



AMESAN pillowed her chin on her

cottony vapors. High above these, un-eyes, still wide with wonder. Instantly supported by earth or heaven and glowing the eyes were veiled and the oval face, the Holy Mountain. Rose and cherry smoothed of all expression. Ismesan and shell tint burned this evening lan- made a little genuflexion of respect and pattered down stairs to the dining room. tern of the Heavenly Ones then-the stars There Papasan (Mr. Kipp), leaned over and the sudden dark of Lights pricked out in his chair and kissed the cheek that in the streets of Yokohama down below Iamesan turned up to him. Okasama the Bluff, Ismesan heard the wailing (Honorable Mrs. Mother Kipp) took her minor flute note of the blind masseur who The child bobbed her head so that all the senses the coming of night and is early on short cut black hair fell over her round

Below Iamesan's window lay the long blessing. The thread of the gravelled paths were soil many years these two and Inmesan. cobwebs. The little catatact over the There had been a son once a mystic lotus pond plop-plopped with a lisping and a dreamer, who alternated his periods the night people awakening. A tree toad

Butsu" (Behold Amida the Buddha), she to know what should be done with the table nor the tick-tick of the forks on the repeated. She whispered it first, then, as body of the angustly departed Kippsan, plates could blot from her the sense of the tree 'oad continued to hail the Buddha A week afterward a little old man in the the peopled dark outside. As she heard of Boundless Light, she answered in straw raincoat of the rustic uncovered vaguely the droning speech of Papasan. of the temple down on the canal side a land tortoise, before the servants at Nara blade, lamesan wriggled her toes in note crisped in a swift crescende and to inflict his unworthy presence upon orisons. "Namu" down and up hubbed answered easily, "God is Father of us

drew in her breath sharply. Oh-h! the heaven people, the Honorable Unseen Ones, were abroad. Did not the tree toad talk as Amahsan had spoken that day in the temple, standing before the Amida Butsu? There had been a gold light! about the head of Amida Butsu; on his lips a smile. How could the tree toad

"Why, Iame, don't you know dinner s ready? And you up here alone in the dark. Come now, this minute, child." It was Mrs. Kipp who spoke. She

stood in the door of Inmesan's room, a windowsill, and watched the falling lamp in her hand. As the child came of the night. Over the hills of Ne- slowly toward the light, one hand tidygishi, purpled like the flag, floated the ing the folds of the gay flowered kimono night robes of Fuji-marsh mists and that flapped about the tops of her white rosily with a light now gone from earth, the tint of rose on old ivory, was cheeks and Mr. Klpp asked a lengthy

garden in shadow. There were the faint An odd company, that about the table. scarlet lines of the azarea hedges passing Yokohama-foreign Yokohama-elevated down and down under the blotting Mr. Kipp, once in the early days of the branches of the pines. Over by the lotus settlement a missionary, now in his repond the soldiers of the bamboo patch tirement an antiquary and student of the stood all in mass keeping their tasselled lore of sword blades; Mrs. Kipp, who had spears rigidly erect, faithfully on guard, sternly nurtured the transplanted Pori-

insistence. Out of the bamboo grasses of dilettantism with savage weeks of soliand the azalea hedges came the noises of tary dissipation. His had been the grace small stirrings and sudden fustlings- always to bury himself far off in some obscure village when he yielded to the call of the courteous devil that owned of the purple flag. on a branch of the camphostree cleared him; his goings were sudden and his It was thus a flower of the iris came to his throat and then began to chant. | returnings pitiful. Once the son did not the home of the Kipps. "Namu, Namu," the tree toad sang, come back. Came instead a formally Jamesan sat through her dinner on this worded telegram from the police of Kaga, night of the treetond's invocation, silent. Jamesan listened then, "Namu Amida in the gorge of Miyanoshita, requesting The glowing lamp in the middle of the ger antiphonal. Just then the bell his bald head, wrinkled like the head of setting forth the meath the bluff spoke once. The silver the Kipp home in Yokohama and begged her white tabi in time to the treetoad's thinned to silence. "Namu!" croaked their master. The master came out to lamesan's toes; "Namu!" Croaked their master. The master came out to lamesan's toes; "Namu!" Croaked their master. spoke rapidly, though with great rever the thongs. She shivered a little when the eyes parrowed just preceptibly,

