CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN JAPAN

A SIGHT UNEQUALLED IN OTHER LANDS.

Revered as National Flower Representing the People.

The scene in Japan in cherry blossom time is one not to be witnessed in any other country, writes a tourist. All Western countries have their wealth of orchard blossoms in the spring, but in Japan it is all so different. Here the streets of towns and villages are canopied by clouds of hazy-misted bloom, and from any eminence one gazes over the city lying buried in bloom as in an ocean of ethereal light. All squares and parks are simply a mass of bloom, and under the trees assemble numberless groups and parties, all in gala attire, eating cake, drinking sake, and doing the proper. Hanami means flower-viewing, from "hana" a flower, and "mi" a view. Have you done hanami? is a question on the lips of every friend you meet, and to reply in the negative is ever a severe humiliation, for who would neglect to go flower-viewing? All classes, high and low, rich and poor, prince and peasant, old and young, go to see the blossoms annually, without fail, holidays being given to clerks and factories to fulfill this duty.

Celebrating Cherry Time.

Centres of greatest concourse and gaiety on time are the great temples of Kyoto and along the river banks of note, like Mukojima, people have gone for centuries to see the blossoms at their best. In the more picturesque streets, houses are lined with cherry trees, under which the street can be seen through a tunnel of flowers. The season, which is from April 1 to 15, witnesses the crowds, the endless throngs of children in their vari-colored dresses playing under the trees, a sight never to be forgotten. As the effects of the sake begin to appear, the women and children gather homeward, many staggering on the benches of their families. In Japan one is bound to imbibe on a holiday, but crowds are wonderfully orderly and well-behaved. There are the tramcars at this time of year incredible. Yet there is nothing as a rule, but the best of humor.

Imperial Garden aParty.

In the midst of the cherry blossom the Emperor gives a great garden party on the grounds of one of his detached palaces in Tokyo. There more than 2,000 guests, most of the blood, with their consorts, high officials of state, and members of the Corps Diplomatique assemble at 2 p.m. to receive their titles and to partake of a sumptuous feast, after which they view the flowers, which, indeed, are all the more fair and above the guests.

Japan has the chrysanthemum is revered as the direct of flowers, being the imperial crest, but the cherry blossom is revered as the national flower, being like the people. It is always a motion on the Japanese sword, carrying the samurai (soldier). For years the samurai has been compared to the cherry blossom, as may be seen from the ancient hokku verse of Motoori, which reads: "As the cherry is first among flowers, so the samurai is first among men!" This means that the cherry is ready to die when the time comes and always comes when the time comes, so is the samurai ready for duty, whether it be life or death; both are immortal. Thus has the cherry blossom been celebrated in Japanese literature since the dawn of the nation's history. One of the most famous poems in the language is on the cherry blossom, namely, the waka verse by Motoori, which may be done into prose as follows:

"If any would know the heart of Japan, let him gaze at the blossom of the mountain cherry shining in the morning sun!"

Some Excellent Epigrams by the Late Dr. Osler.

There are only two sorts of doctors: those who practice with their brains and those who practice with their fingers.

Women can fool men always; women only sometimes.

Success is attributable to enthusiasm, constitutional energy and a fondness for the day's work.

One of the first essentials in security is a good-natured equanimity is not to expect too much of the people among whom you dwell.

We forget that the measure of the value of a nation to the world is neither the bushel nor the barrel, but mind.

So truly as a young man married is a young man married is a woman unmarried, in a certain sense, a woman undone.

He who pursues pleasure should make sure that he is on the right track. The man who goes half way to meet Fortune, is more likely to find her than the man who waits for her to knock at his door.

HOW TO OVERCOME NERVOUS TROUBLES

A Returned Soldier Tells How He Regained Health and Strength.

Nervous troubles of all kinds, particularly nervous debility, work a remarkable transformation in the patient. The change is both physical and mental. The sufferer loses weight and strength, and frequently becomes irritable and fault finding. Troubles that were once thrown off without any difficulty assume exaggerated proportions. Other symptoms of this nervous condition are poor appetite, headaches, exhaustion after little effort, and frequently distress after meals.

