife would no doubt have peared a mere tit-bit to the individu who was operated upon in the mile of the last century, and was found have feasted off more than has spoon handles with several nalls way of dessert. While another widual with a large metal app had removed from his stomach ser large nails and long pieces of hoop the worn-down blade of a h

Most of these cases, however, before the record of a man and John Martiner, of Chicago, in wh stomach there were found nings jack-knives, thirty screws, five h blades, seventeen nails, and one ver dollar, a coin as large as a

an iron hinge, and many small pa

buring a period of twenty year had been in the habit of swallor knives, screws, and so on, for amusement of his friends. Most these had passed through his syland he thought that they helped digestion, for he suffered no incomp ience from his abnormal metal muntil a short time before he was of

It is a remarkable fact. which shows the power of the gastr juice, that ten of the knives remore from Martiner's stomach had had he handles, and the bone had been decived. The wooden handled in wever, were intact, while the dollar, which had remained in un for ten years, was as bright the coin had just come from

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