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# Celebrating Their Victories---Are Japs an Expressionless People?



THE VERY REAL ENTHUSIASTS IN JAPAN-SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER A CLOUD OF JAPANESE FLAGS.

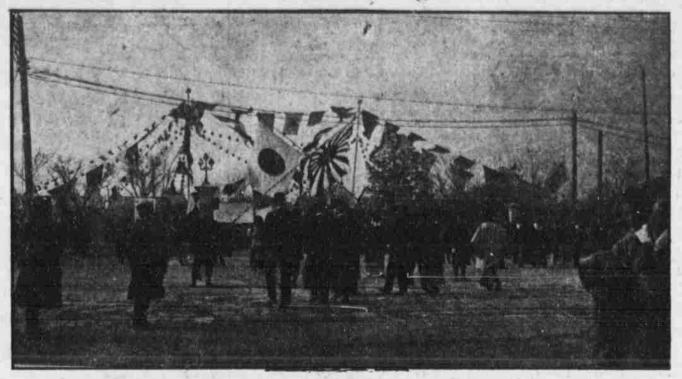
E IS constantly hearing now-0 adays about Japanese stolidity which makes this people expressionless in the face of events that would turn any other nation upside down with joy, and I spend much time in wondering whether this is a deeprooted national characteristic or merely a "pose" for the benefit of a world that fully expected Japan to lose its head in case it was victorious over mighty Russia. I know if the United States army had done what those little brown men up in Manchuria have put to their credit, and the credit of their country, there would be a "Dewey arch" over every street corner from Maine to California, and we would all be going about shaking hands, waving flags and congratulating ourselves upon the fortune that made us God's own and only people. But I cannot imagine any such demonstration of enthusiasm taking place in Japan, and if it did I suppose we abould all begin to cry about the "yellow peril" and to accuse this little people of too much self-appreciation and ambition.

But this little people goes on winning great victories and celebrating them with the utmost modesty and decorum until this little people has won for itself a reputation for stolidity which I hardly believe it merits.

Last year I was in Kyoto when the Japanese army crossed the Yalu, and, taking my interpreterr, I went one night for riksha ride out into the city just to "get away from myself," to see if I could not find escape, in the interesting strangeness of the little narrow streets, from the ennul and homesickness which possessed me. I remember I was on the point of taking the next steamer back to America, because I was finding Japan so deadly dull. Well, in my mote book I find joyful writing about that night, and I think-it was the turning point in my Japanese experience, the point at which I began to really appreciate as human beings the little people who had before seemed to me incomprehensible creatures of another sphere.

# The Lautern Parade.

We hadn't gone far that night. Takiga San and I, before we come upon a marvellous lantern parade led by a brass band that was playing "Marching Through Georgia" in all the keys at once. It was the most joyous thing I ever saw and my heart leapt into instant sympathetic vibration with the jubilant note which rang in every voice as they shouted "Banzal! Dai Nippon Banzal! A thousand



YLAGS AND BANNERS AIRED OVER THE ENTRANCE TO HIBIYA PARK, IN TOKIO, FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS ONE DAY RECENTLY.

clamor. They say nothing, these boys, they only run swiftly along scattering the imjinglings; whistles blew in every direction and temple bells boomed sonorously across the, city, all out of their usual stately and murmured honorifics and humilifies, but measure. Excited people ran hither and nobody shouted and nobody sang a joy entrances of shops than I had ever seen as soon as that happened, which must under the circumstances. before. By these signs we knew that be in a day or two, there was to be a Liao Yang had fallen, and from these signs great "banzal," as a Japanese celebration

ts called. we gathered that there was to be some great rejoicing. A Postponed Celebration

But days passed without any indication age to us, who would have filled the entire Then the town was decorated with mil-