The cause of this debility is generally starved nerves. The blood, which gives the nervous system its food and power to work efficiently, has become thin and weak, and until the blood regains its tone and strength there can be no improvement in the condition of the nerves. In cases of this kind Dr. Williams Pink Pills will be found the very best medicine. They make rich, red blood which feeds and strengthens the starved nerves, and in this way restores the sufferer to full health and strength. Proof of this is found in the case of Mr. Fred Sander, London, Ont., who says: "While on service with the Imperial forces in Africa I completely lost my health through continual hardship and shock. I was sent back to the base hospital suffering, so the doctor said, from nervous debility. After spending some time in the hospital I was invalided back to England as unfit for further service. After spending a long time in Netley Hospital, I was given my discharge, but was still a weak and nervous wreck, absolutely unfit for work. I had neither the strength nor ambition to do anything. In London I doctored for three or four months with a civilian doctor, who finally advised a change of climate. I was terribly nervous, suffered from sleeplessness, smothering and sinking spells, and pains in the heart; my hands and feet were always cold and clammy. At this time I decided to come to Canada, and shortly after reaching this country was advised to try Dr. Williams Pink Pills. After I had taken the pills for some weeks I found myself improving. I continued taking the pills for several months, with the result that they fully restored my health. My nerves are now as steady as a rock; my appetite the best, and my eyes and skin, which had turned yellowish, are clear and healthy looking. I feel like a new man in every way, and fit for anything. I have since recommended the pills to several friends, and know of several cases where they were beneficial in the influenza epidemic. I am of the opinion that should any of my returned soldier comrades use Dr. Williams Pink Pills for shell shock, they would be a great help to them."

You can get Dr. Williams Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Mosquitoes and Colors

The anopheles mosquito, it appears, is attracted by certain colors and repelled by others. Experiments have been conducted in a gauze tent, one end of which was formed by large windows. Into these the sunlight poured on bright days. Large stone basins were placed on the floor for the mosquitoes to breed in.

It was immediately noticed that when a person entered the tent clad in dark grey clothes, the mosquitoes settled on the cloth. When the person entering was dressed in white flannel, they did not approach him.

A number of boxes lined with cloth of various colors were placed in rows upon the floor, and it was noticed that great numbers of mosquitoes entered the box lined with dark blue. Fewer of the insects sought the boxes lined with other colors, the number diminishing in this order: Dark red, brown, scarlet, black, slate gray, olive green, violet, leaf green, blue, pearl gray, pale green, light blue, ochre, white and orange. No mosquitoes whatever were found in the box lined with yellow.

The number of insects congregating in houses might therefore be easily lessened by the choice of suitable colors, applied to the walls. A trap lined with something dark would attract so many insects that they could be slain in large numbers.

"Who Are You?"

I love the country—it's God's land.
I love the trees, the birds, the flowers.
I love the starry skies and the sunlit fields.
I love the rain and the glistening snow.
I love the pure air and the sparkling brook.
I love the spring, summer, autumn and winter.
I till the soil and plant the seed.
I cultivate the crop and gather the harvest.
I supply the food that none may starve.
I work from sunrise to sunset.
I work for the joy of work and for my loved ones.
I have no time to strike.
I believe all who eat should work.
I believe in co-operation.
I believe in the brotherhood of man.
I believe my children should have the best in education.
I believe my wife should have every home convenience.
I believe in work, sleep and play.
I believe my rights and privileges are those of every man.
I believe in my God, in my Country and in you.
I am a farmer.

The way to choose between actions is to choose between aims.

A farmer's labor devoted to producing wheat in 1830 resulted in an average of hardly more than three bushels a work day of ten hours. As the result of improved agricultural methods and machinery, his labor for one day now averages a product of sixty bushels. We are progressing.

Ranching in Ontario

Ranching in Canada immediately suggests the Western plains and the huge herds, now rapidly passing, which used to graze at large upon the rich verdure of the prairies. But there is also ranching in the east, and at the present time big herds are to be found grazing under ranching methods in many parts of Ontario. There is an Ontario Ranchers' Association, and its Secretary, C. M. Laidlaw, points out the advantages the province offers to stockmen.

A very large area of Ontario is made up of rough-broken country interspersed with valleys and small tracts of good soil. This rough land, whilst generally uncultivable and offering few possibilities along other agricultural lines, offers an enormous range area for the grazing of live stock, and stockmen are increasingly realizing this and bringing in their herds to leases obtained from the Government. These leases comprise abandoned farms, and rough timbered sections of the country where ordinary agricultural operations are impracticable, and the rental is five cents per acre for the first five years, the franchise being renewable.

