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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

## Household Customs in lapan

When a woman reaches her hous
she takeen of her snidale, puthes nsic she takes of her sandals, pushes nside
the silding door of paper and enters in her stocking feet. The rooms are soflly
matted, but contain no furniture. The matted, but contain no furniture. The
housea are bullt of wood, and among the poorer cinsses have but two or three
rooms. In the kitehen is a large stone box with nshes and burning coals in it. This is ealled the hibachi, and over it
the rice is cooked. There is no chimney the riee is cooked. There is no chimney
in the kitchen, but the smoke goes out through tha broad open door or through an opening in the roof. After the rice ts cooked, t is is put into a small, uppaint. ed wooden tub. At dinner time, the mother brings out n little table, two feet
square and one foot high, with dishes and fool upon it. The family sif upon the mats, the tub of rice is in the centre,
and each one dips into $n$ bowl of rices and each one dips into , bowl of rice sur-
ficlent for bimself. They offen pour cold tea over the rice, and always eat it
with cbopsticks. Fith, sweet potatoes with chopsticks. Fish, sweet potatoes
and a plokte are sometines served with but one sleeping-room, which is occupied by we entire framily. When guests
come, they share it with them. The beds consist of heany comforters. Thee
are spread out on the mats at night, and put away in the closets during the day.
Each person lays his head on a little wooden pillow, constructed with a holoow phace in which the head rests. ocn
some room in the house is a closet containing a shelf for gods, and upon this shelf stands all the household hiols,
which have come down as heirlooms of the family from generation to genera-
tion.
A New Method for Preserving Fruit RecentThe Alua Californicn says: A great
deal of fruit tis being shipped east from Sacramento. The amount is much
larger than at this time last year.Among the shipments has been a carpacking, a recently patented process. preservation agent is carbonized wheat
bran, and that by it fresb) served from decay, so that it cau be
shipped east by slow freight and sold of being compelled to sacrifice it wor lossg. The cared load shipped goes to Phit-
lot adelphin. It contins grapes, plums,
peaches, apricots, etc, and goes as fast freight, though hereatter it is the plan
to sbip by slow treight, as it will reduce the charges over one hallf or from 81100 fruit can be packed in this inexpensive shipped anywhere, the business will develop. "Fresh peaches at Chistmas
and grapes at midd-winter" are very almay be had by simply paeking the they wheat bran redaced to eharcoal.
fields of bushes and brambles should take advantage of the long days in Au-
gust, when the sap tis nearly gust, when the sap is nearly all out or
the roots of the trees and brambles to cut delay because of the preesure of business on the farm, will make it necessary to Whereas, If ail bushies and brambles were cut off the last week in July or the
first week in August, an efletual will be made of them and thus further trouble avoided. Nothing more mars
the beauty of a farm than to see fences and ditch banks lined with hedge rows growth. Work now done in this diree farmer, snys an exchange.
soft in this: Fill the wake hard water soft is this: Fill the wash boller with
hard water, then put half a teacupfull of wood ashes into a little eloth bag, let this lie in the water until that is warm enogh to use, This is worth knowing. 5 To destroy cockroaches seatter
powdered borax about the places they infest, and it will soon exterminate them.
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