

HE REAL JAPAN

FROM THE STUDIES & OBSER-VATIONS OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST STUDENT OF MAN-KIND WHILE LIVING IN JAPAN AS A JAPANESE

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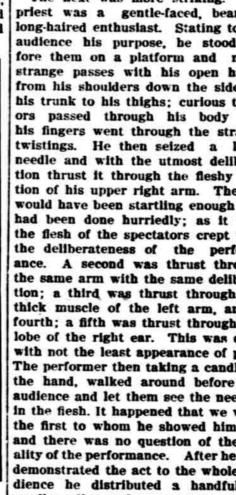
Tori-no-Machi and Shinto Miracles

had made a note regarding it, but it these yellow purses are either folded had been laid aside and forgotten. Call- strips of paper with good luck words ing November 8, upon a binder to or- printed on them, or imitations of ander some covers for Japanese books, cient gold pieces stamped in thin he stated that it would be necessary brass. for him to see the books. Upon our machi on the morrow.

card and wood and twisted straw. looked out. Instantly a strong-armed

We nearly lost Tori-no-machi. We was consecrated-the eagle; inside

Having seen the temple and offersuggestion that he should come to the ings and supplied ourselves with mahouse on the morrow, he apologized, mori, we were ready to look more saying that we could hardly expect closely at the kumade in the booths. him to come then, as he must go, be- Who can describe them? The word ing a tradesman, to Tori-no-machi. kumade in its simplest meaning signi-Upon our professing ignorance regard- fies a rake. The symbolism is, of ing that place and function, he remind- course, that with it one may rake in ed us that it was then and there that fortune and wealth during the year. he would get his kumade for the com- But in most kumade the fact that it ing year. To further elucidate he went is a rake which one has purchased is at once and brought us the kumade quite forgotten; while the rake is which had given him prosperity during there, it is generally so covered with the year then ending. One glance at other symbolic objects that one may it was enough. We decided that not easily forget it. Here, for instance, is only he, but we would go to Tori-no- a booth which seems to display nothing but fans: but behind the fans is The word tori means bird. The fes. the framework of the simple rake. tival of Tori-no-machi is celebrated at These fans always have as their cenbird shrines on the days of the bird in tral decoration the mask or face of November-this year, the 9th and 21st. the curious goddess Otafuku, or The festival begins at midnight, and Uzume - the "abundant-happinessends 24 hours later. We were warned woman." She is always represented that, if we wished to make photo- with a narrow forehead, with two graphs, it would be well to be upon spots of black, and with a broad face the spot early, as the later hours of and puffed out cheeks. The story runs the day would be too crowded for any. that on one occasion the sun goddess thing to be done. Long before we was so offended that she took refuge reached the immediate neighborhood in a dark and dismal cave, the mouth of the shrine we met people with joy. of which was closed, by a great rock ous faces, carrying their kumade for which no one could move. The other the year. The kumade is a symbolical gods-for at that time there were no object brought from the temple pre- humans-were in despair. They decincts, which gives good luck in busi- vised various schemes for appeasing ness enterprises through the succeed. the angered goddess. Finally, as part ing year. A few steps more, and we of the arranged plan, Uzume danced. found ourselves actually in the midst It is stated that her dancing was far of the kumade trade-a perfect net- | from modest, but it pleased the specwork of narrow alleys and ways close- tators, who roared with laughter. This ly crowded on both sides with booths piqued goddess, hearing sounds of joy. filled from top to bottom with the most | and anxious to see what was going on, brilliant and tawdry constructions of slightly moved the closed rock and



certainly, had thus been used. Public interest, however, was now centered in the preparation for the next and final act, the fire-walk. The asover a space upon the ground some wild and unmanageable.

four or five feet wide by perhaps 15 feet in length. After the Whole space had been covered with this lighter stuff, heavier kindling and small logs of firewood were carefully placed. All was then lighted and hot coals from the neighboring fires thrown into every chink The needle-sticker, with fans in both hands, ran along the sides of the wood bed thus laid, and blew the coals into a blaze. Soon the whole space was a roaring fire. When it was at its height, two priests walked along it throwing salt into the flames. We had expected that this would deaden the You will often see some advertised fire to a degree that only a bed of for sale. But steer clear of old wornsome degree reduced the flames, the bought or kept on the farm. clapped their hands and bent their luminations, there was an interesting tions were made for the culminating uncovered heads in prayer. They then festival two nights ago at the Kudan. act. Two priests girt up their garto the attendant priest offerings for that the illumination would be well terest and excitement were at their gifts-rice cakes, vegetable products level summit of a hill had been taken firmly into the fire and with rapid that could be used to the advantage and pavilions. It may be that all those through the flames, the full length of

