

# Emperor of Japan and His Imperial Household Through Western Eyes



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**OKIO.**—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—I write today of the most powerful ruler who sits on a throne. The Emperor of Japan is in reality stronger with his people than any European monarch. His decrees have more weight than those of the czar; his commands are laws where those of the kaiser are prayers and the king of England is a puppet beside him. Japan has a constitutional government, but the sentiment in regard to the emperor is such that he is above the constitution and laws, and with most of the people he is revered as a god. The war with Russia was fought for the emperor. The Japanese rushed to battle shouting his name, and they esteemed it their greatest glory to die in his cause. The declaration of allegiance to the emperor is ground into the soul of every Japanese school boy. He learns it with his letters and recites it on every national holiday. A copy of it hangs in the most honored place on the school walls, and in case of a fire it is the first thing the children are instructed to save.

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Crown Prince of Japan. According to the theory of the old Japan, the whole of the empire belonged to him and the people were his also. After the reorganization of affairs in 1868 he still held enormous properties, and he owns these today. All such matters are private, however, and you will find nothing about them in the Japanese revenue accounts. His majesty has his own business managers, who make his investments for him and who administer his estates. I am told that his income is enormous, and that in the past he has been generous in giving and lending from it for the government's needs. At the close of the China-Japan war he was presented with \$10,000,000 as an emblem of the gratitude of the people, but it is whispered that this was merely returning to him money which he had secretly advanced to carry on that war. As far as I can learn, his majesty owns almost 4,000,000 acres of forests, which are valued at about \$60,000,000. He has 300,000 acres of other land, worth considerably over \$1,000,000, and about 12,000 acres of real estate with houses upon it. He has also \$15,000,000 of \$100,000 worth of stocks and shares and no one knows how many government bonds. He is allowed \$3,000,000 yen annually to keep up his palace establishments, so that altogether he is sure never to be in want.

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Son of the Crown Prince. These children are the offspring of the empress. According to custom his majesty has twelve ladies-in-waiting who are a part of his establishment and who serve as secondary wives. These ladies come from the best families of Japan, and they are well educated, intelligent and beautiful. They have their own apartments inside the palace grounds, but they do not appear at the court ceremonies, and none of his majesty's officials will say anything concerning them. The crown prince is the son of one of them, his mother's name being Lady Yanigawara.

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## Curious and Romantic Caprices of Cupid in Love Affairs

**Almost a Manless Wedding.** **M**AN in his mereness will be a mighty small figure at a wedding soon to be performed in New York City. The details have just been permitted to percolate into publicity. There will be one man, of course, but purely by tolerance. Possibly there will be another—the best man. Possibly, in this case, best man may mean most fortunate at least among those present. After some negotiations, it has been decided at the last moment that the bride's father may be permitted in.

The ceremony probably will be recorded as the "suffragette" marriage, for the bride will be Miss Mary Coleman, the woman lawyer and considerable figure in the Woman's National Progressive Suffrage union. The bridegroom will be Frederick Lampton Hardenbrook, and he will be tied some time Easter week. But here are the arrangements which will give the affair its "suffragette" atmosphere:

All the ushers will be women, while the Rev. Lydia K. Commander, formerly pastor of a Unitarian church at Baraboo, Wis., will officiate. News of the coming ceremony came out last night at a meeting of suffragists at Calvary Baptist church.

Some of Miss Coleman's radical friends even objected to her being "given away" by her father, but Miss Coleman decided that this time honored custom at least should be carried out.

Mr. Hardenbrook will be allowed a best man, but aside from these two deities the ceremony will be strictly one where women predominate. At the wedding reception it is planned to distribute the wedding cake in miniature ballot boxes, inscribed, "Votes for Women."

One of the verses of the "wedding march" reads:

We hate and we abhor the tyrant Man,  
We scout him, and we flout him, and we do not care about him;  
And we're going to do without him, if we can.

