

BRANDEIS TELLS OF VISIT TO JAPAN

Talks Most Entertainingly of the Sights Witnessed While in the Flowery Kingdom.

BRINGS UNIQUE COLLECTION

A unique collection of oriental birds will soon be spread before Omaha people for their inspection as a result of the three months' trip to Japan made by Arthur D. Brandeis, who has just returned to Omaha, his son, Ervino, who accompanied him, having stopped over in Wyoming.

While in Japan Mr. Brandeis purchased a great number of birds, including rare ducks and doves, to be placed on his country estate. These are now going through the custom house and will next week be placed on exhibition at the Brandeis store. Many wonderful specimens are among them, including the "minal bird," which talks, barks like a dog and has a large vocabulary in the Japanese language; zebra doves, the smallest doves in the world, and a large variety of finches.

Dwarf plants and trees of a number of varieties, together with nine antique bird cages of carved ivory and lacquer and some of them 130 years old, are also among the things brought back by the traveler to be included in the exhibition.

Tells of His Trip.
Describing his trip Mr. Brandeis made these observations:

"At Tokyo we saw the largest department store in Japan, which has been in existence 30 years. The principal ownership always has been in one family. On the roof is a conservatory, and in one corner is a shrine which always has been located in that particular corner. The location of this store never has been changed, but it has been rebuilt and improved a great many times. It is a five-story building, very much on the order of the Louvre in Paris, but not nearly as large. What struck me particularly strange was that all native customers must take off their shoes before entering, and foreigners are obliged to put on a set of overshoes. I spoke to the manager, complimenting him on his up-to-date methods, and he, by the way, has been in our New York store many times and knows Mr. Louis Stern very well, but I criticized the compulsory taking off of shoes. He replied if I had lived longer in Japan I could better appreciate that this was for sanitary reasons; that the natives do not mind it, as they had become used to it, and it enabled them to keep the store so clean. The floors are all covered with matting, and dust as we know it is not known in the store."

Girls Sold Outright.
"We also visited the section called the Yoshiwara, which occupies twenty acres, and is what we would call the red light district, but these girls are seated, twelve to fifteen in a row, in cages in the front of the buildings. At the end of the cage is a man like a barker at the midway, who is the business manager of the cage. These girls are sold outright for three years by their parents, who get from \$150 to \$300 for each girl. At the expiration of three years they are released, when they go at once to a marriage broker and are immediately married to a Japanese, and the fact that they have been inmates of the Yoshiwara does not detract in any way from their social standing with the Japanese. While they are on exhibition in the cages, their parents, brothers and sisters may stand there and visit with them."

Sleepers Too Small.
"I cannot let this opportunity go by without making a few remarks regarding the sleeping cars in Japan. These cars are built for little people, and with the narrow gauge they are without doubt the worst sleeping cars I ever saw. It is impossible to sleep in them. Traveling by train is almost a hardship, as they do not heat the cars except in the dead of winter."

"We attended a geisha dance at Kyoto, before which we had a Japanese dinner with the geisha girls. We were obliged to take off our shoes and eat with chop sticks. The food consisted of soup with fish floating around in it, raw fish and cooked rice; then a number of other varieties of fish (nothing was seasoned), a number of other dishes which were tasteless, and finished up with Japanese candy. It was impossible for a European to enjoy the meal. They also offered us rice wine or sake, which to me was also tasteless."

No Pins to Be Had.
"One of the women in our party required some pins one day and we tried nearly every shop in Kyoto, which is a city of over 300,000 inhabitants, and found there was not a package of pins, it even one pin, to be had. The reason for this is that the Japanese in everything in the way of wearing apparel. They do not pin their clothes together as we Americans do, and I understand in hot weather they do not even bother to tie their clothes."

"The infants and little children throughout Japan are carried on their mothers' backs, similar to the manner in which the American Indians carry their young, only the children face the opposite way, and they claim the children facing the light is the reason there is so much blindness in Japan. When these blind children grow up they are taught massaging by the government so they can be self-supporting, and when evening comes you can hear a most sorrowful wail which they use in going through their respective districts soliciting patients. They charge for one hour's massaging 10 to 20 sen, 5 to 10 cents in our money."

Jap Hotels Poor.
The hotels in Japan as a whole are very poor. The rooms are not so bad, but the food is not good, we cannot drink the coffee. None of the hotels which cater to the European travelers are on a paying basis.

"There is no fruit fit to eat, outside of some dried up oranges and apples, and very little fruit is raised here. I failed to find any fruit trees at all, and the only vegetables are peas, prepared very nicely by cooking them in the shell, very much on the order of string beans, but unless they are very young they cannot prepare them this way. I have done considerable motoring through the country and have failed to see any sheep or hogs and very seldom saw a cow. In the absence of cattle, the only fertilizer available is human refuse and one can see this hauled all day in specially constructed barrels, through the country and cities. This is collected between 2 and 5 o'clock in the morning by women and hauled through the streets by men and then used on the rice and vegetable fields. One anyway realizes when one of these wagons is in the vicinity."

No Chimneys.
"There are no chimneys on the houses in most of the villages because they use charcoal for both cooking and heating purposes. In place of stoves for heating they use what is known as a hibachi and resembles a jardiniere made of earthenware or metal."

"Upon meeting the natives bow three times. At the first how they pass the time of day; on the second they hope business is good; on the third, they hope the families are well. The boys' birthdays are all celebrated on one day, May 5, and this is the day set aside for this purpose. On flag poles and in front of the houses on that day they display banners representing a fish. If a family has five boys, they display five banners. This is also called the Carp festival. The girls' birthdays are celebrated one day in March. Twice a year the Japanese clean house under police supervision."