"extra." and is published on a wee shoet

about the size of a bit of note paper, and

the boys who carry these around to the

people have a little bunch of bells of vary-

ing sizes and tones fastened to their beits

which, as they run, make a most excited

of an intention to celebrate. I was an- interval with one loud cheer if it had been lions of flags and pennants, and banners, portant little sheets and nobody can ever noyed. It didn't seem healthy to me, and our army that had done so great a thing. and lanterns, and there was much shout- days ahead. The whole country was cock- nothing. mistake their jangling small announcement I longed to see the whole population turn At the time, in the midst of the excite- ing of "Dal Nippon, banzal," and beating sure of success and the foreigners especfor any other noise peculiar to Japanese out and hug each other in untrammeled ment, I thought this "bansai" was a splen- upon big bass drums with an energy that ially did a great lot of anticipating events, and on Broadway in New York the bulstreet life. Weil, one day there were more joy. But that was not the Japanese way. did affair. And I remember indulging in was far from Christian, but through it Indeed, come to think of it, the foreign letin was posted and the "gogal" was "gogal" boys than usual and the whole They met each other and bowed very low much hyperbole, which the grammar says all ran an undercurrent of expectancy, an population was creating most of the distown seemed filed with their janglings and several times with their hands hidden away is a Greek word signifying exaggeration, impalpable something which seemed a turbance, while the Japanese, with their in their big kimone sleeves. They drew as I wrote an account of it. It was fine, promise of a real outburst of enthusiasm refinement of deliberative screnity which tured the people forgetting the restraint their breath in sharply through their teeth really, but if I hadn't thought with every- when the great news should come that we call by various names under various cir- which nature herself scenes to have put yon, and there was more chattering and song. Then one day we heard that they should capitulate, I should have considered afraid of doing an injustice to the men planned at all, behind closed sholl. Weeks gesticulating on street corners and at the were waiting for Port Arthur to fall, and it quite mild and altogether inadequate, who were then fighting so bravely at Port passed after Linoyang and still the great Heaven Descended in the Palace of Mys-

Jubilation in Parade.

each one of them carried a bobbing, danc-"But as Port Arthur didn't fall, Japan finally decided to celebrate Liao Yang. It ing paper lantern on a long bamboo pole, really wasn't many days, but it seemed an which created a decidedly brilliant effect.

body else that it was only a foretaste of was supposed to decide the fortunes of cumstances, went on their way expressionwhat would happen when Port Arthur this war. It was as if the people were less and planned their jubilation, if they Arthur, as if it were unseemly to rejoice conflict went on at Port Arthur. I was tery within the Inner Moat, had caused an when so important a victory hung aloof called back to New York in late October,

from the struggling army, when the very and was sorry as anything because I should There were 45,000 people in a parade, and life of the nation seemed balanced upon be in mid-Pacific when the great event a bayonet's point in that fortified penin- should take place. I didn't doubt for a because the decoration cost a great sum of sula in the Yellow sea. So our shouting moment that when we arrived in America we should be greeted with this, so importday or two and see what will happen." We waited. The preparations for great ant, news. Well, of course we were not,



TRIUMPHAL ARCH OF GREENERY AND FLAGS ERECTED ON THE OCCA-SION OF ADMIRAL TOGO'S RECENT VISIT TO TOKIO.

rejolcing went forward. Hotels advertised and many more weeks went by until really special' dinners and reserved tables weeks the world ceased to hold its breath and asahead for what was supposed to be only sumed at attitude of expectancy expecting

> But at last the great struggle terminated with the joy-mad crowd in Tokio. . I picupon them, and for once really congratulating themselves upon their triumph. Not so. I am told that the great Tenshi, the intimation to go forth that he had not approved of such extravagant decoration, nor too much expression or exuberation. Firstly, money which could and should be more judiciously expended; and, secondly, because Japanese rejolcing must of necessity be at the expense of a noble enemy grimly bearing reverses in every engagement, together with the awful loss of nearly 300,000 men. So this nation, trained to obedience of the imperial wish as no family of children was ever trained to obedience of the paternal command, ceased forthwith to spend its money upon flags and bunting and banners and lanters by the tens of thousands and settled itself to await the end with as possible.

