

NO "ROUGHING IT" FOR JAPS

Oriental on Pacific Coast Not to Be Lured From the Conveniences of City Life.

J. F. Brown, sage and philosopher of Nolte's board of strategy table, has some sad experiences with Japanese laborers, particularly when wanted for his ranch on Molokai. He says he has made the rounds of Japanese auto stands where orientals in spick and span clothes wait and loaf all day long for a passenger, content to do that rather than take a real honest-to-goodness job. He makes his offer of wages, good wages, with house and fuel and water and so on.

Sucking his breath through his teeth, and after some reflection, the Japanese inquires:

"You got barber shop there?"

Brown was taken off his feet when this question was first propounded. No, he didn't know of a barber shop around. His ranch is well up in the mountains, one of the most beautiful places in the islands.

"You got store?"

Brown confesses to a store three miles away. More reflection.

"You got picture house?"

Brown blinks at this question even now.

Finally, the Japanese says one thing more.

"No can go. Me got brother ver-ry seek. Too bad. I sorry."—Pacific Commercial Advertiser.

WILL SIFT ANCIENT MOUNDS

Archeologists Plan Most Thorough Examination of Structures at Camp Sherman, in Ohio.

Excavations of seven prehistoric mounds at Camp Sherman will be started by Dr. William C. Mills, curator of the Ohio State Archeological and Historical society. The farm on which the mounds are situated was one of those condemned and purchased by the government for Camp Sherman. The only examination ever made of the mounds was by Squier and Davis in 1846. Relics they uncovered were purchased by the Blackmore museum, Salisbury, England, for \$10,000.

Squier and Davis were responsible for the conclusion that the mounds were built by a distinct race, known as "Mound Builders." This theory is vigorously contested by Doctor Mills and other noted archeologists. They say there is conclusive evidence that the mounds were built by American Indians of the Algonquin family. Squier and Davis, in their examination of the mounds, merely tunneled several of the mounds. Doctor Mills will completely tear them down sifting a great part of the dirt through screens. There are 23 mounds in the group. Some already have been excavated by Doctor Mills. One was found to contain 123 skeletons and 12,000 specimens of flint, copper and pottery implements and vessels.

Why Hair Nets Are Dear.

The hair net business of Chefoo, China, is in a state of chaos owing to complications caused by buyers from Shanghai going directly to the makers in the region of Chingchowfu and thus competing with the firms with which these had contracts. Consequently the price has increased about 300 per cent.

HE JUST WANTED TO KNOW

Possible Explanation for Nonappearance of Watch Had Suddenly Dropped on Simple Farmer.

Supt. J. E. Oursler of the Carnegie Steel company has established a cost-price store for his 12,500 workmen, thus circumventing the local profiteer.

One of the local profiteers asked Mr. Oursler if he would not shut up the cost-price store, as it was interfering with the other stores' profits, but Mr. Oursler answered:

"Will I shut up our cost-price store, eh? Well, that is about the naivest question I ever heard. Yes, it's as naive a question as the young farmer's."

"The young farmer's?" said the profiteer.

"A young Pike county farmer," explained Mr. Oursler, "stalked up to the inquiry office in a Pittsburgh station and asked:

"This here's the inquiry office, ain't it?"

"Sure is," said the capable young clerk.

"Well," said the Pike county farmer, "about eight hours ago a gazabo took my new watch down the street to get my name engraved on it free gratis so's it wouldn't get lost, and I'm kind of tired of waitin', so what I want to inquire is—is there onnest in the engravin' trade, and are all the Pittsburgh engravers out on strike or sump'n'?"

NO INSURANCE ON HAPPINESS

Lloyds Refuses to Take the Risk That Seems to Be Involved in International Marriages.

About the only thing the Lloyds will not insure is happiness to follow an international marriage. While some American women who wedded representatives of the nobility of the old world found happiness, a vastly larger number found failure to be their portion. The honeymoon trail of these internationalists shows many shipwrecks. As a rule the representative of the nobility seeks a mate among the wealthy who have unsatisfied social ambitions. Given these conditions, the chance for presentation at court, the glamour of a title, the exclusiveness of social relations with the titled great, cause many a young woman to forget prudence and have made many fathers and mothers willing to approve a heavy bet on a slim chance.

The long string of women who have come back across the Atlantic broken hearted and slim of purse since Nellie Grant made her unhappy alliance has taught little wisdom to those who are courted by the titled but oftentimes penniless nobility.—Ohio State Journal.

Memorial in Jerusalem.

In grateful remembrance of Scotland's sons who gave their lives for the liberation of the Holy land from the Turk, a memorial in Jerusalem is planned. It will be erected jointly by the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland and will take the form of an Institute for Biblical Research and a Presbyterian Church and College in Jerusalem.

HER PLAN

By MILDRED WHITE

Mrs. Trenton sat on the porch and tapped an impatient foot. All "the days of her son's life" she had dreaded his marriage, that time which must come to separate him from her. For Mrs. Trenton in her jealous love felt she could brook no sharing. Then when, with Roger's manhood, she realized his compelling power and knew that he would seek his own, she set about eagerly forestalling him in the search that his future mate might be acceptable to herself. Mrs. Trenton was proud of her housekeeping ability—Roger's wife should be a good housekeeper. Mrs. Trenton had been raised in a sensible, saving family—Roger's wife must be both economical and matter-of-fact. His mother had, as she herself would express it, "no patience with modern frivolity." And near at hand she found the object of her search. Roger would, no doubt, show a young man's appreciation of a pretty face, so Ruth was good and sweet to look upon. Ruth had been for years a neighbor. Mrs. Trenton knew the girl's life almost as one reads a book, her well executed household tasks; her simple pleasures—Mrs. Trenton knew them all, and approved. Ruth was evidently agreeable to the union planned for her. Though this purpose was not openly acknowledged, the girl smiled and flushed at the many references as to how "Roger admired" this or that quality of her own. And if Ruth possessed a deeper and less open nature than the mother guessed, it was not revealed. Roger's last letter had come a crushing blow; but the mother was not yet vanquished. He admitted his love for a "beautiful girl," whom he had met at a society musical in the city. Roger's mother had gone before him to the country cottage which was their summer home. The photo he enclosed of the beautiful girl verified even a lover's statement. She was a lovely creature, charming in face and figure as a favorite of the screen. The gown the girl wore expressed as openly her social tastes.