gathered was the shows, the line of MEADON BROOK MEADON BROOK By William Pitt which would do fair credit to the Midway Plaisance, or the Pike. Just now the cinematograph is all the rage, and we were told that 30 moving picture theaters were in progress at one time; besides these, however, were circuses and theaters, dancing performances There was one show which made but little outside clamor. But the moment that we saw its placarding we hurried to pay the entrance fee and entered. It was an enclosure open to the air of heaven; the brilliant lights to which we had been accustomed were lacking here: a few gas-lets emphasized the darkness. There was lurid light from two bonfires blazing on the ground, over one of which a great caldron of water was boiling. A fair crowd had gathered, perhaps 150 persons, really filling all the available space for spectators. Beside a few

Send to market all old hens right

A poor milker, man or maid, is an

The shorter the fattening period the

If there are any bare places on the lawn now they should be reseeded or

the plow for breaking up sod in the

there are today. There will be something to learn about farming so long as there are

studious farmers. There is a distinct difference between weeds and corn. There should

also be an extinct difference. better and be more profitable for be- chances.

Perhaps the first important factor to consider in dairying is the stable wherein the cattle are to be housed.

Strawberries should be cultivated. the weeds eradicated and the mois- saved for winter use. When vegeta- after taking a dozen bottles of Cutidrouth.

When the incubator is to be started the eggs to it.

Fresh manure has a tendency to ishes to become wormy

The attention the farmer gives the hen is an invitation for the hen to average of the herd as the basis of lay-and her cackle is the acknowl- computing annual profit from the edgment of the invitation.

The scientific, thoughtful farmer

works with his head. He knows every profit producing canacity. No live stock is so easily and quick. in the evening.

ly increased in volume as hogs and a season of good prices is usually a precursor of increased breeding.

Allow the calf to run with the mother for a day or so immediately after birth. The new milk is necessary to promote a proper digestion.

Aside from the commercial value of the products from the poultry yard the value of fresh eggs and fine poultry for the table should not be under-

Generous treatment while a heifer tends to develop the udder and in fact all the milk producing organs of the cow out of a small milker; it is usecow and establishes a habit that is less to make the effort.

Do not defer harvesting your Irish potatoes until they are affected with ture and the plants begin to die har- lary attraction. It travels from one vest the tubers.

No sane and active poultry keeper will tolerate lice in the nest. Place water, feed and dust bath where the hen can easily get at them when she daily leaves the nest.

should be promptly destroyed. Wind-common salt usually used besides bechest and back. This he kept up ac fall apples and peaches should be ing a better conditioner. tively until two-thirds of the water. gathered up and destroyed to prevent spreading the disease.

Unless you secure the guinea eggs and have the young ones hatched undrive off the moisture by heat and sistants brought forward chips and der the hens, along with the chicks, then examine these soil particles unlight kindling; this was carefully laid they are almost certain to become der a powerful microscope we will find

> Beware of "red rust" in blackberry | ter. or blackcap bushes. When seen promptly dig up and burn infected plant, being careful not to scatter the ters in connection with grazing cattle, fungous dust over healthy bushes.

> Those who have large apple orchards are fortunate if they have sometimes pays to put up a board roof evaporators for drying windfall ap- to protect cattle from the hot sun in ples. This is a good way to utilize July and August, but summer feeding unsalable fruit and thus aid to the on a large scale is not generally adprofits of the orchard.

Keep your eyes open for better hens coals, and that smoldering, would be out stock. None over one or at the ieft. On the contrary, while it to outside two years old should be

Cottonseed meal fed to excess will erels are allowed to run together, injure the flavor of butter just as growth is considerably retarded, bepressed forward to throw money into where prayers were said for souls of ments, made their prayers, and stood linseed meal in excess will injure sides which the flesh loses a good deal the contribution trough, and to hand those fallen in battle. We were told ready for the moment. Popular in the grain and flavor. While both of of its excellence, both in flavor and these can be fed to an advantage to fineness. the temple. Passing into the shrine worth seeing. To the Kudan, then, height. Suddenly, with a cry of ex. dairy cows the best results are positself, we found the altar loaded with we went. A great open space on the ultation the forward priest stepped sible only when they are used in connection with other materials.