**A Speedy Wedding.** Being in need of a chaplain and none being available, Miss Marian D. Dean of Chicago and New York took a husband instead, and her friends, as well as some of her relatives, were surprised to learn that she is now Mrs. Walter A. Hughes.

The translation took place Saturday evening, January 16, with a suddenness that surprised even herself, to say nothing of a merry little theater party which was not taken into the secret until the all-important event was under way.

Mrs. Hughes, who is 23 years old, is a daughter of the late John F. Dean, who was a real estate operator in Chicago and who died at an advanced age last November, leaving a fortune estimated at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Miss Anna J. Kraus, a student at the Second Congregational church in Oak Park, Ill., was the bride, and she wore a coat suit of white tulle and lace, trimmed with Irish lace. A large white hat, covered with tulle and roses, completed the bridal costume. The wedding flowers were lilies of the valley.

Miss Dorothy Charlton attended her sister as maid of honor.

**Love Germ in Hospital.** A romance which began in the psychopathic ward of Bellevue hospital, New York City, and which resulted in a secret marriage, was revealed at the hospital Thursday, when Miss Anna J. Kraus, student in the school for nurses, was summarily discharged.

The girl, 30 years old and handsome, was told that she could no longer study under Bellevue's patronage, because there is a harsh, cruel rule, the nurses call it—that if any of the students be so presumptuous as to marry they must sever their connection with the institution. Also, there is an injunction that nurses shall not be accompanied out of the school or the hospital by the doctors.

But the petite Miss Kraus snapped her fingers at all these rules, and so did Dr. Rieves Andrew Manker, 25 years old, a young surgeon, who entered the hospital just about the time little Miss Kraus went to the school. That was about ten months ago.

Dr. Manker, who is a native of Memphis, Tenn., where his family is prominent, took up his work under the direction of Dr. Gregory and Dr. Holmes in the psychopathic ward, amid scenes which only such a place can afford. There, ministering to the unfortunates under observation for their sanity, he met Miss Kraus.

It was only during operations or examinations that the pair met. That rule was a barrier. But the two, nevertheless, had fleeting moments together when the hard-visaged attendants were not on the alert.

Miss Kraus confided in nobody; neither did the doctor. But last week they broke silence and told Dr. Bradley, one of the physicians, and Miss Armstrong, one of the nurses, of their plans. Naturally, Dr. Bradley did not wish to countenance an

infraction of the rules, nor did Miss Armstrong. But when Dr. Manker and Miss Kraus declared they didn't care about any old rules of Bellevue or any other institution and would willingly quit the place to go to Memphis and live their lives without interference by the rulemakers, the doctor and the nurse agreed to go with the young couple and witness the marriage. And they did.

**Says 'Yes' After Twenty-Five Years.** A year teaching painting for twenty-eight years at the Mary Institute, St. Louis, Miss Elizabeth Butler has resigned and married E. J. Macken, of the claim department of the Wabash railroad.

Mr. Macken courted Miss Butler for twenty-five years, but could not get her final consent to marry him until she made up her mind to retire from the school. She is 50 years old.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Gaus, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at Canaletto. Mr. and Mrs. Macken left immediately on their honeymoon.

**Old Times Wed.** The greatest sensation the village of Lake, a few miles north of Vineland, N. J., ever had, was the announcement of the wedding of James Jones, 71 years old, a widower of four months, and Mrs. Catherine Harry, 66 years old, a widow of one year.

The couple had been acquainted only two weeks, but the bridegroom announced that it was love at first sight.

The bridegroom is a leading man in the community and his friends considered the affair worthy of the greatest attention. Accordingly a brass band and a drum corps gave them a serenade.

**Father "Best Man" for Son.** A father acting as best man at the wedding of his son was the unusual feature at the marriage in Chicago of Miss Kathryn Charles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Charlton of Oak Park, and Lloyd R. Steers of Chicago. George S. Steers served his son as best man.