ence. He was a charcoal burner of pale cup of a dragon lily, wind tossed. "Because, child, He is because He is lieve in idols. If I ever hear you'le-Kaga-Kaga is the vale of Miyanoshita. nodded to her through the uscurtained far off in heaven. Little girls eleven But Mrs. Kipp could not finish. There was hardly a rin to buy rice in his space of the window. The dragen illy was years old cannot understand all these whirlwind of passion had seized the little hut back there in the mountains. His calling; Binzuru and Iwa-Zaru wanted things." daughter, alas, had augustly departed, her out there in the garden. even as the honorable Kippsan, but be- "Now, Iame," said Okasama, when din- did it constrainedly. For five minutes her head until all the straight black hair

fore a year before him. And now there ner was over, "to-morrow is Sunday she fidgeted, then with her head still bent was whipping her scarlet cheeks. was hardly a rin to buy rice-winter was school day, so get out your lessons." coming-ah, august- "But, Okasama"-

burned loosed his knew that. She curled up on a hasseck Houorable Unseen Ones?" straw raincoat with an odd humping of at Mrs. Kipp's feet and control the pages Mrs. Kipp dropped her embroidery and beautiful—I never see God-Father-a'- Namu. Annida Butsu!" his shoulders and bowed low so that the of her leaflet, illustrated with pictures of frame in her lap quickly. slack of his coarse kimono, almost touched suddenly looked up from her text. three years old, purred the chr. room burner. There was guileless innocence in her and"-Her name was lame-no-Hana (Flower of voice.

I See God?" She but-

"Then, Why Do Not ly deign to excuse, "Iame, I said get out your lessons." "Yes, lame, what is ft?"

head of a sleeping child, noosed into the the Shepherd and His sheep. Ismesan "Whom do you mean, Iame?" . Mr. Kipp's trembling hands. She was "Okasama, why am I a child of God?" Butsu and of Binzeru and Iwa-Zaru

Immesan continued her reading. She her straw sandalled feet and she

Then the charcoal There was no compromise; Iamesan "Okasama, is God the Father of all

"I mean, is God the Father of Amida an'-oh-ho-ho-ho!"

my dear," Mrs. Kipp cried, and there was a note akin to terror

girl in the flowered kimono. She stamped! over her leafler she shid very low, "Oka-choked her as she shrilled broken sen-

"I'm not bad-I'm not a heather is, too, alive, I-I've seen them-all gold! Mighty away off in the sky. He don't-He don't love little girls He can't see. An'-

Iamesan whirled about and raced up stairs to her room. Mrs. Kipp, who had better than to follow. The poor child,

Her head pillowed again on the casecall. Sich little voices that first they were drowned by the so's, but persistently, trebles and sighing half speech. Iamesan it had lodged in dropping. Like a playful grew attentive. The night wind touched grandfather he suffered this prank of the her hot cheeks. She watched the tiny flower children. Even in the dark flashings of the fireflies, the lanterns of earth. High, high and far were white stars, where God-Father-a'Mighty lives, Golden Good, who come at dark to walk the far heaven, over the paths of the winds, flickered the wavering lights in the hands and of her five hundred children.

lamesan tiptoed in A Gift to the God the dark to her Children. into her kimono sleeve some scraps of cherry ribbons she tied in streamers from cherry ribbon, an old Chinese copper cash with a hole in its middle and a silver chain "Honorable Kind One, who loves father-

with a little pendent cross. Then down the less children," Iamesan whispered, back stairs in bare feet and softly to the servants' rooms in the back of the house. "please accept." There Amahaan, the old nurse, was taking above her nedded approval and the god a bit of a smoke alone; that Amahsan above her nedded approval and the god who, in the years of her mothering, had secretly instructed Iamesan in the love smile over the little cross beneath his of all the gods of the land. The withered grandma listened to the whispered confi-

who has care for the fatherless."

