

THE JAPANESE NOVEL.

Written Novels After the European Model—Notable Story Teller of East Gate.

The death is announced of Mr. Ozaki Tokutomi, who, under the nom de plume of Koyo Sanjin, shares with Prof. Tsubouchi the honor of having introduced the modern style of novel writing in Japan.

Prof. Tsubouchi took the novel of Europe for example and presented to the Japanese public scenes from real everyday life, making the actors and actresses move and speak naturally as they do in most novels of the west.

It is related of him that though he could never write satisfactory answers to the scientific questions propounded by his examiners, the unscientific answers that he did write astonished the faculty by their literary skill.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE.

Negro Walter Found Supply of Ox Tongue But So Brought Ox Tail as Substitute.

When negroes give out a bit of unconscious humor which is far superior to their conscious efforts, and that is saying a great deal, said a man who is fond of the witticisms of the black race to a Galveston News reporter.

Dresden China.

The retiring postmaster of the British house of commons tells a story of his early experiences of postal work, a good many years ago.

Not a Concocture.

He was a middle-aged, rather sooty-looking fellow, who stopped to gaze at the cases of Greek statuary exhibited in the shop window.

R. W. RACE OF SAVAGES.

Australian Aborigines Who Form a Race That is Entirely New to Ethnologists.

Dr. Roth, the protector of northern aborigines in Queensland and a Mr. Hedley made a very interesting discovery on their last scientific tour of the Wilkesley archipelago.

Dr. Roth experienced no difficulty in landing, and soon found that he had stumbled upon a new discovery, a race of aborigines who had evidently been separated from the mainland natives for untold generations.

Great caution had to be observed by the visitors, who were always armed, the islanders having spears and a few boomerangs, but always running away as the white men advanced.

The islanders, who form a race new to ethnologists, are supposed to be a retrograde type, or else a more primitive type than the ordinary Australian aboriginal.

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SCHOOLROOM HUMOR.

Some Specimens of Juvenile Conceptions at Once Startling and Laughable.

The knowledge attributed to the proverbial "schoolboy" must always have amazed any person of only ordinary intelligence.

Recently school examinations have, however, revealed a depth and variety of information possessed by juveniles which bid fair to make the coming schoolboy throw his predecessors quite in the shade.

"A famine in the land," it appears, is what made the tower of Pisa lean; and "cos the moon is so changing" is the reason why it is of a different gender from the sun.

Reports of school examinations would form quite a comic library. "What would have happened if Henry IV. of France had not been murdered?" The reply was: "He would probably have died a natural death."

The first man that went around the world was, in a little girl's opinion, "the man in the moon." It was "Daniel in the lions' den" who said "it is not good for man to be alone."

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GOT IN ALL DETAILS.

Woman Who Opened Bank Accounts for Nephews and Nieces Gave Particulars.

A reporter who was in a hurry was standing in line at a local bank waiting his turn to deposit.

"Now, I want to open accounts," she began, "for some little nieces and nephews of mine."

"Why, there's Fannie, my namesake; she's nine—no, maybe, it was eight her last birthday— What? Oh, her full name? Frances Anne, of course—how stupid of me—"

"Yes, I would, madam. But please be as brief as possible and omit everything but business. Are there any more children?"

"Oh, yes; there's the baby, Mildred. She's ten months old, and I thought she seemed pretty young to have a bank book all to herself, so I'd like to take one for her and her mother together—"

"Will you have it in their mother's name or their father's?" he asked, shortly.

"Their father's? Merry sakes!" exclaimed the depositor, energetically. "Why, he's a perfect, good-for-nothing scamp, if there ever was one. You couldn't trust him—"

"No, I suppose not," hastened the teller, repenting that unfortunate suggestion. "The mother's, then, I suppose. Her name, age and birthplace, please."

"As he finished the entries he turned with a sigh of relief to see who was next; but the reporter who had been waiting so long had given up. He was already half a block away from the bank, walking dejectedly and wiping his brow like a man who had done a hard day's work.

AN OVER-WISE CAPTAIN.

Did Not Believe in Weather Predictions and Paid Dearly for His Skepticism.

The weather bureau has saved hundreds of vessels from shipwreck, and thousands of human beings from drowning by its forecasts for the benefit of mariners.

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HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

A Variety of Useful Information for the Family Reference Book.

Delicious sandwiches are made of whole wheat bread into which hazelnut meats were stirred before baking.

There is a sort of revival of the fashion of having the family cipher or monogram on china and glass. Elaborate gold traceries are preferred for china, but the monograms are often done in colors, such as green or blue.

The water in which corned beef is cooked should on no account be thrown away. After the hot corned beef is taken from the table, to be afterwards eaten cold, put it in a stone jar and pour the hot liquor over it.

The pepper sandwich is new, and ought to be a favorite with those who like pungent dainties. Chop a pepper in a saucepan, with a tablespoonful of butter, and allow it to heat without browning. Stir briskly. Add a little salt and take from the fire.

Fresh pineapple juice possesses valuable therapeutic qualities, having the power to digest proteids, and being a healing agent in certain cararrhal affections. Grated pineapple, it is said, may be preserved without cooking, and thus made available at all times.

A new vegetable which is beginning to appear on American tables somewhat resembles a Jerusalem artichoke, and is called the Japanese croon.

The reporter, who had at first glared savagely at the loquacious depositor, now shifted wearily from one leg to the other and began to show signs of collapse.