> The other day Mukden fell into the hands of the Japanese and was followed very shortly by Tiehling. These were the first great events since Port Arthur, and one naturally expected to see some evidence of intelligent appreciation in Tokio. I left the

hotel in fact a number of times and went down through the Ginza, the Broadway of Japan, just to see if I couldn't find some indication that this country is at war and winning such a succession of victories as would keep any other country in the hands of decorators week in and week out. Nothing happened. Nobody said a word, and this time it looked indeed like stolidity or stupidity, but it was not. It was deliberation. Early Saturday morning I looked out visions and the other necessities of life of my window, which commands a fine view of Hiblya park and the moats surrounding the palace grounds, and I saw a thousand

crowded streets. But it was more or less.

nothing at all, and after taking a few

confined to the little square of Hiblya park

I came back to the hotel wondering. It was

a most deliberate affair. All the flags and

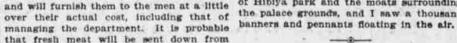
stand erected for the purpose at a certain

hour in the afternoon, and by 4 or 5 o'clock

there was not a single banner nor bit of

bunting left in the air, and the crowd had

ranged meeting to offer public thanks to



Homes of Workmen Employed on Panama Canal

P ready for his canal employes. Puget sound, and it is now piled up in the lumber yards at Colon and La Boca and scattered at different points over our tenmile strip. A big saw and planing mill has

been formed out of the old French machinery at Colon, and well-equipped tinning, blacksmithing and plumbing shops are in operation at Ancon. At the several stations along the canal route gangs of men are at work building new houses and repairing the old ones left by the French. Altogether there are more than 800 plumbers, painters, carpenters, linsmiths,

Within the past few months Panama, one of which is the Canal Office feet long, set close together, and of the the employes into comfortable shape." millions of feet of lumber have arrived building, covering a full block, and the finest construction. The house framework from the states. Shipload after shipload other the fine residence of the chief engi- is not more than twenty-five feet high. has come from the Gulf of Mexico and neer, which was formerly the home of the The Ancon hospital buildings stand upon French canal director. Ravaged by Time and White Ants. I asked the supervising architect to

give me some idea of the condition of these buildings at the time they were handed over to us. Said he:

"Nearly everything left by the French

concrete blocks six feet square, where blocks two feet square would have served,

and, indeed, this is so everywhere.

was in a state of dilapidation. No repairs because M. Dingler, the chief of the canal, floor. The doors open out upon porches had been done for years. The paint had who built it, had his family carried away and the ventilation is perfect. In that been worn off by the weather and the by the yellow fever before he could live building there will be sixty-two rooms, buildings had also suffered greatly from in it. That building we are now using for each of which will be occupied by a bachthe white ants. These insects have eaten a hospital. It is a two-story cottage, which elor workman. at the porches, and they have made their cost about \$75,000, and it would be consid- The rooms will be furnished by the govway into some of the larger buildings and ered fine at Newport. The house has an ernment. Every man will have his own chewed off the ends of the joists, so that enormous amount of concrete about it, and furniture, consisting of two tables, a bed, one side of the floors is almost entirely it has chicken houses and cow sheds built a mattress, a hat rack, two chairs and

1995, by Frank G. Carpenter.) stations, office buildings and wharves at above them. In the laborers' camp at Cule- putting up a big wharf at La Boca, and chooses, however, he need not eat in the ANAMA, May 4-(Special Cor- Panama and Colon, hospital buildings bra the cottages stand upon piers of solid we shall add greatly to the hospitals at quarters. There will be canteens outside respondence of The Bec.)-Uncle which have altogether cost millions, situ- masonry three times as large as are needed Ancon, crecting ice plants and cold storage and a man can go where he pleases. The little demonstration of jubilant feeling as Sam will soon have 2,000 houses ated at the two ends of the line, and two to carry their loads, and at La Boca there plants there. We are also making roads canteens will be of different grades. At big three-story structures in the heart of is a two-story house built upon plers forty and are rapidly getting the quarters for some meals will cost much more than at

# American Homes at Panama. While in the architect's office I looked over the plans of the different kinds of

buildings which are now being made for the American employes. The houses vary "The work was let out by the French to according to the rank and salary of the contractors at so much per cubic yard, so man and as to his family. In the bachelor that the more concrete put in the greater quarters at Culebra, above referred to, the the price. One of the most extravagant of cellings are thirteen feet high. Each bed their houses is the Folly Dingler, so called room is 12x14, with French windows to the

unsupported. This was the case with the to correspond with its architecture. The tollet conveniences. Wardrobes and book

How Married Men Will Live.

