

A JAPANESE BALL

AS SEEN AND DESCRIBED BY A YOUNG AMERICAN.

Royal Princesses in Court Dress—Chinese Minister and Suite—All Kinds of Dancing on the Floor—The Supper.

[Private Letter in New York Post.]

And now for the people. I wish I could give you a good idea of the scene the ball-room presented, dressed with gayly-colored flags and filled with a crowd in which were mingled nearly all the nationalities of the world.

This court-dress consists of loose crimson trousers, which are so wide that they look like a loose skirt, and loose jackets of gorgeous material with immense sleeves the hair is done in two braids of the waist and then in a single rather careless twist which hangs straight down the back.

The Chinese minister and his suite in their court costume were walking gracefully and slowly about with their red-buttoned hats and most elegantly-brocaded silk and satin garments, looking for all the world as if they had stepped off the pedestal of some tea-shop sign.

All kinds of dancing could be seen on the floor. Some of the Japanese ladies and gentlemen had been practicing for some weeks, and went through the square dances well. A few essayed the waltz, and one naval officer, with the facility in dancing that seems to go with all naval men, got on remarkably well.

As soon as they had eaten all they could possibly hold, they put the plate down on the floor wherever they happened to be and left it there. Champagne flowed freely, and the cups seemed very fond of it, gulping it down glass after glass, and I saw one or two navigating the polished floor, among empty plates, with great difficulty.

Down to a Fine Point. [Arkansas Traveler.] "How is your son getting along at school?" was asked of an old negro. "Fust rate, sah. Powerful smart chile he is. W'y I kain' keep up wid dat boy's knowledge."

Grief and the High Hat. [New York Letter.] The high silk hat, which is generally worn in New York and Boston, does not meet with much favor in the west, although there are always a few professional gentlemen who wear it as a badge of dignity or because they like it.

Sherry and Port. In a recent work on alcoholic drinks Dr. Thudichum states that sherry and port wines are made by methods so crude and foul as to be almost incredible.

MY STAR. [Robert Browning.] All that I know Of a certain star Is, it can throw (Like the angled spear) Now a dart of red, Now a dart of blue, Till my friends have said They would fain see, too, My star that darts the red and blue.

The Founding of a City. [Philadelphia News.] In an Australian mining camp at one of the tents sat four men—June 10, 1856—talking of their future and bemoaning the past.

In dead silence they worked on—they had discovered a monster nugget. Then a wild glad shout sounded in the ears of the one at the windlass, who had sunk into a half doze, feeling, probably, the want of his breakfast.

Superiority of English Cooking. [Olive Logan's London Letter.] After a long experience of the cuisine Francaise and of American cooking and of English cooking, I have arrived at the conclusion that the last-named is the most succulent, substantial and health-giving of any other in the world.

The Coal Hole of New York. [Alex. E. Sweet in Texas Gleanings.] The coal hole is one of the local institutions of New York. There is a coal hole in front of every house. Unlike the banana peel, the coal hole is always in season.

A Spanish Marriage Ceremony. [New Orleans Times-Democrat.] A Spanish marriage ceremony has some peculiar features. Especially notable is the fashion of velaciones. During the mass which is said after the marriage ceremony, the couple, with their godfather and godmother, kneel at the foot of the altar.

Must She Always "Hush." [Pittsburg Chronicle.] A very little girl, who is also a very noisy one, asked her mother the other day what all a child's simplicity.

Too Much "Icy Chill." [Bank President T. L. James.] I have noticed that in banks there is generally a wide chasm, not only between officers and clerks, but between the number of bank officials who find it convenient to reside in Canada, or some other congenial country, who will be greatly diminished when there is a more intimate and confidential relation maintained between the various departments in banks.

From the Canary Isles. [New York Cor. Boston Budget.] Speaking of singing, I was at one of Mr. Thurber's charming musicals the other evening. I was discussing the great German opera question with a young lady of tender years but decided opinions.

Anxious to Save the Carpets. [Chicago News.] The home minister of Hungary must be desperately anxious to save the carpets on the staircases of official residences, for he lately issued an order prescribing that in future only officials from the rank of ministerial councillor upward are to be allowed to step on the carpets which cover the staircases, while minor functionaries are enjoined to mount and descend on the uncarpeted portion of the stairs.

Dakota Diversified Interests. [St. Paul Pioneer Press.] "Hogs will tend largely to solve the problem of Dakota's prosperity," remarked one of the members of the Cooperstown syndicate in the hearing of a reporter.

A Searching Test. [Exchange.] The American Register of Paris tells a good story of a young country dentist who had recommended to him as a patient the bishop of his diocese. His first commission was for a complete set of teeth, and a day was appointed for the prelate to call and fit them in.

Imagine his horror, therefore, when he distinctly caught an expression of a condemnatory character ending in "ation" from his client's lips. "I dare say they are a little uncomfortable, my lord," he murmured unconsciously, "but just at first, and until you get used to them."

I asked another New York gentleman if there was not some remedy for the man whose leg is broken all up by falling into a carelessly closed coal hole. "O yes," he replied, "there is a remedy. 'Rub arnica on it.'"

We All Know This Little Girl. [Boston Globe.] "Please mamma, can I go out to play now?" "No, dear, not yet; it's too wet." "Mayn't I go out just for a little wee while?" "No, dear; it's not suitable weather."

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Didn't Want to Quit. [Troy Times.] A fond father presented his 4-year-old boy with a trumpet, with which he was greatly infatuated. All day the boy tooted away delightedly, and at bedtime, when his grandmother told him to put the trumpet down and say his prayers, the little fellow said: "Oh, no; I'll tell you what let's do, grandma; you pray and I'll keep on blowing."

The Mud of Gotham. [Joe Howard.] There is nothing sicker or more ruinous to clothing than the mud of Gotham. If to this be added dirt and sand from the car tracks, dripping from the "L" roads, and a thousand and one undesirable elements, there is provided a mixture the like of which was never dreamed of until this extraordinary

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