The Funny Things One Sees Smiling Round the World

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Japan compels a more rigorous exentry than any other country. China makes no examination whatever, perhaps on the principle that it is difficult to sweeten a bad egg.

All holders of official positions in Japan are obliged to wear European dress, and the little Japs who boarded our steamer looked in their long. green coats, elaborately ornamented, molasses? like schoolboys in their fathers' clothes. They are very important little these came to grief in a manner speedy as it was unexpected.

up before breakfast to sweep and dust | bol' of. the whole country. Prince Haseba, in an after-dinner speech at Spokane, by the willowy tree and the swallow, which does not exist anywhere. Their Alabama. The club afterward bea said: "If you should visit a Japanese eh? Very well: I admit the willow fish and game preserve on Walden's came a Tennessee corporation have no other duty than the polishing nickels. One swallow don't make a and by motor boat from the great is proposed to connect the club house

The whole country is a toy shop, and three more will make a man's existence. The club house is to contongue go like a mill-clapper, while tain hundreds of rooms. From its an 80-toot automobile track winding all ponies; the chickens bantams; the three more will bust up all the quiet dome, glimpses will be obtained of through the forest. This bighway dogs small and shy-with apologetic hess left over from a generation of hine states. manners-they wouldn't presume to country Sabbaths.

"That you'd begin to see things! Stopping off at that corner nights has done it-I knew it would!-A plumhawk! Oh, Archibald! that you should come to this! Oh, oh!-"

And there you are!-hysterics; the telephone; the doctor; and, let us hope, a "quick curtain," as they say at the theater.

You prop the casus belli on your knee and thus apostrophize it:

"You call yourself a moon, do you? Why, a half-baked seda biscuit is a queen to you! And you're a nightingale, are you? Why, you splay-footed, wry-neck, hollow-back, shark-nose nightmare! a setting hen with the wind-cackles is a bird of paradise to you! What did that idiotic Bilkins, with his infernal 'symbols' mean by letting me in \$25 for this? Yes. \$25! and what's the result? Maria throwamination at her various ports of ing fits, and the doctor's bill another the fifty but this dumbasted Japanese brain storm!

"A symbol of happiness, ch? Well, it hasn't brought much happiness to my home! A plum tree! Looks more like a gooseberry bush. I'll bet the plums on it would sour a barrel of

'Patriotism' said that ass of a Bilkins, is sometimes indicated by a people, you must know; but one of spray of cherry blossoms. Well, I've Everything is so neat and clean in nobody needed an interpreter in either some 3.000 members already belong. Ohio, and many others. Japan, it looks as if somebody had got case to tell what they were the 'sym- ing to the organization have acquired. The plans for the clab have been

house you would be obliged to remove tree. For gracefulness she's all to the Ridge, in the Tennessee mountains. A journey of six miles from Chattayour shoes at the doorway. Japanese good. But the swallow for quietness! will be among the largest in the coun nooga will bring the members to their floors are beautifully kept. I know of Well, I've seen some swallows that try. It will be accessible by way of club house. In addition to a 60-foot some houses where 30 or 40 servants wouldn't go in that class-not for Chattanooga over many railway lines boulevard and automobile course, it And Japan is the land of unrealities. Whisky-straight in a second and a half; may become one of the largest in costing \$150,000.

bark at your heels without first ask- "And this little game cock perched however, lies deeper than all this. Its ernment from Chattanooga to the Naing permission; the oysters are about on a drum signifies good government? objects are suggested by the title- tional park, including Chickamauga as large as a quarter; clams no larger | Well, that's a stretch of imagination, the inter-State club. The founders are battlefield. Reaching there the memthan a dime; bananas not more than with a vengeance! Looks more like a seeking to merge America into a so-bers of the club will find more than 50



A JAPANESE ARTIST DRAWS A PICTURE OF AN APRIL EVENING.

much at home in my life.

Japanese art has had many admir- scratching worms in the back yard ury Leslie M. Shaw, Melville E. Stone, the reservation will cost fully \$2,000. ers and many detractors. The latter was more in his line. have likened their china, sprawling with dragons and alive with grinning anthemums to cartwheels.

Its admirers claim that all you have to do is to study up its symbols, and colleky, jaundiced paranolac! then go ahead. But it strikes me that he time you've learned the symbols it would be time to die. For instance, when a Japanese artist draws On the other hand, no style of art is of Birmingham, chairman of the Ala- much of it that it surprised many a picture of an April evening, a dys- so fascinating to occidental minds. hama state Democratic committee. pentic moon, a nightingale and a cou- The daintiness of conception, the ple of plum trees, and asks you its charm of color the spring-time freshmeaning, I'll wager that if you stood ness of atmosphere that pervades each first on one foot and then on the other and every effort of the oriental workfor two mortal hours you couldn't give man possesses a charm wholly indithe fellow an answer. It's dollars to vidual and one which it is difficult to doughauts you couldn't tell the night- resist. ingale from a fishhawk, and you couldn't tell what he was doing on the studied, the symbols learned; but to plum tree, or on the moon-it don't the dilettante this is ever a wellspring matter which-if they gave you the whole business-the hawk, the plum go day. tree, the moon and the April evening



Clutching at the Bunch of Chains.