of the garden, said, "Sh-h-h-h-!" to the heard the plop-plop of the little cascade little shadow that hurried under his over the lotus pond. quietly closed the door behind and lame- knows that sinners in the land of the

son as Binzuru and-and all those heathen four dead eyes of the stone lantern and bent beneath her feet. Immesan doffed tilings. What will God think of you if - on down to the murk, shadows in the her kimono, For a minute she stood in "Yes, they is, Okasama." Iamesan's vale below. "Excuse, if I intrude my un- the starlight, a wonderful little pagan of voice was grave and her eyes very bright. worthy self," Iamesan whispered as she the tint of rose on old ivory, then boldly "I've seen them in the tera temple down paused and bowed before the soldiers of she waded through the pads of the lotus by the canal-all gold and with lights the bamboo patch. The captain of the to the cascade and crouched where the and sweet, smelly smoke. And Amida soldiers be who was the tallest and who lip of the fall would spout fair on her with the flowers stood in advance-bent his tasseled spear bent shoulders. As the water chuckled his minute. I know he's there be- in gracious salutation and Iamesan and splashed Iamesan prayed to God-"Not another word, Jame!" Mrs. Kipp Little Que), the bamboo soldiers all Binzuru that her sin be washed away. had arisen in her alarm. "You're a chorused in sibillant whispers. A firefly There, under the cascade, Okasama and

heavenly-visitors was hung low on the bark; it burned bright as a star. Amida A Butsu, whom the treetond had invoked at sundown, was there at his pine, waiting. The child dropped on her knees before the mine and eased her burden to the

naked root that pushed up through the filled it with tea. At that instant came, Amida B-Butsu an' B-Binsuru-they sharp and vibrant, the voice of the treetoad off in the edereus dark-"Namu-

The devotee at the pine felt a tingling of deliciousawe. She cast a glance, half of fear, up to the Buddha's lantern. It glowed cheerily. Iamesan softly clapped her hands as she had seen worshippers in "Child, stop this minute," Mrs. Kip witnessed before such a sudden shaking the temple do, then she jumped up, gathered the remaining sake cup and the teapor in her arms and found her way she was not she was-different. Furthrough the darkness to the arbor of the ther analysis was baffling to the Massa- wistaria. There Binsuru was-a bland little stone god, with scales of green lichens on his face. Once Papasan had ment open to the velvet night, Iamesan found Binzuru, quite forlern, in a desobbed till tears slackened, then once serted temple in Biwa-ken and had more the little voices of the dark began to brought him- to the sweet communion of

> Binzuru wore a single purple butterfly soothingly they spoke, all in whispered of the wistaria cocked over one ear, where the Heavenly ones to light their way to knelt before the little stone god and first she whisked the irreverent wistaria blossom off Binzuru's ear, then from her but near, so near, those lanterns of the kimono sleeve she brought out her treasures. The silver chain snapped comamong the azaleas and to sit in the yellow fortably around Binzuru's neck, the little gold of the lotus cups. Down, down from pendent cross glinting from the god's stony bosom. The Chinese cash fitted into his of Kishi Bojin, Heaveniy Loving Mother, knees. Inmesan stood tiptoe and broke opened palm, where it lay across his from the bower of sweetness abowe her two beavy sprays of purple; she laid them reverently in the lap of the god. A cup of took from it to tuck tea she popred for him and then the

The soul of Iamesan was weighted dences, then "Hai," she assented and bus- with the pain of much imagining. The tled to a closet. She returned with a near presence of all the Honorable Unbowl, heaped with boiled rice, two sake and of the scented blossoms, was overcups, fashioned in the shape of morning whelming. She thought fearfully of her glory trumpets, and a pot of cold tea. sin that night when she had denied God-Iamesan took these things in her arms. Father-a'Mighty, who lives behind the "Do not forget Amida Butsu, my little far white stars. He is not close-in the flower," Amahsan whispered: "He loves pine and under the wistaria-but Okathe pine tree; there you will find him. sama had said that he is a'Mighty. His And," she added hastily, "old Binzuru, are the stars, anyway. There before Rinzuru and the heaped up blossoms The campbor tree, which stood sentinel Inmesan felt guilt. As she brooded she

boughs. "Sh-h-h-h-!" echoed the stiff Was it old Binzuru who whispered the japonica across the path. Then Amahsan suggestion to her-old Binzuru who san was alone with the Honorable Un- gods wash away guilt under falling water? Who can say? But there at the passed. "Che-sai-Che-sai" (Little One-Father-a'Mighty, to Amida Butsu and to

Nobody but a little heathen would be bobbed her head with a little gasp. "Only a lantern, calling through the garden.



the voice in the camphor tree, then him. Thereupon the little old man her straw zori creaked under the strain on "Then why don't I ee Him?" Iamesan's eyes. She Papasan found her when they came with

UP WITH TRENTON---What a Year of Commission Government Has Done

Municipal Building.

potteries on one side and iron workers on the other; it's splendid."

tonian. "Don't you see the smoke?" "Certainly, It looks real, too."

