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Mrs. Sodazuchi Uchida, the wife of the Japanese Consul General in New York, in an article in Social Science says, among other things: "There are no old maids in Japan. With whom the marriage is to be made does not so much concern the Japanese girls as the fact of the marriage itself. In this country you fall in love before marriage; in Japan we do that afterward. In Japan the parents arrange the marriage, subject to the approval of the young people; in America the young people arrange the marriage subject (sometimes—not always) to the approval of the parents. Families are not large, four—five—children.

he began the fortification of the key cities of Shechem, Terzah, and Penuel, well earning the title of 'fortress-builder of Israel.'

A pathetic incident shows the human side of this rugged warrior, and links these scenes of a dim antiquity with the experiences of to-day. It is the story of the sick child and the mother's hasty visit to the blind prophet; his harrowing answer and the child's death as the mother puts her foot on the threshold.

There is a dash of color, too, in the incident which records the prophet Ahijah as lying in wait for Jeroboam while he was still in the employ of Solomon. The seer pulls him aside from the black-paved road running out of Jerusalem. They stand alone in a sheltered spot. Without a word the prophet pulls off his own new robe and tears it into twelve strips, keeping two and giving ten to Jeroboam. By this speaking sign he knows he is to have ten tribes for his kingdom.

But the most significant incident is that which Jeroboam took to alienate his subjects permanently from Jerusalem. Humanly speaking it was imperative that he should take steps to preserve the autonomy of the new kingdom. The thing most threatening to this was the rule of the Hebrew religion which required the presence of every male three times a year in the temple. It was evident that if the new kingdoms were to be kept separate politically, they must first be separated religiously. No one can dispute the cleverness of Jeroboam's device. He set up symbols of religion at the most sacred shrines within his own territory which happened also to be most conveniently located. He excommunicated his subjects from the long and expensive journeys to Jerusalem. In the place of the Levites who had deserted to Judah, he created a new priesthood in which all sections and classes were represented.

As a pure piece of statescraft this was a master stroke. It confirmed the separation of the two kingdoms for all time. Without it, to all human appearances, Israel would ultimately have been reabsorbed by Judah. By this device Jeroboam buttressed his throne and perpetuated his dynasty, and for doing so our opinion would certainly commend him.

But this whole transaction must be viewed from a stand-point absolutely extraordinary. If the supernatural elements of Hebrew history are admitted, then Jeroboam was at fault in throwing himself dead against the fundamental principles of the Jewish law and ritual. He carried his worldly policy into a sacred realm and poisoned the stream of national life in its very fountain.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN. The key to Jeroboam's character is found in the word "policy." He allowed it to carry him too far when he set aside the fundamental principles of the Mosaic law and worship.

"Who made Israel to sin," is a menacing refrain repeated twenty-three times concerning the successive kings of the Northern kingdom. The few interruptions to the dolorous monotony are greeted with pleasure.

To the Oriental mind a young bull is the symbol of creative energy or power to be feared and revered. For this reason it was adopted to represent the Deity. By this means Jeroboam wished the people to keep God in mind while they omitted their pilgrimages to the temple at Jerusalem. He

broke the second commandment in his effort to keep the first.

In order still more completely to break with the ritual of Judah, he changed the harvest feast from the seventh to the eighth month. A modern analogy is found in the attempted abolition of the seven-day notation in order to obliterate Sunday—a decimal system being substituted. This was done by the French Revolutionists.

A wrong sense is conveyed in the authorized version of the translation "he made priests of the lowest of the people." He did not elevate "Tom, Dick, and Harry" to the priesthood. He was too shrewd for that. What he really did was to buttress his throne by choosing for ecclesiastical order "from among all the people" (as in the Revised Version); that is, capable men wherever he found them.

The Levites living in Israel showed themselves self-respecting men. They carried no favor. With one accord they surrendered their livings and made an exodus to Judah. A modern analogy to this is found in the Scotch clergy. The loss sustained by Israel was very great. It was like the exodus of the Huguenots from France.

The stories of "the Palsied Hand," the "Rent Altar," and the "Lapsed Prophet," which cluster here, are vivid, and each has a moral. They are well worth repeating.

Lynched Woman.

Maria Thompson, a negress, was hanged to a tree by a mob at Lebanon Junction Ky., on Wednesday. The rope broke and she fell to the ground, and starting to flee was shot. Her condition is critical.

Maria Thompson murdered John Irwin, a farmer, living at Lebanon Junction on Tuesday. Mr. Irwin had loaned a pair of pliers, to a son of Mrs. Thompson, and when the son failed to return the pliers, the farmer lectured him harshly for negligence. The lad told his mother, who taking a razor went to Mr. Irwin's home. She found Mr. Irwin in his melon patch working among the vines and cut his throat with the razor.

The woman, who weighs 250 pounds, was brought to Lebanon Junction on Tuesday night, and at half past 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning a mob of farmers appeared. Breaking into the jail the farmers took the woman out, dragged her to a tree, and hanged her. Her great weight broke the rope and she started to run. Half a dozen men opened fire on her with revolvers and she fell with three bullets in her back. Believing her dead, the mob fled, for they knew the noise would arouse the town, the residents of which are almost exclusively railroad employes.

Leaders of the mob are said to have been identified, and it is believed Judge Carroll will bring the matter to the attention of the Bulletin county grand jury. The sheriff and marshal of Shepherdsville arrived at Lebanon Junction at midnight with an order from County Judge Daniels to remove the woman to Shepherdsville. It is said that when they went to the look-up to secure the woman they were turned back at the pistol point.

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General Miles' Queer Request.

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