There is money in bees.

Start an asparagus bed. It thrives on a sandy soil.

Sell off all the roosters except the prime ones for breeding.

The breed of white hogs is rapidly disappearing from this country.

The good roads movement increases the pleasure of moving over the roads.

A dog's bark is rather to be encouraged. There is argument in the barking of a dog.

One man cannot well do two things

at once, but two men can do one thing nicely. Young shrubs need more cultivation

and care than older ones, especially the first year.

Some men never discover where a fence is weak until they attempt to cilmb over it.

Even a city man can come to the front with a small flock of poultry in his back yard.

No cow which averages less than one and one-half gallons of milk per day can be kept at a profit.

her quiet for a number of days. The cow is doing her best for you and you can afford to pamper her

whims. They are usually pretty good

women," knew what he was talking to myself and wife is simply inde-Onions stand a good deal of cold.

If you have new ones earlier than An orchard will live longer, bear your neighbors, you must take some my money down a sewer. They would

> kinds of seeds, since there is so lit- induced by my wife to give the Cutitle market for them.

ture conserved for late summer bles are scarce they will be greatly cura Resolvent in conjunction with enjoyed if saved in this way.

for late hatches set things in order every 40 acres of land and 256 cows, day I was born. Now after a lapse of from his shoulders down the sides of square mile of land in the kingdom.

> cause carrots, parsnips and salsify to vices for the house and barn. They for me. I shall always recommend grow forked roots; it also causes rad- are easy to make, and many of them them to my friends. W. H. White, are worth much more than they cost. 312 E. Cabot St., Philadelphia, Pa., Feb.

> > It is not fair calculation to take the dairy. Let each individual stand on her merits.

The sitting hen should be given a cow, her yield, her condition and her new, clean box for a nest, filled with the cleanest of material. Place her on the new nest and give her the eggs

> No animals are bred that are capable of supplying the largest amount of rich milk and storing away the largest amount of flesh and fatness in their bodies at one and the same time.

Most people find that the yearling hens lay more eggs than the older hens, but some chicken raisers claim that the old hens eggs are better for hatching, because they are more strongly fertilized.

Good food never creates the character nor temperament of a cow, nor makes of her a good dairy animal, any more than it never makes a good

Water or moisture is always on the move. When it rains it soaks the ground, and as soon as it stops raining black rot. As soon as the tubers ma- it starts its upward movement by capilsoil particle to the next and so on until the soil becomes what we call dry.

All stock will be healthier and will thrive better if salt is kept where they can help themselves daily rather than at intervals. Medicated salts are now put up and sold that are better All decayed specimens of fruit in every way for the stock than the

> The soil has wonderful absorptive power to hold on to its moisture, for if we place some soil in the oven and each soil particle coated with a thin film of what is termed hydroscopic wa-

TO BE THE REAL PROPERTY. Shade and water are important matand the more nearly natural the conditions can be made, the better. In a pasture which contains no trees, it

visable at all where there is no na-

tural shade in the field.

Unless the cockerels are to be retained for breeding purposes, it is advisable to kill them off as soon as they are sufficiently large, thus clearing the ground and giving more space to the pullets to grow. When ccck-

Professor Washburn of the Minnesota division of Entomology at University Farm finds toads to be friends of Do not neglect to examine the cur- the farmer. They feed entirely upon worms, and the larva of the currant- vestigating the toad, discovers the sawfly. If you find any, dust the startling fact that in 24 hours the inleaves, top and under sides, with fine | sect food consumed by one toad equals iy powdered hellebore, when the in quantity four times the capacity of foliage is wet, or put a heaping table- its stomach, which is practically filled spoonful in a gallon of water, and and emptied four times every 25 bours

TOO LATE.



Dr. Pillem-There must be some thing radically wrong with your system to have your hair fall out so.

You will have to diet. Skantlox-Dye it? I'm afraid, doc. there's not enough of it left to dye.

LEG A MASS OF HUMOR

"About seven years ago a small

abrasion appeared on my right leg just above my ankle. It irritated me so that I began to scratch it, and it began to spread until my leg from my ankle to the knee was one solid scale like a scab. The irritation was always worse at night and would not allow me to sleep, or my wife either, and it was completely undermining our Take the chill off the water for the mare, and feed her carefully and keep health. I lost fifty pounds in weight and was almost out of my mind with pain and chagrin as no matter where the irritation came, at work, on the street or in the presence of company. I would have to scratch it until I had the blood running down into my shoe. I simply cannot describe my suffer-The man who said "that the best ing during those seven years. The poultrymen on most farms are the pain, mortification, loss of sleep, both scribable on paper and one has to ex-

perience it to know what it is.