others, and one can accommodate his stom-

ach to his pocket. There will also be coffee houses where a man may buy what he pleases and pay for what he orders. The present rate for board at Culebra is, I am

told, just about \$5 per week. As to those who wish to keep house and board themselves, the commission will soon have a commissary department like that found at our army posts. This will be in charge of Paymaster E. C. Tobey, the chief of materials and supplies, and it will result in the men and their families getting their food and clothing as low, if not lower, than the same things could be bought in the United States. This department will import all sorts of American proand will furnish them to the men at a little

lives! To great Japan a thous nd lives It was the first time I had ever heard anything like it and it brought me to my feet with a response that made me instantly one of them, joying in their joy and blessing all the gods at once for the deathless glory of Japan. Oh, it was a wonderful thing, and nobody who felt its vibrant power could ever again think of the Japanese people as stolid. They were patriots gone mad that night, and as I rode along under the thousands of red and white paper lanterns made in the pattern of the victorious sun-flag I wondered what the end

would be and how this dancing crowd would take the defeat which I and all the world thought was ultimately inevitable for them. The army had only just then crossed the Yalu and down at Port Arthur, the great slege had little more than just begun, which was to cost the nation sixty thousand men or more, and such suffering at home and in the field as can never be more than 2,400 different buildings in variwritten down for the eye of man to see. Lino Yang was many weeks away and the most sanguine of us could not hope that the Japanese success would continue without a single interruption or defeat. But it has been so, and curiously enough, the public rejoicing has seemed to diminish with every victory the nation has won until now the attitude amounts to something which looks like the vast responsibilities of the situation into which the country has so valiantly fought its way.

# When Lino Yang Fell.

When Lino Yang fell I was in Yokohama The town, the whole nation indeed, had been holding its breath for weeks expecting every hour to hear a decision from that great battle-field. I remember every time a "gogal boy" went jingling his little bunch of bells through the street everybody jumped and ran to see if it might be the great news. A "gogai" is a Japanese

hat more than \$2,000,000 will be so expended during the coming year. In the administration building at Panama a corps of architects from the Treasury department at Washington and from New York, Boston and Chicago is working away night and day making plans and specifications, the whole force being under the direction of the supervising architect, Mr. M. O. Johnson, who was formerly one of the architects of the Illinois Central system, and was brought here by Chief Engineer Wallace.

masons and other mechanics and laborers

engaged in such construction. Outside the

cost of the material, more than \$100,000 has

already been spent, and it is estimated

## Part of Uncle Sam's Bargains.

During my stay at Panama I have spent They are especially fond of white pine, but less so of yellow pine, Oregon fir, much time with the supervising architect. I have traveled with him over the isthmus redwood and cypress, and for that reason we are using those woods. The French inspecting the buildings which came to us builders coated their girders with tar, but as a part of Uncle Sam's bargain, and in this causes dry rot when the wood is not looking over the plans of the new houses in course of construction. He tells me that exposed to the air. we received as a part of our canal purchase

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ous stages of dilapidation. We got 2,200 houses, most of which were cottages intended as the homes of the workmen. A few had been built in the United States and sent knocked down to Panama, and the remainder were made of imported American lumber, toofed with a fine quality of

tropical climate for twenty-five years. These houses are to be seen at Ancon and Colon, at the two ends of the canal, and they are scattered in villages all along the route from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They are of different sizes; some of onestory, costing from several hundred to a thousand dollars or more each, and others the magnificent residences built for De Lesseps and his son at Christobal and the mansion of Monsteur Dingler on the slopes of Ancon, each of which cost from \$50,000 to \$75,000. In addition there are a score or more of great warehouses and machine shops scattered over the isthmus, railroad

# galvanized iron, which has withstood this

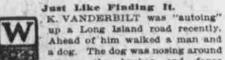
had even fed on the furniture. One chair, for instance, looked perfectly sound, but when sat upon it went down with a crash, carrying its occupant to the floor. The ants had consumed the inside of the woodwork, leaving only the shell of the var

These ants work in the dark and one cannot tell the amount of their destruction except by sounding the timbers.

# Extravagant Builders.

"Speaking of the French as builders," continued Mr. Johnson, "their chief idea seems to have been to make the buildings as expensive as possible. This is especially the case with the foundations, which have often cost more than the structures

# **Ouaint Features of Current Life**



a dog. The dog was nosing around among the bushes and fence posts. Suddenly, as Mr. Vanderblit's auto passed the man, the dog started across the road. The auto hit him "kerplunk" amidships. A few spasmodic kicks and he gave up the ghost. Mr. Vanderbilt immediately stopped his machine and getting out approached the man with his wallet in his hand, saying: "I'm awfully sorry, my man. Will \$50 fix it right?" "Oh, yes, \$50 will do." Then, as Mr. Vanderbilt was disappearing in a cloud of dust up the road, the man turned, and looking at the dog said: wonder whose beast it was?"