"Well, that typings what has happened "What started the fire?"

"Commission government. See all those public comes in and watches them do it. their determination to retain their prof- policies. Citizens occupy the desks that were built itables privileges and perquisites, and, resentatives of special interests."

Treaton has lived through a year of some of the of commission government, and much of that gave out material for the use of the time has been a stormy period. There enemies of the administration are still occasional squalls, but, on the Gradually these have been climinat whole, there is the calm of general satis- the last one, who had been a particular faction, with a glow of growing pride as sharp thorn in the side of the admir the eyes of other cities are turned toward tration, being got rid of only a few week

he is referred to the proper department votes were counted.

New York, Saturday. | are everywhere apparent, and there is water front at Trenton. He was one and encumbrances handed over to us when less has been done than in almost any city, "Another reform that the commission Street signs have been put up, and all HAT'S typical of Trenton," said a a remarkable dearth of persons hanging of the city are being better lighted. man of that city, pointing out to a around who have no definite business or municipal government by commission and been in office one year our fiscal year be- begun a campaign to minimize this lice court, it being found that one police "How can there be opportunities for who have just come to see an official on waged an energetic campaign after his gan only the first of last March, and we scourge. We fitted up a hospital that justice with the aid of a clerk can do graft when everything is being one in an stranger the paintings on the wall behalf of a friend. Yet there is no red nomination. The result was that he was will not be able to show the public what had been closed since the days when small what two justices and two assistants open and above board fashion? Besides, of the Council chamber, in the fine marble tape. If a man has business to transact for and equipped it with were formerly required for. Indeed, the the initiative, referendum and recall are "Yes, I see," replied the stranger, "the and can see the chief will show what we have done up to date. | doctors and nurses and are taking care of now, the imposition of heavy fines and the recall in mind whenever I take an im-The head of the government is Fred the presidency of the commission and "How are we going about to make a tuberculosis cases and are especially look- long terms of imprisonment having tended portant step. I think it is a good thing

erick W. Donnelly, who received the the Mayoralty, but he was finally elected new Treaton? Well, here is one thing most votes of any of the Commissioners, by his fellow members and started in at that will give us a good start. The Penn-"It's more than that," said the Tren and was elected president and Mayor by once to take the city government out of sylvania Railroad had a bill which had consolidation of public charities, which lawlessness and crime are on the decline "Yes, I am more firmly convinced than the hands of the politicians and the graft been put through the Sanate and all but is to be far reaching in its scope, and in Trenton, and we are saving money as ever that government by commission is That election woke up Trenton as ing contractors, as he had promised to do through the lower house of Congress that will save the city thousands of dollars, well. nothing had in recent years. It was the in his pre-election speeches. It was his would have been detrimental to the inter- The Protestant, Roman Catholic and He- we have put a collector to work to try Just think what it would have meant to first city to adopt the commission form contention that the meetings of the com- ests of Trenton. It would have been im- brew charitable organizations are to co- to get some of the million dollars due the New York to have had an administration to graft in this town. It has gone up of government under the new law, and mission should be held in the open. possible under the old conducted on business principles during in smoke. It made more of a fire than there was a free field with about eighty. "Graft is impossible," he said, "when prevented its passage, but I had a speedy until applicants for help are passage, but I had a speedy until applicants for help are passage, but I had a speedy until applicant for help are passage, but I had a speedy until applicant for help are passage, but I had a speedy until applicant for help are passage. all the factories combined, I can tell you." candidates before the primaries, which every one can see what is going on and be consultation with my associates, took a by one of these organizations. There going after the rest of it.