Different methods of ranching are followed in the province. Where grazing land is held adjoining farming sections, ranchers buy their cattle as two-year-olds for fall delivery, and put them out to winter with farmers at so much per head per month, finish them on their ranches the following summer, and market them when ready as three-year-olds. These men perform a useful and economic work in maturing and finishing cattle which would otherwise go to market in an unfinished and immature condition.

In the northern sections, the ranches are of a more self-contained nature, a breeding herd of a considerable size being kept and the stock raised to a marketable age. This is necessary with sheep and desirable with cattle when there is no farming section nearby to provide stock for the rancher, or an opportunity for wintering. On these ranches it has been found necessary to cultivate winter feed.

Ontario offers ranchers a large amount of grazing land scattered over the province all within reasonable freight-travelling distance of the live stock markets. The climate is conducive to good summer gains and the minimum of winter feeding whilst the proximity of fine farming sections provides facilities for the purchasing of young stock to run, and for wintering them.

Food For A July Morning

—and every morning when the thought of health enters into the meal time preparation—

Grape-Nuts

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Velocity of Light

Physicists never tire of efforts to increase the accuracy of their knowledge of the fundamental facts of science. A redetermination of the velocity of light by the Fizean toothed wheel method was made at Nice. These experiments were remarkable on account of the great distance over which the beam of light employed was transmitted. Previously such a beam had been caused to travel about fifteen miles, but on this occasion the reflecting mirror was so placed that the total distance traversed by the beam, going and returning, was fifty-seven miles. The mean of 1,109 observations gave the velocity of light 186,225½ miles a second.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house may feel that the lives of their little ones are reasonably safe during the hot weather. Stomach troubles, cholera infantum and diarrhoea carry off thousands of little ones every summer, in most cases because the mother does not have a safe medicine at hand to give promptly. Baby's Own Tablets relieve these troubles, or if given occasionally to the well child will prevent their coming on. The Tablets are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely harmless even to the newborn babe. They are especially good in summer because they regulate the bowels and keep the stomach sweet and pure. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Planning Keats Memorial.

A committee has recently started in London to raise $50,000 to purchase the house called Wentworth Place, formerly known as Lawn Bank, which was the last home in England of the poet Keats. This house is situated close to Hampstead Heath. Attention was called to it when the place was offered for sale as an eligible building site. Next year is the centenary of the death of Keats.

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ARCHIE E. LAUNDRY.

Edmonton.

In the Orchard.

Prune back the heads and long canes of blackberries and raspberries after picking is over.

Propagate black raspberries by tip-layering.

If bearing trees have not had their crops thinned before this, do it early in July. Thinning pays well in improving the quality of the fruit.

The last cultivation of the orchard trees may be made late in July. Plant a cover crop at this time consisting of rye, winter vetch, and perhaps some crimson clover if the climate is not too severe for it.

Keep the runners well pruned from the strawberry plants unless you are practicing the matted-row system.

Fight insects and disease by spraying; send to your experiment station, or call on your county representative for free literature.

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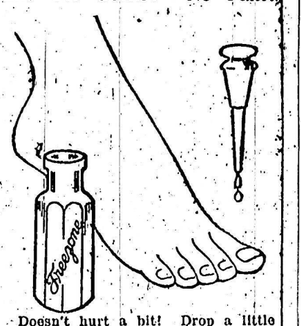

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

An Early Example.

Midas had just seen a broiled ham sandwich turn to gold as his fingers touched it.

"This profiteering," he remarked sadly, "is something that can't be carried entirely too far."

Era of Economy.

"Family discipline isn't what it used to be."

"No. When I was a child my parents used to take a slipper to me. No parent of the present world even put that much extra wear and tear on precious shoe leather."

The Modern Boy.

Teacher—"Now, Tom, hold your head up and your shoulders back—you'd like to have a fine carriage when you're a man, wouldn't you?"

Tom (doubtfully)—"Well, I'd rather have an aeroplane."

We often fail to recognize it, but the fact remains that to-day is trying to live up to the highest standard of yesterday's thought and determination.

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"And Satan makes us do the naughty things?"

Again, yes.

"Well, who makes us do all the funny ones?"

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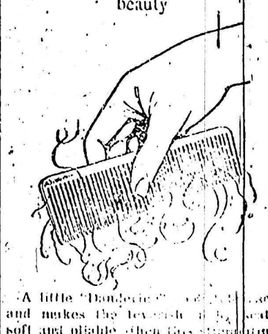

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