

FIRE FIGHTING, POLICE AND PRISONS IN JAPAN

The Funny Things One Sees
in
Smiling Round the World

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One evening while going through a street in a Japanese town, Yokohama, I heard a clanking sound at regular intervals, and found it was made by a man who as he walked along was striking a sort of sword on the ground. At the conclusion two plates of bronze or brass were driven together, making a metallic clang. I was told that he was a watchman, paid by contributions of a few sen a month from the households along the way. As he goes about, changing his sword, it is a comfortable assurance to these people that all is well.

This watchman is for fire chiefly, as the houses of the Japanese town are mostly all of wood, and a fire once started means widespread destruction before it can be got under control.

On a little cart are also carried two folding screens of asbestos, about five feet high, with which the men protect themselves when facing the fire. To anyone familiar with the American fire departments the whole outfit seems like a toy.

The police department will much better bear comparison with those of other countries than the fire department.

I was told that about 125 police belong to each station house. Their names are written on little blocks of wood, in red on one side, and black on the other. The men are on duty in the station house for two hours, and outside for two hours, and the little blocks are turned as they come in or go out, the red or black showing the superintendent at a glance just where the men are.

We were shown the cells, which were about ten feet square, fairly light, very airy, and immaculately clean. There were five prisoners at the station house, all detained for petty offenses—rickshaw men overcharging, and similar arraignments. Their names were on little wooden tags hung outside the door. These were turned inside, however, and upon no consideration to be looked at except by the proper authority. The side that is clear has only the date of incarceration, and length of sentence printed on it.

The guard opened a couple of occupied cells, showing the prisoners, one man alone in one cell, while three together were in the other. They looked very comfortable, kneeling on straw mats, which are also their beds.

While on our tour of inspection the most frightful cries came at intervals from one part of the main building. As they continued I began to be assailed by a nervous apprehension that I might be called upon to witness some horrible torture, for I felt sure that nothing short of that could call forth such unearthly yells.

When I was conducted into a large room, where about 20 men in very abbreviated white linen suits were squatting about the edge, the shouts were explained. Here was the school for the famous jiu-jitsu, which is acknowledged to be the most effective and deadly form of wrestling.

We were given seats on the edge of a platform, and two muscular Japs



A Japanese Policeman.

sprang onto the mats in the middle of the room. First they bowed, by squatting down, leaning their left hand on the floor, and bowing their heads. Then standing erect, first one, and then the other gave vent to one of the blood-curdling cries I had heard. This is the challenge, intended to intimidate the antagonist. Suddenly they clutched each other and straining and struggling each strove to dislodge the other's feet from the floor.

All at once one of the men made a quick move, which it would be impossible for me to explain, and his antagonist was hurled backwards over his shoulder, landing on the mats with a

This performance was gone through with a number of times with infinite variety in tactics and methods of bringing about the fall, the most marvelous skill and training being displayed.

In addition to the male wrestlers of Japan there is one band—and one only—of women wrestlers—Amazons of enormous strength, who travel about giving exhibitions. Their physical beauty and development are wonderful, and they create the greatest enthusiasm and admiration wherever they appear.

Every man on the Japanese police force is required to become proficient in the jiu-jitsu. Every day there is practice, with the best teachers, from eight a. m. until noon. About 20 at a time take part in this practice, wrestling with the masters or each other, so that each man's turn in the school comes about once a week.

Fencing is also a part of their education, not for practical use, but merely to make them quick and supple. They practice with long bamboo swords, wearing wadded hoods and gloves.

After the regular modern jiu-jitsu, two young men gave an exhibition for my edification of the ancient form of the art. It was not so easy nor so finished as the modern method, and was performed with such ardor that arms and elbows were cut rather badly on the sharp edges of the mats. The principal feature of their entertainment was the fiendish shouts with which they inaugurated each clutch.

With all this splendid training in quickness, adroitness and the wonder-



Sitting Comfortably on a Straw Mat.

ful muscular power it develops a criminal has no chance at all with a Japanese policeman. One of my party remarked that he should like to see the Broadway squad try to do the things we were looking at.

I am very much afraid a member of that august body would be like a man of straw in the hands of one of Japan's quick, cat-like policemen.

At the Sugamo prison in Tokio I found many features that to an American were unusual.

The corridors of cells were arranged like the spokes of a wheel, one warden sitting on a platform that was the hub. Labor is saved in this way, for one man can watch five corridors of 28 cells each, making in all 140. There are two of these wheels built in the inner court of the prison, so that 280 cells are watched by two men, who sit on revolving stools and, by turning, can take in at a glance the five corridors entrusted to their vigilance.

A head warden sits between the two wheels and maintains a general supervision, so that practically the entire number of prisoners are watched by but three men.

There is another inclosure where there are cells for punishment. The most severe form is the dark cell, where prisoners are punished for insubordination. They cannot be confined in this cell for more than 11 days at a time.

The cell for the next less severe punishment has a little light; so, in gradation, there are several cells for varying degrees of punishment.

The prisoners all work in different shops at basket-weaving, making mats, iron utensils and all sorts of things for which there is a ready market. They work from 6:30 a. m. until 11, when they have their midday meal. This is principally rice, and quickly eaten. Until 12 they rest (sitting comfortably on straw mats).

Advantage is taken of this time for one of the four resident chaplains to give the prisoners a talk. The day I visited the prison it was during this midday rest, and the men in two large work-rooms were sitting quietly listening to a Buddhist priest. Standing before a small altar, that looked like a reading desk, he was placed in a passageway between the two rooms, thus enabling the men in both rooms to hear him. He was talking earnestly, probably pointing out the error of their ways and exhorting them to lead better lives in the future.

Every man is credited with a certain amount of wages for the work he does, and the money given to him when he is discharged, so that he does not leave the prison penniless.

Every method seemed most humane and in every way. The same consideration in regard to revealing their identity is practiced here, as in the police stations. Outside of each man's cell is a wooden sign with his name, age, crime and the length of his sentence printed on it. But a little extra tag comes down and hides his name.

After my inspection I came away with the idea that to be sent to prison in Japan was not the worst thing by

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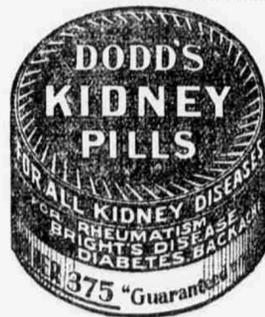
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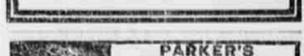
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