The teller succeeded in extracting the necessary information as to the birthplace of the children, and then inquired in whose name the books were to be held in trust for them.

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FRILLS OF FASHION.

Many Small Items of Finery That Are Dear to the Feminine Heart.

A capuchin hood is seen on many of the newest evening wraps.

Clusters of flowers fastened on ribbon bands or long wreaths and trails of blossoms appear frequently on chiffon and tulle evening frocks.

Velvet fur decorates a number of the latest creations in millinery.

Jeweled fasteners are much favored by Parisian designers for evening gowns.

Shirring over the hips are the feature of the newest skirts.

Among the new novelties is a frill of colored ribbon without any end at all. Colored faces accompany every sort of gown, but they must match to perfection.

Aluminum is the latest medium for toilet sets. Medallions of pearl or porcelain impart a decorative touch.

The newest linen collars are fashioned so as to be worn without a bow or tie. A V-shaped piece in front being substituted. The fastenings is at the back.

Plumed skirts are in evidence, and as a rule most of the founces descend in the front and are carried upward toward the waist at the back.

Recently exhibited was a fetching opera cloak composed of deep chenille fringe in white, colored by an occasional touch of black. The foundation was white silk.

A charming effect in collar embroideries is produced by the use of the new rainbow silk which comes in delicate tones of pink, blue and green.

Boiled Tongue. Have a fine pickled tongue. Let it lie in cold water for an hour or two before cooking. Then put it into a stewpan with two carrots, one onion, a bunch of sweet herbs and parsley, two cloves, a bay leaf and six peppercorns. Cover with cold water and simmer gently for three hours.

Coffee Custard. Grind two ounces of freshly roasted mocha coffee, add one cup of boiling milk and set in a warm place 30 minutes; strain it; mix it in the usual way with sufficient milk and eggs to make one quart of custard, and pour into a baking dish or in individual cups. Place in a pan of water, bake very carefully and serve cold with whipped cream.—N. W. Christian & Co.

By No Means. She—You've heard of people whose hair turned white in a single night? The Maid—Yes, miss; but that isn't the color it generally turns when it happens as quickly as that!—Puck.

THE SON OF HIS FATHER.

Was Something of a Hustler When Left in Charge of Financial Affairs.

The manufacturer of a widely advertised table sauce, which has made him several times a millionaire, has a son who is now the active manager of the business, and the way he won his spurs is a story worth telling, says the New York Times.

Going direct from college to the factory, the son dutifully began the program outlined by his father of "learning the business from the bottom and working his way up." He got as far as a clerkship in the office, and then thought it time for a chance to show what he could do.

At length the manufacturer decided to take a needed rest in a trip to California, and made severe the period of his absence by clearing out of the way all important business, so that the big plant was "in shape to run itself."

The manufacturer departed in his private car, and the son took over his new responsibilities seriously and immediately. The private car was no further toward California than Denver when a telegram was delivered on board, and its effect was like the explosion of a shell.

The signature was that of the "acting president" three days in office. The manufacturer's eyes were wide open.

"Have drawn on your own and company's account for another hundred thousand. Don't worry. Enjoy yourself."

The private car left for the east the same afternoon. All vacation plans were canceled, and the millionaire turned over 1,000 miles of post-haste return to the rescue.

"Why good morning, father; last man I expected to see. Nothing wrong, I hope?"

The reply was an angry sputter. The young man waived explanations and when his father attempted to argue at close quarters, he protested with great firmness, as he dictated telegrams, for open messages and flew to the long-distance telephone.

"See here, father, I am in charge of this office as acting president of the company for the next 30 days. I can't talk to you for 24 minutes. Then you will have an interview. No, no, a minute sooner. There's lots of urgent business before your turn comes."

The manufacturer raved over the insolence of the usurper, he started whether to call the police and insanity experts, and finally calmed sufficiently to wait his 20 minutes. Then the young man invited him inside the railing, with an effective welcome and said with the air of a conqueror:

"Sure to have left you waiting, father, but I couldn't let go the wires. I have just cornered the market in pepper. At 1, we can't make less than a quarter of a million of the deal and the rest is yours."

TO AVOID WRINKLES. Instead of Washing the Face Downward It Should Be Washed Upward.

Our grandmothers used to late the period of their lost girlhood by the first wrinkle, but the woman has to be seen nowadays who would have the courage to say that with her first wrinkle comes old age.

But, as a rule, ill health is answerable for those disagreeable little lines, and indeed, when they are many in number, they are disfiguring.

Many are the methods that have been tried to make the skin smooth and fair again.

A number of these methods are good, but as no two skins are alike, each requires a different treatment.

There is a great deal in the way you wash your face. Instead of washing it downwards, as 99 out of every 100 do, it should be washed upwards, and gentle friction given to the parts most likely to wrinkle.

Spraying the face with soft hot water at night is good.

The best plan of all is to nourish the body with its good, wholesome food, which will in its turn nourish the skin and fill out the face in the parts where wrinkles generally come. Face powder only deepens the wrinkles.

Asbestos Cloth. Buy a strip of asbestos cloth at the hardware store and use small squares to interline your iron holders. Keep a good-sized piece fastened to your ironing board to save the sheet, and lay a square under the table pad where the meat platter rests.

Naturally. "I cannot understand why you and your husband prefer to board," remarked the friend.

"Well," explained the wife, "we at first tried light housekeeping, but found ourselves completely at sea all the time."—Judge.