She would invite Ruth to the summer cottage for a visit, and she would urge Roger to bring his Roberta. In his letter he confessed the intention of asking Roberta to marry him. Mrs. Trenton begged that he postpone this intention, until after Miss Robins' visit, when all would be better acquainted. She had visions of the society favorite, bereft of her glamor, in the morning kitchen of the summer cottage. Roger would be aware there of her uselessness and vanished charm, compared to Ruth.

"It isn't exactly delightful," Ruth crossed confided, "to stand over a stove frying crullers for an idle stranger."

Mrs. Trenton nodded understandingly.

"I've thought of another plan," she said, "to bring Roger to his senses. You must go away tomorrow, Ruth, and I—" she leaned forward—"I'm going to develop a sprained ankle. There'll be no one to cook or do a necessary thing in this house, but the butterfly. You see how it's going to come out?"

"I see," said Ruth; she smiled shrewdly and departed.

Roger was concerned, upon the following morning, over his mother's bandaged ankle.

"You mustn't move," he ordered; "I'll go and get Hannah Hastings to do the work."

"Hannah Hastings!" his mother gasped. She had forgotten about Hannah, the general helper.

"Her rheumatism has been pretty bad lately," she suggested.

But Roger waved the objection aside. "Hannah can get around the stove at least," he said, "she's a born cook. I'll carry up all your meals"—and he did. He was so happy about it that Mrs. Trenton felt she had accomplished little in removing not only the rival, but the chaperone as well. "Robby" paid her bright little visits every day, and sang—with Roger seated at her side each evening—at the piano. Old Hannah's cooking was everything that could be desired. Mrs. Trenton wondered at the cleverness with which she devised new delicacies for her tray. And as the affair of Ruth promised at this rate no progression, the mother recovered promptly from her sprained ankle, one sunshiny morning, and made her way down the stairs. Laughter came from the kitchen, and Mrs. Trenton, peering through the door, saw there a surprising sight. Roger, seated upon a table, was whistling merrily to the tune of a spinning egg beater, while Miss Roberta Robins, never prettier in her life, with an enveloping white apron over her dainty frock, was at that moment drawing a pan of fragrant cookies from the oven.

"Where," stammered Mrs. Trenton—"is Hannah?"

"Couldn't come the day I went after her," Roger replied. "Robby's been doing it all. Greatest little cook ever. Wait till you get a peep into your living room. She's done all your muslin curtains fresh, and put 'em up again. We were making a new surprise for your tray."

Roberta rushed forward.

"You mustn't stand," she cried, anxious for the lame ankle.

"Roger," Mrs. Trenton asked meekly, "when are you and—Robby going to be married?"

"Were before we came out here," her son succinctly replied, and went on spinning the egg beater.

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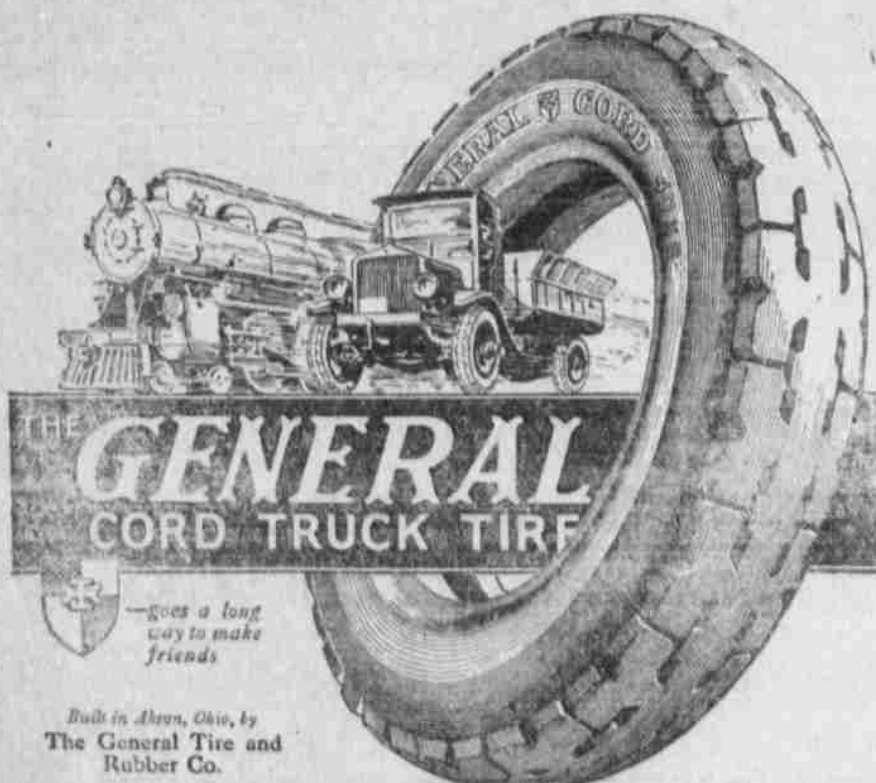
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