Every house, the front yard and in front of the house is cleaned, and the police inspect it after cleaning. As a whole, the streets are very narrow, all the way from six to ten feet, and there are no sidewalks.

Times Are Dull.
"During my three months spent in travel all over the orient I heard much complaint concerning dull times, for in Japan the hotels and shops depend a great deal upon travel from Europe, which on account of the war is entirely cut off. Throughout California there is also a good deal of complaint and disappointment at the small number who have come to visit the exhibitions, and it is all laid to conditions brought about by the war. Returning to Omaha, I find that the trouble abroad has had no serious effect here and everything seems to run along in a more substantial and solid manner than in any place I visited."

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BRANDEIS STORES

"Here Are The Clothes Men Want"

No advertising is better than the store behind it and no store is better than the merchandise, the values and the service it delivers, and if we do say it ourselves—here are the clothes men want. We have taken all our broken lots of Men's and Young Men's Suits, regardless of cost—

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A Shirt Sale at Brandeis About 5,000 Men's Straw Hats Saturday at About Half Price

Another opportunity for you to buy shirts for summer wear of unusual values; qualities and styles that demonstrate superiority. Saturday is the day.

Lot No. 1 Men's Silk and Linen Shirts—Look as well and wear better than all silk. Made with soft French cuffs. The patterns are beautiful and the quantity to choose from is large. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 values. **\$1.49**

Lot No. 2 Men's Fine Corded Madras, Repps and soft French cuffs. Patterns the very newest; many of the shirts have soft attached collars. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. **\$1.00**

Lot No. 3 4,480 Men's Negligee and Golf Shirts Made of pongee, madras, corded repps and French flannel materials, both attached and detached collars; some with laundered cuffs. This lot of shirts includes the greatest values we have offered in a long time. Actual values up to \$1.50. Sale price, each. **50c**

One Big Lot of Men's Silk Fiber Hose—in all the new summer shades. **21c** Special, pair, **15c**

Special Lot of Men's Fine Silk Crepe, Silk Broadcloth and Satin Striped Tub Silk Shirts—Beautiful assortment of patterns; values to \$8.00; Saturday, \$3.98, \$4.98 and **\$5.50** **\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50**

175 Dozen Men's Lisle and Mercerized Hose—"Run of the mill" quality. Worth to 25c, pair, 12 1/2c and **15c**

Just received a new shipment of the Middy Sport Shirts with the large sailor collar, short or long sleeves. The ideal shirt for sport wear. Special, **\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50**

Men's Athletic Union Suits

At once a remarkable and seasonable sale. These union suits are samples of the Roxford, E. & W. and of one other well known line, the name of which we are not permitted to announce.

Men, this means luxury and comfort for you this summer, for these suits are made of silk and linen and pure Irish linen; nainsook, crepe and soisette. They are cut perfect and have the elastic band about the waist.

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All the Sample Silk and Linen and Pure Irish Linen Union Suits, worth to \$2.00, suit— **89c**

All the Sample Crepe, Nainsook, Mull and Soisette Union Suits, worth to \$1.50, suit— **69c**

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Saturday we will place on sale about 150 Traveling Bags and Suitcases—odd lots and sample lines. Values to \$8.50, on sale Saturday at 95c to **\$5.98**



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EVERYBODY CONCERNED SHOULD COME DOWN TO "THE FAIR" AND INVESTIGATE OUR GOODS, WHICH WE OFFER AT THIS TIME, AT PRICES WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY ELSEWHERE WHEN THE SEASON WILL BE OVER.

\$6 men's and young men's suits, at.....	\$3.75	\$1.00 men's dress shirts with collars to match, French cuffs, at.....	69c
\$10 and \$7.50 men's and young men's suits	\$4.85	75c men's dress shirts with or without collars	39c
\$12.50 and \$15.00 men's all wool suits, blue serges included.....	\$7.45	25c wash ties, at.....	13c
\$15.00 men's pants, sizes 30 to 48, at.....	85c	25c fancy bow ties, at.....	10c
\$3.00 men's worsted pants, at.....	\$1.65	25c men's leather belts, at.....	15c
\$2.00 sample felt hats, at.....	65c	15c garters, several styles, at.....	5c
\$1.00 straw hats, at.....	39c	35c men's suspenders, at.....	19c
\$3.00 and \$2.00 fine sailors, at.....	95c	\$2.50 men's elkskin shoes, at.....	\$1.65
75c silk Auto hats, at.....	39c	\$1.50 Ladies' house slippers	85c

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Regular \$2.50 Canvas Oxford and Pumps for ladies, rubber soles and heels.....	\$1.48	Beautiful Patent Leather Pumps, very latest; former price \$3.00.....	\$1.69
Latest styles in White Canvas Pumps, trimmed in black, former price \$3.00, per pair.....	\$1.48	1,000 pairs regular \$3.00 Ladies' Pumps	98c
Beautiful Cross Strap Pumps; patent and dull leathers regular \$5.00 seller, nothing newer, at a pair.....	\$2.88	1,000 pairs regular \$2.50 Ladies' Pumps	88c
200 pairs of Ladies' Pumps; former price \$2.50, at a pair.....	19c		
1,000 pairs Men's Oxfords; former price \$2.50, on sale Saturday.....	\$1.28	2,000 pairs Children's Shoes, prices from \$1.28 down to.....	25c

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Apex Whiskey Bottled in Bond & Full Quarts.....	\$3.20	2 qt. Apex Whiskey.....	\$1.60
		2 qt. Port Wine.....	1.50
		1 qt. Blackberry Cordial.....	.75
		1 qt. Apricot Cordial.....	.75
		1 qt. Rock and Rye Cordial.....	1.00
		1 qt. Banana Cordial.....	1.00

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