Dream of Fire Came True. Mrs. Maud Hopler of Williamsport, Pa. whose apartments are on the third floor of a frame building over a grocery store, awoke one morning at 4 o'clock to find the building filled with smoke. She had just been dreaming that a lamp upset by the groceryman in an incubator in his show window had set fire to the building.

Drawing on a pair of slippers Mrs. Hoper made her way to the street, and, true to her dream, she found the window ablaze from the incubator lamp. There were a dozen people asleep in the building, and she tried to get back, but found that the nightlatch had snapped, and she was locked out Though attired only in her nightgown Mrs. Hopler ran two squares to a firehouse and gave the alarm, when a chemical tank in the hands of a fireman soon extinguished the flames.

# Encouragement for Bables.

George W. Davenport of Greenfield, fass. bachelor and admirer of infants, Mann. has instituted an anti-race-suicide move-

ment along unique lines. Every child borg in Greenfield hereafter will receive from Mr. Davenport a savings bank account of 50 cents. Mr. Davenport's main hope of inspiring interest in a plentiful crop of infants is an annual baby show to be held in May. The proceeds of the show he proposes to devote to boys' club work, thus encouraging children of tender years, though too old for haby show honors. President Roosevelt has approved Mr. Davenport's baby show plan and has signified his appreciation of the compliment of having his likeness on souvenir badges which will be distributed among Franklin county bables. The trump card of Mr. Davenport will be an attempt to obtain the presence of President Roosevelt at the show.

# Jarring the Surgeon.

The London Chronicle tells this story: She was a dreadful wreck when they brought her in to St. Bartholomew's hospital last evening. The youthful surgeon worked away upon her face with sponges and plaster, and cotton wool. wondering aloud how she could have got into such a state. Clearly the woman had something to say-but she could not say it. When the surgeon had made a job of it he gently lifted the woman over an arm and asked, 'How did it happen?' She raised a fist to shake over his shoulder, and cried furiously: "E done it! 'E done it! --- 'im.' Turning his head the surgeon could see the mun, who had been standing just under the flaring gas jet, and watching the proceedings with the interest of a landed proprietor at a building operation. "The brute!" muttered the surgeon, as he shifted the woman to her feet. She turned on him. Brute!' she shricked through her bandage. "You call 'im brute? And after he

residence of the chief engineer. The floors cow shed has a solid concrete floor, the shelving will be built into the houses, and were uneven throughout, and one felt very cattle ate their food out of concrete it is expected that they will be lighted by unsafe while walking across them. The troughs and the horses drank out of a electricity. Such quarters are for our mesupports of the front stairway were alconcrete basin of ornamental design which chanics, namely, carpenters, plumbers, most entirely eaten away, and the ants must have cost at least \$5,000." painters and others. Men of a higher rank, such as chiefs of departments, chief clorks,

# What is Being Done. I asked Mr. Johnson to give me some more furniture. idea of the work now going on in his de-

partment. Said he "We have already repaired several hundred houses. We have thoroughly reno- will have good accommodations. Many of vated the canal administration building and the French cottages are now occupied by that occupied by Chief Engineer Wallace,

and have put the hospitals here at Colon in sanitary condition. We are building a large eral large rooms, with wide windows and sanitarium on the Island of Taboga, to be doors. The walls, as is the case with used as a convalescent hospital, and we nearly all the buildings here, are of wood, will soon be constructing large additions to painted in bright colors, no plaster or paper the hospital at Ancon. The Taboga build- being used. A common type of building is ings are about completed. They contain a one-story cottage, containing two rooms chambers, dining rooms, amusement rooms, and a kituhen, with verandas at the front

high bluff, surrounded by a grove of coccanut palms and overlooking the sea. The extend clear to the roof, in order to proisland has pure water, it affords excellent surf bathing and it will be valuable for our. from the top of the wall to the celling. All people who are getting well or who have to lie off for a rest.

