



A YOUNG Japanese girl, an amateur photographer, was visiting us, not long ago, and as she was taking snapshots here and there we asked her to take a photo of the girls round the well. With this letter you will receive one of these photographs. If you look at the picture, you will see that some of the girls, who have washed their hair, are walking round in the sun to dry it, others are washing their clothes. The young girl, standing by the window, went to San Francisco, a short time ago, to marry a Christian Japanese merchant there. In writing to us from her far-away home, she says she is sometimes quite home-sick, and often very lonesome, but that she is "very glad because a church is near her home" to which she "can go every Sunday." Behind her is old Kamima San, who has been a faithful servant in the school for eight years. She is a woman of good rank, was once wealthy, but her sons were dissipated men, who squandered all the family property, and the mother in her old age had to become a servant. She is an earnest Christian woman, and is respected by every one in the school.

The photograph gives you but a faint idea of how pretty the girls looked that morning with their bright faces, and gay-colored dresses, nor does it give you any idea of the merry voices. Some of you may wish to ask what the girls do about their washing when it rains on Saturday. In that case, they must wait till the next Saturday, and do two weeks' washing.



JAPANESE GIRLS WASHING AT THE WELL.

Once it rained on two consecutive Saturdays, and that meant three weeks' washing. But there was no grumbling, the hands moved, perhaps, a little faster.

In the meantime, the younger girls are round the well doing their week's washing, and a pretty picture they make. They wash outside, using cold water, whether in summer or winter. As there is not room enough round the well for all nor tubs enough for each one, they are divided into groups by the matron, each group washing in turn, those who washed first one Sat

urday, perhaps washing last the next.

While one group of girls are washing their clothes, five or six others are in the bath-room washing their hair.