"I tried all kinds of doctors and rem-

edies but I might as well have thrown dry up for a little while and fill me with hope only to break out again just It is more difficult to secure the as bad if not worse. I had given up seeds of forest trees than any other hope of ever being cured when I was cura Remedies a trial. After taking the Cuticura Remedies for a little Beets may be canned or pickled and while I began to see a change, and the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, the trouble had entirely disap-In Japan there are 192 people for peared and my leg was as fine as the rence I feel perfectly safe in extend-Take some time to make handy de good the Cuticura Remedies have done 4 and Apr. 13, 1909."

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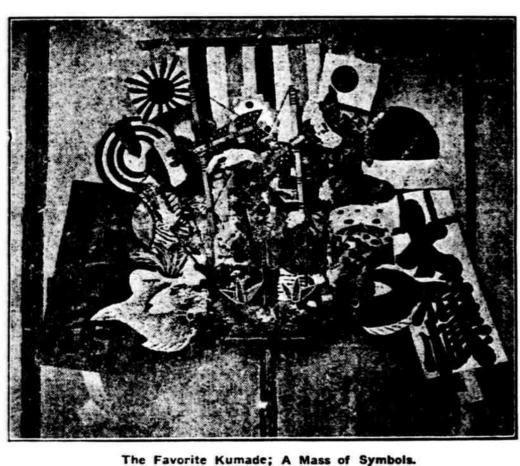
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The Favorite Kumade; A Mass of Symbols.

Here were kumade of all sizes and god seized the rock thus started, and prices, and different enough to meet held it from closing; the sun goddess, the demands of every taste. Trade yielding to the prayers of her comwas in good blast, and the scene was panions, issued again from her retreat, not only lively, but noisy. Turning a and the world's happiness was secorner, we found ourselves facing the cured. Uzume is thus ever a symbol Temple of the Bird, and hurried to- of happiness, but on her fans there is ward it in order to see the devotion other symbolism; there are the two Standing on the same platform before of the people before we gave further great gods, Daikoku and Ebisu-the the audience, he proceeded to make attention to the talismans on sale. It gods of wealth and productivity: was a Shinto temple, but of those there are the three happy plants-the which show the influence of Buddhism plum, the pine, and the bamboo; there in its details and arrangements. Just is the stork flying high in heaven, before we reached it, we passed the and there is the mushroom "best of ably to demonstrate to the audience dancing platform—found in connection foods," and intimately associated with that it was not throughout—the priest with all Shinto temples-for kagura, A Uzume in the popular mind. With kagura dancer was then performing such a kumade, who could fail to have with leaves, and advanced to the cal-The music was supplied by three men a prosperous year? But if one's taste seated at the rear of the stage, dressed is otherwise, he has varied possibifiin duli green with pointed caps upon ties of choice. their heads. Two of them beat drums | In fact, it would be difficult to find | thoroughly boiling liquid, he brought of differing forms, while a third more striking examples of the symbol- out great quantities of it upon them played upon a pipe or whistle. The ism in which Japan so much delights and splashed it thoroughly over his dancing girl was strikingly arrayed in than in these kumade. Some of the white red-edged. A purple-blue upper more gaudy ones are a mass of kimono a great blue obi (belt) a white strange figures which the novice apron falling from her head and a would need to have explained in debroad bine pendant behind. Upon her tail for his comprehension head she were a crown, from which | When we had finished it was necextended three leafy boughs of the ga- essary to take a jinrickisha in order cred sakake. From her neck hung a to transport the stuff which we had sered necklace made of long beads, bought. Passersby cried out in surround beads and the curious claw- prise at the fortune which we might shaped magatama. Her face was well expect, and cook and the old lady carefully powdered, and to every de- were overwhelmed with satisfaction tail of her dress minute attention had as they thought of the good times on given. Her nevements were slow coming. And yet, when we looked over and graceful, the steps those of core- the great stock, we felt that somemenial dancing, handed down perhaps thing was still lacking; therefore. tachanged for centuries. On a small quite late in the afternoon, we again .ble besore her lay the different cb. hurried to Tori-no-machi. The place pets which she would in turn use in had been transformed. So great was

for a sword, and that for a fan. yellow cloth, bearing a stamped pic- every kind were sold. But of course foot or more in height ture of the bird to which the temple the thing for which the crowd had (Copyright, 1910, by W. G. Chapman.)

