

**THE WOMEN OF JAPAN**

**CHARM OF THE ARISTOCRATS OF THE MIKADO'S COUNTRY.**

**The Jap Lady Loves Fine Clothes Perhaps Even More Than the American Belle—Dresses Are Simply Made but Expense Is Great.**

The glamour of Japan lies in its cute little women and the diminutive bits of childhood that live in the picturesque doll-like houses of the Mikado's country, where even the Jap grandees have nowadays three and sometimes four-storied brick mansions that would not look out of place in some bustling American city.

And these mansions are now coming to be fitted up with electric lights, fireplaces, telephones and artificial gas. But the strangest part of all this new Japanese life is that only the Jap nobleman lives in the new kind of houses.

His dainty little wife, still inhabits his old, original Japanese home, which lies behind the big brick mansion and in which the Japanese nobility still live the old kind of Japanese existence. The home life of the Jap is the old style of house.

He entertains English or American visitors of importance in the new brick mansion, but his wife lives and his children are born just as their ancestors were—in a doll-like house in which the partitions are made of paper and one sits on the floor to eat or reclines on a hard mat when it is time to go to bed.

But the Jap lady loves fine clothes perhaps even more than the belle of Newport or New York.

While the dresses are simply made as to their cut and fashions change little still the expense is terrific, for the material is always woven after the design of some special artist, with her family crest woven on the shoulders, neck and sleeves.

She wears cloth of gold and cloth of silver liberally, does the little Japanese lady of noble birth, and her "oh!" will cost from \$100 to \$200 in most cases.

There are also in Japan fixed standards of dress for the different ages. This standard is fixed mostly by the colors worn. A child from babyhood until it is ten or twelve years of age wears gay-colored kimono, having designs in flowers. The color used mostly for this period is bright red, used in big masses of coloring.

From 11 to 25 years the Japanese lady decks herself in pale gray or pale blue kimono, with pink or other colored flowers, and many use views taken from famous Japanese paintings, which form an embroidered border around the bottom of the kimono. The rest of the costume is in the plain blue or gray coloring.

When she gets past 25 years of age the Japanese woman lays aside bright colors and brilliant effects and wears a dark brown or dark blue kimono. This is always of the richest material, however, and always the family crest is embroidered on neck, shoulders and sleeves.

Bright colors are absolutely forbidden to the Jap lady of quality after passing her 25th birthday. Since she is usually a grandmother about this time, or very shortly afterward, the deprivation is not as great as a westerner would think.

**A Trim Costume.**

Mohair and Panama cloth, both striped and plain are resuming their wonted favor and all-around usefulness in the development of ultra-smart tailor-mades. The model sketched is contrived of striped Panama cloth, having a circular skirt, distinguished with a rather unusually cut front panel in which the



**A TRIM COSTUME.**

stripes match. Around the bottom of the skirt is a fold of its own material piped with moiré silk in the color of the predominating tone of the stripes.

The cutaway coat is short, falling only a few inches below the hips and fastens with three buttons. It is trimmed with revers moiré, attached with light silk soutache. There are pocket flaps of the moiré, also cuffs.

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"Why?"

A good many people remain ignorant all their lives merely because they hate to make use of the little word

of London.—Kennebec Journal.

Since the beginning of the twelfth century, when it was established at what and trade is the part it has played, known to students of English history.

The story of Newgate prison is well known to the man.

front of the mantle.

front, and are now looped across the

place. The chains came from the dungeon, which forms part of the fire-

and those bars are now set over the

the window over the execution door;

the bars which formed the grate on

into this fireplace. He also bought

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the corner of Old Bailey and New-

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tearing down this prison. He bought

was in London in 1903 when they were

"Old Bailey," in London. Mr. Logan

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James Logan, who was elected may-

Built of Historic Stones.

Consultant and Trade Reports.

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keepers, speculators, landlords, and

Nearly everything being dearer, shop-

reached prices never known before.

cream, milk, butter and eggs have

wine and chocolate are all on the in-

not advanced in price. Bread, meat,

There are very few things that have

impulse to the advance.

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do in New York. The increase in the

life cost more in that place than they

the assertion that the necessities of

and her summers in Geneva has made

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