-to take home to your wife for a see the artist's meaning, and-what's tofore attempted. more to the point-get your wife to see it, you'd better stay right in the artist's studio and-

home with the picture under your arm, poetic symbols; the carving, that has and you'll rush up to your wife and, in taken years of patient cunning to an insane endeavor to expatiate on the create, these are never displayed on complex beauties of the thing, you'll wall or cabinet, but locked away in

"Look, Maria! just see this! A present for your birthday-didn't forget whose coming their host wishes to you, did I? Here you are-great! celebrate with the highest rites of Look at the willowy moon, and the nightingale sky, and the plum-hawk-" And then she'll burst into tears, and "I knew it! I knew it! I've seen ing! Oh, I knew it!"

about the size of lady-apples. Yes, soverament, ch? I recken they don't number of states. everything is small. I never felt so need any over there, or they'd get . Among the vice-presidents are Sec groves and gardens, there will be polo something bigger than his drumsticks retary of State Root, Secretary of War grounds, golf links, tennis courts, and for a symbol. His purple nibs hardly Taft, Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, Per- the stables and garage of the club. looks equal to the job. I should say ry Belmont, ex-Secretary of the Treas. The club house and improvements on

"Well, I've had an alcoholic suffi- Gov. M. R. Patterson of Tennessee, faces, to a fit of the jim-jams; their ciency of Japanese art; my reputation | Senator A. J. McLaurin of Mississippi. sunflowers to jellyfish and their chrys- for solviety with my wife is gone to cr-Senator Charles A. Towne of Minnethe four winds; I'm fifty out of pocket, sota. Congressman Nicholas Long- Miss Elizabeth Believed in Giving Matand nothing-absolutely nothing-to worth, ex-Congressman Joseph Sibley show for it but you! you brain-twisted, of Pennsylvanip, William P. Nixon.

"It's the furnace fire for yours!"

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As I have said, the scheme must be of pleasure, and one that will never

"The system of threes" or of "ones," once learned, captivates the fancy-for things artistic are nothing if not fanciful in this oriental land-and holds the imagination in spite of oneself. The arl-etiquette, so to speak, of a gressman Richmond P. Hobson. Japanese interior is enchanting, when one has learned it. There is only one note show how they feel toward the is a party to the kissing. I am certain banch of flowers-sometimes only a plan. single expressive blossom-in a room. There is but one picture. But this oneness must be at just such a time and in just such a place. Can you not understand why? Love is not always responsive to love's demands. Solitude, at times, is sweeter and more to union." be desired. So the picture is hung; the flower placed.

tain flowers must never be seen to- untold good to the entire nation, there- Miss Elizabeth. "My foot slipped that gether. Certain others must never be fore I not only accept the courtesy ex- time. We'll try it over again."-Lonseen apart. Then, again, everything tended to me, but will aid in every don Tit-Bits. goes in threes-blossoms, boughs, or sprays. Even furniture has a meaning. The details of this etiquette are endless and, to the occidental mind, bewildering unless one "has imagination," or at least an esthetic sense to

which its poetic features can appeal. in the matter of coloring alone Japanese art leads the world; the secret birthday present. For, my dear fel- is their own. Their slides, etc., notalowman, that picture means happi- bly those by Kimbei, Japan's greatest ness! yes, happiness. And if you can't | colorist, are unsurpassed by any here-

Though Japan is the land of beautiful brie-a-brac, none is ever displayed. The precious vase, rich with gorgeous But you won't! You'll rush straight lacquer; the picture, beautiful with safe or storeroom to be brought out as a special honor to guest or visitor eastern hospitality.

"If we had our precious treasures always before our eyes," they say, "they would then become too common, and we should tire of them, and that Ambitious Aimso mierstate



will be connected directly with the

WANTED TO BE SURE.

ter a Thorough Test.

Miss Elizabeth was a very peculiar

With the idea of bringing together I way I can the upbuilding and mainseen it indicated round the 17th of In a friendly and intimate way and taining of so patriotic an institution." March by a sprig of shamrock, and in the spirit of goodfellowship men Letters of similar import were remore times round the Fourth of July from all parts of the country the In- ceived from Admiral Dewey, Bishop by a red, white and blue rosette, but terstate club has been formed, and the Potter. Gov. Andrew L. Harris of 21,000 acres of land near Chattanooga, under way for more than two years. "Grace and quietness are indicated. Tenn., and formed a club, the like of The first charter was obtained in summer, but two will get away with a lakes and the Mississippi. The club with Chattanooga by a trolley line

