

MODERN JAPANESE PRISONS

The Great Penitentiary at Tokio and Its 2,300 Convicts.

JAPAN'S POLICE AND DETECTIVE SYSTEM

How Prisoners Are Fed—All Work Done by Hand—Prison Discipline—Modes of Punishment—A New Penitentiary Being Built.

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The biggest prison in Japan, and one of the biggest in the world, is the great Tokaido penitentiary. It is situated in the heart of the city, in the middle of the Sumida river, on an island of about twenty acres. It is within a stone's throw almost of the busiest part of the great Japanese capital.

It is not an easy thing for a visitor to get access to a Japanese prison. As for the criminal, he finds the way just as open in Japan as in America, but the visitor must have the best credentials and only the fewest of travelers have ever gotten through the great penitentiary.

THE INSPECTOR BYRNES OF JAPAN.

Dr. Whitney, the interpreter of our legation, went with me, and we called upon the Inspector Byrnes of Japan, who is named Mr. Sonota, and he has charge of the 5,000 policemen of the Japanese capital and a close connection with the detective service of the empire.

He is a very interesting man, and he is as well as the czar wherever every one of his subjects sleeps at night, and all suspected persons are carefully watched. Both foreigners and natives are kept in the most complete and thorough manner.

Japan is the past had crucifixion and all sorts of horrible punishments, but these have long since passed away. The superintendent told me there was no such thing as corporal punishment in Japan, and that the only punishments were the cutting down of the food and solitary confinement.

The discipline in these prisons is, perhaps, the best in the world. I saw no surly looks and the faces of the prisoners seemed good natured and kindly. They were thoroughly obedient to the officers, and in every shop that we entered we were saluted by the prisoners in a most courteous way.

Frank G. Carpenter

A Dangerous Neighborhood.

An American sufragist of Wyoming was casting her first vote, and, woman-like, she was making a mess of it, says the Detroit Free Press.

How the Prisoners Are Fed.

The prisoners have three meals a day, and there is a difference in the food according to their behavior. Those who do best have their meals made of half barley and half rice.

SPORTS OF HEARLY WINTER

Dullness Takes the Place of the Life that Recently Prevailed.

WHISPERS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

Famous American Trap Shoots Will Take Part in the International Match at Monte Carlo—Standing of Players in the Whist Tournament.

Omaha trap shooters as well as trap shooters throughout the country generally will be pleased to learn that the United States is to be represented in the famous international pigeon shoot at Monte Carlo in the week in February.

The shooting season at Monte Carlo is the chief sporting event of the year in Europe, and it is a very interesting one.

The greatest period of the season, however, is the first week in February, which is called the international week, for the prizes are competed for by the representatives of various nations during that week.

There are 100 competitors and the match is practically one big sweepstake, with an entrance fee of 200 francs per man. Each competitor is allowed to shoot at two pigeons, and the rules governing the contest are quite different from those in vogue in this country.

A careful observance of these rules would certainly be the means of avoiding many accidents. 1. Never under any circumstances point your gun toward any living creature.

Whisperers of the Wheel. The officially announced election of the Nebraska division of the League of American Wheelmen is a matter of some interest.

Whom men who travel to some extent in the state become the fact that we have no league hotels. Old wheelmen, of course, who have lived in the state some time, especially in the western part, are fairly well known, and usually find some hospitality on their private list that gives them a rate, but new men are springing up every day.

The Battle of the Papes.

The Omaha Whist club tournament is rapidly nearing its close. Small and Wheeler, Marsh and Pease, Funkhouser and Webber, have already finished their respective series.

CHRISTMAS.

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