'We have repaired most of the houses at Christobal, Uncle Sam's beautiful annex to the city of Colon, and a large force of workmen are now living there. I should say we have repaired 300 at that place alone.

"At Culebra, where the most of the canal work is now going on, we are putting up a and sixteen feet wide with a six-foot bachelor quarters more than 200 feet long, varanda running around three sides. Each which will accommodate eighty-five men. there will also be large dining rooms, readdouble lattice doors instead of windows

opening upon the porches, and on the first tages are now being built which have livstory the inside walls will be rolling par- ing and dining rooms on the first floor and titions, which will enable the whole to be bed rooms above. Such houses will have thrown into one room for lectures and porches, top and bottom, and the upper social purposas.

# Homes for Culebra.

ried men at Culebra. We have designed them having six rooms with furniture to twenty and are completing four every week. We have twenty-five portable houses there. each consisting of a room and a porch. They will do for bachelors. We are also re-

pairing a number of the old French houses and a little farther on at Rio Grande Superior are renovating forty such houses for ments, the bachelor quarters will have kitchens and dining rooms, which will be the workingmen. The latter buildings are dormitories, with a special house, containing dining rooms and kitchens, to be used ing his own proportion of the actual cost.

Contracts for supplying the board for such as a canteen to feed the men. "In addition to this." the supervising quarters will be let out to the lowest rearchitect continued, "ws are repairing other buildings all along the line. We are his share of the contract price. If he



Gage Fou can in prote and as arms. M. O. JOHNSON, SUPERVISING ARCHI-TECT AT PANAMA -Photo by Mr. Corrage at COLON-UNCLE SAM GOT ABOUT 2,000 SUCH HOMES FROM THE FRENCH-Photo by Mr. Carpenter.

America and kept in cold storage here, and that the commissiarit may also furnish ice and vegetables.

Cost of Provisions at Panama. At present nearly every good thing eaten at Panama comes from abroad. The isth- photographs of the decorations that were etc., will have better accommodations and mian soil is good and the climate such that almost anything can be raised; but we get our sweet potatoes from Peru, Irish potatoes and cabbages from New York, and things were put up at a certain hour in the The married mechanics and their families other vegetables from New Orleans. Every- morning, a few speeches were made in a thing is high. Chickens, for instance, cost 75 cents each, and eggs about 50 cents a dozen. Eggs are sold in the markets in couples, two being wrapped up in a corn quietly dispersed. It was merely an arhusk with strings about the middle and at the ends to keep them from breaking. Fish are to be had in great variety and comparatively cheap. Fresh meat is dear and

poor in comparison with that of the United States. Tropical fruits are delicious and cheap. One can buy a pineapple for 7 cents and a cocoanut for 5 cents, while bananas cost 1

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tached by a stem directly to the trunk. FRANK G. CARPENTER. somebody."

ference in their ages was so apparent that

the clergyman used every effort to dissuade

them from their matrimonial venture. It

was all to no avail, however, and the only

answer the woman would make was: "I

The minister performed the ceremony

The bride, beaming all over with content-

Young Wives, Old Husbands.

"I have found that the more times a

man marries the younger in comparison

with himself he wants his wife to he.

is four years younger than he. His sec-

"What do these statistics prove? Do they

and is ten. His third is twenty or thirty.

prove that as a man gains in years and

experience he finds that it is best for many

reasons to be almost as old as his wife's

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whether I love him or not."

"are collected in my business.

they weer in youth?

the army and navy for the splendid work they are doing for the nation, and it was carried out with as much dignity and decorum as if it had been some hero's funeral instead of a celebration. Perhaps this is as it should be. Perhaps this is the correct pose for a victorious nacent each. One of the best fruits here is tion to assume, but I hope I shall be here the papaya. It looks like a cross between at the end and see some such demonstraa muskmelon and a gigantic cucumber, and tion as we indulged in in New York after when cut open shows a rich yellow flesh. Admiral Dewey destroyed Spain's papler The papaya is eaten with a spoon; it is mache navy in Manila bay. There was enmuch liked for breakfast or dessert. It thusiasm that was worth living for, even if grows at the top of a little tree, being at- it was a bit overdone, and an infusion of some of that spirit into the Japanese people As to, servants, they are comparatively would relieve it of that characteristic which

cheap here, but by no means so good as our is most exasperating to whole-souled servants at home. I know one woman who Anglo-Saxons, a characteristic which a big has a girl come in for half of each day. It hearty, American friend of mine in Tokio contains a living room, a bed room, bath is her duty to cook the dinner and clean up rays makes him feel constantly like breakthe house, and her wages are \$5 per month. ing something or "picking a row with ELEANOR FRANKLIN.

# Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

Rich Widow Weds Young Coachman. the insurance agent ended. "They make RS. N. C. GRIFFIN, an old gray- these old fellows dress younger, talk haired woman of 60, the widow of younger, act younger and feel younger. a Philadelphia carpet merchant, Youth is contagious, like the croup. who left an estate valued at one

"A young wife is believed to proims an million dollars leaning on the arm old husband's life. If a man of 70 thsured We are also building quarters for mar- ter than those already mentioned, some of of her coachman, John Wood, appeared at in my company should marry a girl of 39 the Episcopal rectory in Whitehall, N. Y., I'd consider him a hetter risk by \$ per cent than he had been before." and told Rev. Mr. Elliott that they wanted to get married. The forty-two years' dif-

# Record-Breaking Ceremony.

Alma J. Kenyon, daughter of the late John S. Kenyon of Syracuse, N. Y., and Harold MacGrath, the author, also a native of Syracuse, were married in Bridgedon't care if Johnnie is only 18, I am 60, port, Conn., by Justice of the Peace Sid-.run on the contract system, each man pay- and I guess I am old enough to know ney N. Lockwood, after a fruitiess search for a clergyman. The ceremony was performed in the temporary quarters of the town clerk, and was witnessed by Mr. sponsible bidders and each man will pay ment. as she boarded the train, said she and Mrs. J. H. Sharp, fr., of Indianapolis; felt 30 years younger, and she looked it, Blanche Bates, the actress; George B. Van Cleve of New York and C. W. Bobbs of Bobbs-Merrill company.

It is said that Mrs. Kenyon, mother of "Strange statistics," said an insurance the bride, was opposed to the match, which agent quoted by the Philadelphia Inquirer. was in the nature of an elopement.

Fate seemed to have thrown many obstacles in the path of the couple. The wedding was to have taken place at 11 o'clock in the morning in Orange, N. J. For instance, his first wife on the average Dr. Charles Townsend, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, had been selected to tic the knot, but MacGrath learned that unless one of the parties was a resident of the state a license would be required. Plans were made to go to Bridgeport The party arrived there at 4:30 and visited father, or do they only prove that as men the homes of four clergymen, none of whom approach old age they are more foolish than was in. Unable to get a minister, they were directed to the office of Justice Lockwood, who made a record of performing

"Old X., aged 70, with a third wife of the ceremony in fifty-nine seconds. Miss "You can't marry a girl too young. Kenyon gave her residence as Sloux Falls, The younger she is the longer she'll keep S. D., age as 32, and stated that it was her her health and strength and beauty. Fur- second marriage,

thermore, the older you are the more re-MacGrath said he was 32 years old, restyou and obey you as she would her own He wrote "The Puppet Crown." "Arms and father or grandfather." "The Woman," "The Gray Cloak" and "The "Young wives rejuvenate old husbands," Man on the Box."

Decorum in Place of Enthusiasm. "Glory bel" said I. "We're going to have a banzal!" I hastened to get out into the

them, and those which have been repaired are comfortable. Each cottage has sevkitchens and bathhouses. They stand on a and back and a shower bath in the rear. The rooms are 12x14; the partitions do not vide plenty of air, lattice work reaching such buildings, including the old French cottages, rest high up from the ground on concrete posts, giving free air circulation under the floors The next grade of houses is intended for the married foremen and clerks. These are also of one story and cost about \$1,500 apiece to build. Each is forty-five feet long

Each man will have a room to himself, and room, servant's room, pantry and kitchen. The rooms are large and the houses coming rooms and a social hall. This building fortable. A still better class have an extra will be three stories in height, with ver- bed room. Such houses will be occupied by andas running around it. There will be clerks with large families. In addition to these some two-story cot

portion will be so acreened that the family can sit out of doors during the evening.

plied with cold water.

The quarters for the officers are even bet-

correspond to the houses. All the houses

will have shower baths and all will be sup-

Cooking and Enting.

As to the cooking and eating arrange-