The main idea of the organization, road built by the United States govfour or five inches long; and oranges sparrow on a pancake-griddle. Good cial unit. They see in the club a miles of park roads maintained by the speedy way to end sectional feeling, government, if it still exists, between the north. The plans for the club house, now and south, or different parts of the in course of preparation, provide for country. It is proposed to make an a structure having at least 1,500 rooms. ideal home, park and game preserve. In architecture the building will be on where the tired city man and politi- colonial lines, with a portico of Corcians, financiers, and men of achieve- inthian columns and a great dome as ment, irrespective of section or dif- the feature of the central building. ferences of opinion, may meet, hunt. The dome will be at least eight stories and rest. "A home for the American in height. people," is the way the idea was described by Col. Peyton G. Bowman, a apartments will radiate from the cenlawyer of Birmingham, Ala., one of trait building like the spokes of a wheel. They will be four stories in

Cleveland, Vice-President Fairbanks. William J. Bryan, Cardinal Gibbons, tion from the site of the club house yrchbishop Ireland, Bishop Potter, Dr. on Signal Point. Five hundred acres governors of a of it have been set aside for a cul-

president of the Associated Press; 000. formerly editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean; Senator J. B. Frazier of Chat- woman. She had a great deal of sense, (anooga, Senator Robert L. Taylor of Not that she was different from other Nashville, Tenn., and Robert J. Lowe women in this respect, but she had so

ama state Democratic committee.

The sentinent back of the club also

One day young Robinson went to took a very definite form when the call on her. Young Robinson was also invitations were issued for the first very sensible. He and Miss Elizabeth dinner of the organization. It will be were well matched. They could talk given in Chattanooga on June 25 next. together on any number of subjects, Among those who have niready accept- There had been a story about a pered invitations are Admiral Dewey, son known as Jack the Kisser, who Speaker Cannon, ex-Senator John M. bothered many young women and girls Thurston of Nebraska, United States in the streets by catching them and Senators J. A. Dolliver of Iowa, Joseph kissing them. Miss Elizabeth said F. Johnston of Alabama, Moses E. that she did not think that a girl could Clapp of Minnesota, Robert L. Taylor be kissed by any man unless she of Tennessee, Boies Penrose of Penn- wanted him to kiss her. Robinson sylvania and W. B. Scott of West Vir- said that a man could kiss any womginia; Justice David J. Brewer of the an by force. Miss Elizabeth said that United States supreme court. Rear that was all nonsense. Admiral Winfield S. Schley and Con- "I'll tell you what we'll do," said

Robinson. "You are certain that a The letters received from men of man cannot kiss a woman unless she

"It appeals to me as a sportsman," try it." wrote President Roosevelt, "it appeals | Miss Elizabeth said that she didn't to me still more because of its pur- see any harm in that, so Robinson bepose to bring in constantly, and in gan to try to kiss her. After several creasingly closer relations all our peo minutes' struggle, she, seeing that it ple, from every part of this great was useless to combat him further, gave in, and let him kiss her all he

Speaker Cannon expressed a similar wanted to. When it was all over, Miss sentiment, adding: "Such a policy, if Elizabeth had an inspiration. Every flower has a meaning. Cer- carried out, must assuredly result in "I'll tell you what we'll do," said

them spots of bright color which har

that a man can. We, you and I, will

Home-Made Hand Grenades. The attention of a visitor to a home | monize with the surroundings, as you on Staten Island was attracted by two see. large bottles containing some clear, blue liquid, which hung on either side of the mantel-piece. The bottles were of the large, globular kind in which Italian chianti wine usually is sold. and their prominence and peculiar

color aroused curiosity. The visitor finally asked his host about them. "They are home-made hand grenades, to be used in case of fire," said the host. "A serious fire often can be prevented by the throwing on of a little water when the blaze is small But too often there is no vessel of water immediately at hand. I naturally have a nervous dread of fire, and as this is a frame house it is easy to catch afire. A blaze once well started would cause the destruction of the house, and in a few minutes all of us would be without a home. So I prepared a chemical composition of my own and filled two visiting card! It will in some instances chianti bottles with it. Then it occurred to me that since the bottles were hard to hide I might as well make them ornamental as well as use.

New Field for Artists Prizes have been conferred by the

Royal Academy for the Graphic Arts of Leipsic for artistic visiting cards. A correspondent in that city writes to a Berlin paper: "This opens a new field for artists, and its development will be followed with interest. Visiting cards, except for style of type and size, are always the same. in every country certain peculiarities may be observed, but a card is a card. Now, under the protection of Crown Princess Cecilie and Princess Johann George of Sachsen, there may be a change. The artistic visiting card may become the companion of the book plate, and the exhibition which will result from the Leipsic offer may furnish as much interesting material as an ex-libis display. An illustrated make the note of introduction unnecesвагу."

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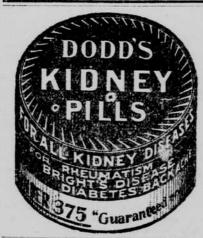
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