the dance. A systrum of brass was held in the right hand, and at the moment when we first saw her, a bough ing. Ropes had been stretched to diof sakake was in the left. These she vide the narrow alleys into two and moved gracefully to the accompani. movement was permitted only in one ment of the dance. At a certain place direction in these separated sections: the branch of sakake was laid down crowded as the booths had seemed durand the gohei-a red with curiously ing the morning, new ones had been cut pendant paper-was taken in its erected, and all were blazing with

place. This in turn was exchanged lights from candles, lamps, torches and gas-jets. People as they approached the altar. Talking of night celebrations and il- fire was still blazing when preparaof different kinds, and things of value possession of by booths and shacks step walked on the hot coals and of the gods. On both sides of the altar in the merry throng had said their the flery bed. When he was midway rant and gooseberry-bushes and look an incredible number of insects. The were great piles of mamori or charms. prayers for the souls of those lost in of his walk, the second gave the same for the white eggs of the currant- federal department of agriculture, inall of which no doubt were sold long battle, but if they had, there was no cry and followed him. There time. before the testival ended. Priests and sign of sadness on their part. The the two made the walk across the other venders of these charms were whole place was a blaze of light. At bed of fire, and when the act was scated just outside the temple. The scores of little tcoths, toys and foods. frished the coals were still glowing favorite maniori were purses made of fruits and books and cheap things of and the fames still mounting to

which had marked his predecessor. some rotary movements with his open hands. He too, played, with the finger-twistings. Meantime the water had been thoroughly stirred-probthen seized two great boughs, heavy dron from which the cover had been removed; he was stripped to the waist; dipping the boughs into the head and shoulders, and upon his

coolles who were assisting in the Retentive soils should be drained. preparation, the performers before us were four white-robed priests of the old religion. We were about to witness | now. show in which there still lingers a abomination in a dairy. considerable amount of religious fervor and devotion. Percival Lowell, of course, has described them adequategreater the profit from the pen. described them since. There may be an element of craft and deception in the whole performance, but it is al- resodded. ways interesting, and we were glad of The disk is a better implement than If farmers kept books there would

our first opportunity to witness it. First, is the sword ladder, the least interesting of the four; the priest who orchard. was to perform the miracle and an assistant, after tedious preparation, be a great many better ones than advanced to the front of the ladder. which consisted of wooden sides, in which were set six or seven sharp swords. The audience had already had ing well cultivated and enriched.

demonstration of the sharpness of their edges; one sword had been passed from hand to hand, that all might see and feel. With the assistant, the performer engaged in earnest prayer, accompanied by the strange finger-twisting so characteristic of many oriental ceremonies. At the close of all these preparations the priest mounted the ladder firmly, step by step, on the sharp edges of the swords. Arrived at the summit he called for a shelltrumpet, on which he blew a blast and then descended. This act caused no

the famous "miracles,"-once purely

religious possibly, now frequently a

ly, and many a less able writer has

and acrobats.

great enthusiasm, and indeed seemed rather commonplace. The next was more striking. The priest was a gentle-faced bearded. long-haired enthusiast. Stating to the audience his purpose, he stood before them on a platform and made his trunk to his thighs; curious tremors passed through his body and his fingers went through the strange twistings. He then seized a large needle and with the utmost deliberation of his upper right arm. The act would have been startling enough if it

tion thrust it through the fleshy por had been done hurriedly; as it was, the flesh of the spectators crept with the deliberateness of the performance. A second was thrust through the same arm with the same deliberation; a third was thrust through the thick muscle of the left arm, and a fourth; a fifth was thrust through the

lobe of the right ear. This was done with not the least appearance of pain. The performer then taking a candle in the hand, walked around before the audience and let them see the needles in the fiesh. It happened that we were the first to whom he showed himself. and there was no question of the reality of the performance. After he had demonstrated the act to the whole audience he distributed a handful of small needles to the spectators, whether as souvenirs or charms, we do not Meantime the assistants had been piling wood under the caldron of boiling water. The performer this time was a strong and healthy man, with none of the air of dreamy abstraction