**Prattle of the Youngsters.** Helen's mother passed her the cake, and when the little one went to reach across the plate for the largest piece her mamma said: "Always take the piece nearest to you, dear."

"Well, then, turn the plate around," was the answer.

Little Joe—Mamma, I saw a dog today that had only three legs!

Mamma—Didn't you feel sorry for him?

Little Joe—Of course not; he had one more leg than I have.

"Well, Tommy," said the visitor, "what do you think of your new baby sister?"

"You'll have to excuse me," replied the 6-year-old diplomat, "but mamma doesn't allow me to use that kind of language."

Little Ruth was visiting at the home of a small playmate. After dinner she said:

"Your papa prays at the table, doesn't he?"

"Yes," was the reply, "does yours?"

"Of course not," answered Ruth. "He has rheumatism."

Dicky's finger, which he had blistered by thrusting it into a kettle of boiling water the day before had quit hurting.

"The bark on it is so loose," he said, "that for half a cent I'd make a whistle out of that finger."

"Mamma," said little Fred, "I do wish you wasn't such a gossip."

"Why, dear, what do you mean?" queried his mother. "I'm not a gossip."

"Well, you act like one," replied Fred. "Everytime I do anything naughty you go and tell papa."

Mother—Where is that lovely ring your Aunt Mary gave you, Nattie?

Small Nattie—I lost it.

Mother—I might have known it. Did you ever have anything you didn't lose?

Small Nattie—Yes, Mamma, I never lost my appetite.

## Creighton's Oratorical Champion

**THE** annual state oratorical contest between the colleges of the state will be held this year at Coe university. On the night of Friday, February 19, the representatives of Coe, Creighton and Wesleyan universities, Bellevue, Hastings, Grand Island, York and Doane colleges, will assemble at Bethany Heights, a suburb of Lincoln, Neb., where they will battle for the oratorical supremacy. The winning speaker will have the honor of representing the state in the interstate contest, which will be held this year at Beloit, Wis.

Mr. Francis P. Mathews will represent Creighton with an oration entitled, "The Dreamers." Mr. Mathews won laurels for his oratorical composition and elocutionary ability in the Alton high school at Alton, Neb., and during his three years at the university has been actively engaged in oratorical work. By constant application he has so developed his ability that he was honored this year by carrying off the laurels of the oratorical society and consequently representing the university in the state contest.

Mr. S. B. Day will accompany Mr. Mathews to Lincoln as representative of the society. In past years Nebraska has been well represented in the interstate contest and, although it has never won first place, its representatives have placed its name in a position of prominence. If by his merit Mr. Mathews should have the honor of representing our state this year, we are fully convinced that he will make a creditable showing for Nebraska. Nebraska is a young state and its colleges are yet in their infancy, when compared with institutions in some of the other states, yet the time will come when it shall hold the supremacy in oratory, as it does even now in many other lines.

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### New Pullman Building

**W. J. CONNELL'S PULLMAN BUILDING.**

The first section of the new Pullman building on Tenth street, next to the Burlington station, is now completed and ready for occupancy. It has been constructed by W. J. Connell as a railroad office building. The basement and first floor is already occupied by the Pullman Palace Car company. The second floor has been taken by the Burlington Railroad company on a long term lease for the headquarters and general offices of its transportation department. The establishment of the Omaha division of transportation, of necessity, required much more office space than could be provided in the Farman street headquarters building. The new building of Mr. Connell's as soon as erected was recognized as ideal in character and location for dispatching of trains and all business relating to transportation. As the result of the establishment of the Omaha division of transportation by the Burlington a considerable number of new people will locate in Omaha. To meet the demand for office rooms in connection with the railroad centering at the Union station and Burlington station, Mr. Connell has decided to immediately commence the construction of an additional building on the south of the one already constructed and of the same size and height. For this purpose the work of excavation is already under way, and a contract has been made for the brick work. When completed the two buildings will constitute a fine substantial block at a cost of about \$75,000.