IMPERIAL JAPAN.

The Emperor Is Greatly Beloved By the People.

Although Japan has in the last thirty years become a modern civilized nation, it still retains many of its ancient superstitions. The pomp of monarchy has not become obsolete with the changes in the practical government. But the Emperor of Japan is not a mere puppet; he has real power. "Japan, our New Ally," by Mr. Alfred Stead, gives an account of the emperor's position.

In 1900 there was a majority of four-fifths against a scheme of extra taxation, which was then before the House of Peers. The emperor sent word that he wanted the bill passed, and the opposition voted for it unanimously.

Every one reveres the emperor, which is good in a monarchy wisely governed, and, what is not so good, he is still surrounded with superstitions and ceremonies not quite in keeping with the Western character of the new Japan. Last year Marquis Ito, the greatest of living Japanese, pronounced a funeral oration in the temple over his murdered political colleague, Mr. Hoshi.

The next day several of the newspapers, in a party spirit, denounced him for having gone immediately into the presence of the emperor in the garments which he had worn at the funeral.

In November of each year the emperor gives a garden-party. Many of the members of the old regime, gather up the soil where his chair has rested and take it away, believing it to be a cure for all ailments. Other guests take away portions of the food provided by the emperor, as things too sacred to eat, and preserve them in the holiest place in the house.

The emperor rarely goes out. When he does, he is attended in his carriage by one of two old gentlemen, who alone enjoy this privilege. The attendant sits opposite, and does not venture to life his eyes to look at the emperor. He has a large palace, and is known as "the man who drives with the emperor."

THE TREATING HABIT.

It Costs Its Victims Many a Dollar and Many a Pang.

Is it not a fact that men really spend in treating amounts that they would hesitate to give away, no matter how deserving the charity? It is a trait of human character that comes through this all absorbing disposition to "hold your end up" when with a friend. Hundreds of men take thousands of drinks that they do not want, and other hundreds pay for thousands that are not desired.

Two men meet, and one says: "Mighty glad to see you. Let's have something." Neither generally needs or even wants a drink. But the man who offers it wants to show that he is generous. He takes this method of proving that he is glad to meet his friend. The friend, after he has taken the drink that he did not want, to prove that he, too, is a good fellow, insists upon a second round.

The German custom of entering a saloon, taking a drink and paying for it and for no others, if adopted in this country would prove a blessing. The custom of treating is decidedly a curse. What we do for friendship's sake costs us many a dollar and many a pang.

Little Boy—"I wonder what dollies are fed on." Little Girl—"I know. When my Iphigenia Matilda fell downstairs and broke her head I looked inside her, and she was just full of health food."

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WHAT NEXT?

A young doctor had amongst his first patients an uncommonly dirty infant, brought to his consulting-room in the arms of a mother whose face showed the same lack of acquaintanceship with soap. Looking down upon the child for a moment, he solemnly said. "It seems to be suffering from 'hydropathic hydrophobia.'"

"Oh, doctor, is it so bad as that?" cried the mother. "That's an awful sickness for such a mite. Whatever shall I do for the child?"

"Wash its face, madam," replied the doctor; "the disease will go off with the dirt."

"Wash its face! Wash its face, indeed!" exclaimed the woman, losing her temper. "What next, I'd like to know?"

"Wash your own, madam," was the curt rejoinder.

"Look here," said the magistrate to the old offender, "this is the third time this year I have sent you to the Assizes. "You're becoming a considerable expense to the country." "Yes, your worship. Don't you think it might be advisable to buy me a season ticket?"

"I trust, Miss Tappit," said the kindly employer to his stenographer, "that you have something in reserve for a rainy day?" "Yes, sir," answered the earnest young woman; "I am going to marry a man named Mackintosh."

She—"George, dear, you remember that lovely sideboard that I told you I should like to buy because it was so cheap? Well, I've discovered a plan to make room for it." He—"How, my dear?" She—"By taking a larger house."

Exasperated Purchaser—"Didn't you guarantee that this parrot would repeat every word he heard?" Bird Dealer—"Certainly I did." "But he don't repeat a single word." "He repeats every word he hears, but he never hears any. He is as deaf as a post."

Mr. Nag—"Well, I don't dig up the past, Matilda, because it's disagreeable." Mrs. Nag—"No; and you'd better not look into the future either, or you'll find that a great deal more disagreeable."

"Has the baby had the measles yet, Mr. Popps?" "Sh-sh! Donjt speak so loud. Whenever he hears anything mentioned that he hasn't got he cries for it."

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AN ADHESIVE BORROWER.

Bob—"Is it safe to lend books to Dave?"

Tom—"Oh, yes; if you are prepared to give them to him."

A HOPEFUL PROSPECT.

Euphemia—"Professor, I suppose you would be afraid to marry a logical woman."

Professor—"Oh, no; if she was really logical I could convince her once in a while."

ANSWERED.

Gertie—"What are the sweetest things you've seen in hats this season?"

Bob—"The girls' faces."

"Halloa, Pippy! I just met Bogan. He says his wife's gone away visiting, and he feels like a fish out of water." Pippy—"I should think he would—out of hot water."

Kate—"Just look, these boots are ever so much too big." Mary—"Yes, you must have given him the number of the house instead of the number of your shoe."

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"Oh, Major Bloodgore!" said the girlish gusher, "they say that during the war you were always cool in action." "Cool!" declared the major; "why, my dear girl, I was so cool that when I shivered people insinuated that I was trembling."

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THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

An infirm old gentleman was found by a rogue moaning sadly for something lost.

"What is the matter, sir?" said the fellow.

"Oh, sir, a villain has just stolen my new white hat from my head, and ran away with it."

"Why don't you run after him?" asked the rogue.

"Bless your heart, I can't run at all; I can hardly walk."

"You can't, eh?" said the rogue. "And he stole your hat?"

"Yes, he did, sir."

"And you can't run?"

"Not I."

"Nor catch him?"

"No."

"Then here goes for your watch!" And accordingly, snatching his gold watch from his pocket, the fellow went off like a shot from a rifle.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

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8th R. N. Meredith, Regina.
9th F. D. Smith, 250 King St., Winnipeg.
10th Sara Chapman, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
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12th Jennie Beaton, Lorne, Ont.
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The Masai warrior carrying his grease pot slung from the lobe of his right ear. The pot in this case was a Holloway's Ointment jar, and the lobe of the ear had been stretched to get round the pot.

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