



WISTERIA TEA HOUSE, KAMEIDO, TOKYO.

Nikko, the Temple Village.

Nikko, the village of temples, is one of the most interesting cities in the whole Japanese empire to the tourist who is interested in magnificent temples. It is also a popular mountain summer resort, being only five hours distant from Tokyo. Many writers have sought for words to describe the temple-beauty of Nikko. Dr. Dresser, in his writings, says: "Its shrines are as glorious in color as the Alhambra in the days of its splendor, and yet with a thousand times the interest of that beautiful building." "I am getting weary of beauty. I am also weary of writing of the beautiful, for I feel that any words that I can use must fail to convey any adequate idea of the conscientiousness of the work, the loveliness of the compositions, the har-

moniousness of the colors, and the beauty of the surroundings here before me; and yet the adjectives which I have tried to heap upon one another, and in the hope of conveying to the reader what I—an architect and orientalist—feel when contemplating these matchless shrines, must appear, I am afraid, altogether unreasonable." Nikko is honored by having the Crown Prince there at his summer palace for two or three months each summer.



Try to be something in the world and you will be something; aim at excellence and excellence will be attained. This is the great secret of success and eminence. "I cannot do it" never accomplished anything. "I will try" has wrought wonders.—Hawes.