ampaign, and they were inducted into This was flying in the face of precedent. The bridge that was to have been built tension of aid to the undeserving. but he had his way, and he had his way in by the railroad a mile below the city, thus "In the basement of the Municipal and we are pledged to carry it out. We The other four departments of the city were built for Councilmen, but there are Although the members of the commis- so many things that a great how went up bottling we have established a well were seriously threatened with a typhoid government are those of Revenue and that he was a dictator and should be re- at least a mile further away, and the com- equipped dispensary and we are improv- epidemic last winter because of the impure Finance, Public Safety, Streets and Pubcalled. There is no more talk of that kind, pany agrees to replace its old bridges ing the service of the hospitals and the water supply and only escaped through lie Improvements, and Parks and Public government purely on a business basis although he still has critics and enemies across the canal with organication of hypochlorite of lime to Property. The heads of each of these been the application of hypochlorite of lime to property. and is still energetically pushing his structures; to relieve congestion imme- able through businesslike administration the water. Since then we have continued departments had had experience along the

and welcomes even the figuring as part of oppose the condemnation proceedings that had before.

it is with every natural advantage, and it to the bed of this creek.

institution. System and method New Jersey, especially is improving the we had a legacy of debt and of obligations persons employed in the potteries, and to the work.

ever, we are getting a report ready that modern conveniences, put in a corps of one police justice is not at all overcrowded great safeguards. I admit that I have ing after methods of prevention,

eliminated all but ten of them. Five of heard on any subject that affects the tax- train to Washington and got the most of will be a vigorous checking system to "Trenton is going to have water that is Mr. Donnelly's distinctive province is the concessions that I demanded. - prevent duplication of help and the ex- fit to drink. We have adopted as a slo- Public Affairs, and he is a kind of ad-

diately by the erection of a bridge at Prost to effect a saving of several thousand to treat the water chemically. Now we lines that he is working on now before Mayor Donnelly is a forceful, aggres pect street, so as to do away with the dollars and at the same time to give are to have the most approved filtration he was elected a Commissioner. The infor Councilmen and sit in the seats for when they were denied them, they sought sive man. He leves the months of the inmates better food than they ever plant that can be obtained at a cost of evitable friction of the early months of

the city has started to acquire land along "In these days of high cost of living "We are making Trenton over," he said the Delaware River for harbor develop- we have been able to afford a direct to the reporter for the HERALB. "In ment; to sell to the city various tracts of saving by a proper regulation of weights to the reporter for the Herain. "In ment; to sell to the city various tracts of saving by a proper regulation of weights saving of thousands of dollars.

There was at one time a movement to ment; to sell to the city various tracts of saving by a proper regulation of weights saving of thousands of dollars.

There was at one time a movement to ment; to sell to the city its rights and measures. The man who was form. "Now that the Delaware River channel is approaching completion, Trenton will arising among the Germans, who thought has been sleeping away without taking "Moreover, the l'ennsylvania company, casual hour now and then upon his city pal docks are to be constructed, and in a liberal. The leaders of the movement advantage of its opportunities. We have now that these matters have been settled, job. As a result, outrageous cheating short time the city will be equipped with however, dropped it without formulating paid too much for everything and not had is showing a disposition to co-operate with went on in many quarters. Some of modern water facilities. the things that are worth paying for. Now the city in improvements that will be of this was innocently done, but it more "In our effort, to make a fine city we their grievance would not constitute a

It is the boast of the Commission and list the city government of the commission who had not previous reduce the tax rate I cannot promise that "Here is another thing the commission and enlist the aid of expert civil and land peveral other New Jersey towns and the commission but the is being run on a strictly business basis. It been in political life. He had never we will. But we shall not increase it is doing for Trenton. It has had one of measures that have been confiscated in scape engineers in working it out. We cities have adopted the system, but the Indeed, the atmosphere of the Municipal held office, but had been interested in much, if at all; we may possibly keep it the worst records in the country for tuber the last few weeks, since our energetic have already taken steps toward remove espital city is still the one that the East building is that of a big commercial or civic matters and in the waterways of where it is. It must be remembered that culosis, owing chiefly to the number of inspects, began to devote all his time ing unsightly telephone and telegraph is watching to see & commission govern-

greatly to diminish the number of cases to have hanging over the head of any "We have organized a bureau for the formerly brought into this court. Hence official.

gan, 'Pure drinking water within a year, visor to each of the other Commissioners.

tibe park, and we are going to have a great of the consumer. We have in the upper gineers, and when the scheme has been question. poles and putting wires under ground, ment will work,

took charge members are now working harmoniously

Trenton as a possible model for the re- ago after a struggle that had finally taken the taxpayer is going to get value for every mutual advantage. We already have a or less was carried on at the expense have the volunteer assistance of able en- legal charge against the Commissioners in

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