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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF JAPAN.

THE EXTIRPATION OF CHRISTIANS.

The Portuguese who had settled in great numbers in Japan, intoxicated by the extent of their commerce and the success of their religion, became so obnoxious to the natives by their avaricious and domineering conduct...

INTERCOURSE WITH THE DUTCH. In 1600 a squadron of five ships, which sailed from the Texel for the East Indies was lost in the Straits of Magellan...

QUER MODE OF GETTING A WIFE. One little act of politeness will sometimes pave the way to fortune and preferment. The following sketch illustrates the fact...

HORSES AND MODE OF LIVING. In Japan the houses are of wood, never exceeding two stories, the upper one consisting chiefly of garrets and lumber rooms...

PROFESSOR HANNIBAL, the colored lecturer in the New York Plectyope, commenced his last discourse in the following feeling manner:

CHARACTERISTICS AND DRESS OF THE JAPANESE. The Japanese are a mixed race of Mongol and Malay origin. Their language is polysyllabic, and has an alphabet of 47 letters...

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