

UNINTERESTING PEOPLE.

They live in a quiet sort of a way in a quiet sort of a street, they don't meet a great many people, nor impress the people they meet. The newspapers never mention their names.

She doesn't belong to a Woman's Club, she hasn't a single fan, she spends her time with a blue-eyed lass.

The Sacrifice of O'Teru San.

A Tragedy of the Japanese War.

A boy and girl sat on a steep grass slope in a Japanese garden. The boy, who wore the apron affected by students, was talking earnestly—far too earnestly for his years.

Hastily she changed her kimono, and called for the jirikisha which was waiting for her in the courtyard. It was a bitter night for poor Teru San; she was going now to meet her lover for the last time.

"It is no use, O'Teru San," the youth said, almost mournfully; "I shall have to go to work like a common coolie, for we have not the money for me to continue my education."

Such was the history of Teru San. When she had come to her resolution to find the money with which her lover was to be educated, she had gone straightway and sold herself—as many hundreds of other Japanese girls have done in similar circumstances—to the master of some tea-house.

"It is very, very hard," he said, "that I should have come from a family of princes, and have now to do menial work in order that I may live—perhaps even be obliged to serve foreigners in some low capacity, and profess myself obedient to people whom I despise."

There was no paper printed in Japanese which did not ring with the heroism of Lieut. Tanaka, of the Guards. There was hardly a shop window in Tokio which had not a colored picture detailing the lieutenant's heroism at the passage of the Yalu.

"Is there no way?" she said; "will not your relations do something for you?" She turned and put her hand upon the shoulder of the prostrate student.

The men were getting restless because they were waiting to fulfill their orders. These orders were engraved in each man's heart—for such is the system of the Japanese: when possible each man in the army, from the general of division to the humblest stretcher bearer, knows exactly what is to be expected of him during the ensuing day.

There was a grand entertainment at the Mitsui club. The resident members of this great and exclusive family were giving a farewell send-off to a batch of officers of the Imperial Guard who were due to leave Tokio on the following morning to join the transports collected in the inland sea.

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The evening was half-way through, and the young men, grouped in easy attitudes around the room, were satisfied with the ordinary efforts at female dancing. "Where is O'Teru San?" somebody shouted; others took up the cry and clapped their hands.

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Her dancing finished she stepped down among the audience and gracefully acknowledged the congratulations which were heaped upon her. Surely this girl was happy, if the happiness of a geisha is to be judged by popularity.

Up in Virginia, eight wardens guard the great breeding grounds which run from the mouth of the Chesapeake to the Maryland line. Here the danger is from eging. Not many of the birds are now shot; a change from a few years ago, when three men killed 2800 in three days.

A BIRD WARDEN'S LIFE.

DANGERS OF THE MEN WHO GUARD THE BREEDING PLACES.

The Hunters for Plumage Hate Them, and Their Lives are in Danger—Bird Species That Are Now Almost Extinct—Colonies of Rare Kin.

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"The plumage hunters are, of course, the worst depredators. There are laws covering the dealers in plumes, but Bradley is warden only in one county, and the plumes are sent to stores in the next county, where they are collected for the city trade.

"The white egret, abundant twenty years ago, is so nearly exterminated that it does not pay to hunt it any more. The special purpose of my visit to Florida was to get material for a parrot group for the museum. Early in the last century all the Southwest States, as far north as Virginia, were full of parquets.

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"The birds have towns and cities of their own throughout Monroe county, where they collect at nesting season. The warden makes special efforts to protect these rookeries. Just before Mr. Chapman's visit a white heron rookery which had been guarded with care was invaded and every bird killed.

Some of these rookeries are exceedingly remote. There is one of the wood birds two miles inland on Bear Lake. To reach this the warden has to pack his canoe on his back for two miles through a thick tangle of mangrove swamp. There are only about twenty nests in this rookery. To visit the big rookery at Cuthbert Lake, seven miles inland, one has to pole and scull a small skiff through a chain of six lakes connected by narrow, tortuous creeks overgrown with a tangle of red mangrove.

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ANIMALS MOST WIDELY SPREAD.

Wherever Man Lives Are Found Horse, Pig and Cow.

The three animals that are most widely spread over the earth are the cow, the horse and the pig. These animals did not spread through their own efforts, but were developed by man, and gradually rendered adaptable to practically every place where man himself can live.

Cattle entered America simultaneously with its discovery, for Columbus introduced Spanish steers and cows in 1493. In 1525 they were introduced into Mexico, which offered ideal conditions for them.

"We went to the village druggist and borrowed a skeleton. The skeleton did not belong to the druggist, but he had imported it for the village doctor. The price of the skeleton was \$50. We borrowed it about 9 o'clock at night, and we got his man—Nicoletus Dodge was his name—to go down out of the way, and then we put it in his bed.

"The possible consequences were preying upon us. 'Suppose that it frightens him into madness, overtakes his reason, and sends him screeching through the streets? We shall spend sleepless nights all rest of our days. Everybody was afraid. By-and-by we were forced to the lips of one of us that we had better go at once and see what had happened. Loaded down with crime we approached the hut and peeped through the window. The long-legged critter was sitting on the bed with a hunk of gingerbread in his hand, and between the bites he played a tune on a Jew's-harp. There he sat perfectly happy, and all around him were toys and gimcracks and striped candy. He had gone and sold that skeleton for five dollars!"

"The druggist's fifty-dollar skeleton was gone. We went in tears to the druggist and explained the matter. We couldn't have raised that \$50 in 250 years. We were getting board and clothing for the first year, clothing and board for the second year, and both of them for the third year. But the druggist forgave us."

"In a New Jersey factory boys were accustomed to sing while at work, and when ordered to stop all threw down their tools and left.

"The word 'jingoo' in the sense of a chauvinist, was first used by Mr. G. J. Hoyne, who is still living in England at an advanced age.

Dr. Droulean estimates that the waste of bread in the French army amounts to about 200 pounds per battalion per month, or an annual waste of 1500 tons.

Any one in Denmark who pays the state \$6 10s. when he is 21 is entitled to an annuity of £13 when he becomes 65. But if he dies before that time the state gets all the money.

An investigation of the Obi and Yenesei rivers, made under the auspices of the Russian government, has revealed the fact that these streams are navigable by ocean steamers for a distance of 1000 miles from their mouths.

In view of the fact that a Vienna physician has become famous for curing rheumatism by the external application of bee stings, an American physician rises to say that the internal absorption of the virus of the honey bee has effected 500 times 500 cures.

The German emperor has sent to the Hohenzollern museum at Berlin a small piece of bark, which, as is announced by the label attached to it, was used by his majesty to bind the empress' arm in the absence of medical aid when her majesty met with an accident in Grouvaid on March 27 last, through falling from her horse.

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An Ancient Pharmacy. The oldest extant pharmacy in the world, the fact of its priority never having been disputed, is the quaint and conspicuous building located in the old town of Knarborough, on the Nidd river, in Yorkshire, Eng., which pharmacy was established in 1720. At the date named it was in possession of James Beckwith, since which time it has been occupied by six other chemists in succession, the present owner and occupant being William Pierpont Lawrence.