

THE JAPANESE RED CROSS

Thought by Some to Be the Finest Organization of the Kind in the World.

The Red Cross society of Japan is probably all things considered, the finest organization of the kind in the world. It has been growing and improving constantly since its small origin in 1877, and now has nearly a million members, an excellent relief organization and large funds.

On the contrary, in the Spanish-American war we had a multiplicity of small societies, meaning well, but working blindly and at cross-purposes, accomplishing good at an altogether disproportionate cost of money and labor.

The Japanese Red Cross society is characteristic of the nation; for every war, campaign and great disaster since its foundation has been to its officers a lesson by which they have profited.

TELLS WHAT THE AUTO DID

Device Which Indicates to the Owner the Movements of His Chauffeur.

An ingenious German instrument has been imported which will prove to the owners of automobiles just what their cars have been doing in the hands of the hired operators, which may prevent those worthy men from taking theater parties out at night and riding through the streets at railroad speed.

The device, though both a speed register and a chronograph, is simple. An ordinary timepiece, with the dial revolving, instead of fingers, furnishes the chronograph. The dial, or clock face, is a separate cardboard disk, which can be removed at will.

Attached to the timepiece is an ordinary speed register, connected with the hub of the vehicle. This speed register shows the usual rotary set of figures denoting the number of miles traveled. At the end of every mile, however, a marker, which protrudes above the rim of the clock dial, shoots forward and registers the fact that it has been recorded.

Unhurt, But Suffered

That now famous assault upon Gen. Andre by M. Syveton in the French chamber of deputies has called forth many anecdotes dealing with more or less similar cases. One of them goes back to the time when Carnot was made president of France.

Thoroughness

Thoroughness is the twin brother of honesty. When an employe gets the reputation of doing a thing not pretty nearly, but exactly right, it has more influence with his employer than brilliancy or talent.

INDIAN AGENCY IS A BANK

Official in Muskogee, I. T., Handles Large Amount of Money Each Year.

A vast amount of business passes through the Union Indian agency at Muskogee, I. T., every day. Fenêtres Wisdom, clerk in charge of the agency, says that it is now sending out an average of 600 letters a day and receiving fully as many.

The Indian agency performs many of the functions of a big bank or clearing house. It is estimated that more than \$1,000,000 passes through the hands of the Indian agent each year, some of which he handles twice.

In the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations the common funds of the two tribes receive big revenues from the coal and asphalt lands, as well as from the oil and gas fields. These revenues arise largely from leases and royalties.

A continual stream of money orders is coming into the Indian agent's office every day, representing payments upon town lots which have been purchased by individuals after the townsite apportionments have been made.

USED NO MEAT NOR MILK.

Japanese Learned the Use of These Two Articles from Western Civilization.

Until a comparatively recent date the Japanese did not use milk, although they always had cows. It was not until Japan was opened up by western civilization that milk and meat were used, says the Boston Sunday Globe.

Milk and meat were supposed to be two articles of diet that made western civilization what it was, and by imperial edict and in other ways the Japanese people were encouraged to use both as articles of diet.

The Japanese minister at Washington tells me that it was not until he was a schoolboy about ten years of age that he knew the taste of meat.

Curiously enough, although the Japanese did not use milk, it was the custom among the Japanese mothers—and that custom largely prevails to the present day—to keep their children at the breast until they are about three years old, not confining them, of course, exclusively to milk from the breast, but making that the chief article of diet.

This fact alone is one of the most extraordinary that I know of, because it has been accepted as a well-established principle of medicine that for a mother to suckle a child for more than nine months is injurious to both child and mother and makes the child feeble.

Both in America and England mothers begin to wean their children at about six months, and the process is almost invariably completed at nine months. And yet these wonderful Japanese mothers are able to stand the strain for three years apparently without depleting their vitality, and certainly the children of these mothers, judging from the way they have fought show no evidence of depleted vitality.

Sleeping Rooms in England. In the seventeenth century Englishmen thought it injurious to sleep in rooms facing the sun, so most of the rooms faced north and east, opening off a passage or else out of each other.

Utilizing a By-Product. Kentucky is now making 'maple' sugar out of corn cobs, presumably used to sweeten that other product of the corn.

IF THE SUN WERE COLORED

Amazing Possibilities If the Orb of Day Gave Forth Tinted Rays

A German astronomer has recently published some interesting observations on the theoretical effects of a change in the color of the sun. It is amazing to consider the possibilities if our sun were green, blue or red. Instead of what it is, says the New York Herald, if it were blue there would be only two colors in the world—blue and black.

In the event of the sun being red, roses, blood, red ink and all other things that are now red would reflect it. So would snow, the lily and all things that are now white, but these would, of course, be red. Everything else would swallow up the red light and appear quite black.

If the sun were green we would have a little variety. Things that are now yellow would still be yellow. Things that are blue would be blue and things that are green would still be green.

THE CZAR'S LITTLE GIRLS.

From This Account It Will Be Seen That They Are Real Children.

The little Russian princesses do not quite bear out the prevailing impression that all the children of monarchs are necessarily paragons of perfection or little brutes.

One day last summer, when the court was still at Peterhoff, the four little duchesses were playing on the beach in front of the Alexandrine palace, when they saw a young officer who was engaged in supervising a group of sailors executing a difficult piece of work.

The citizen is provided with sanitary dwellings, with unadulterated food, with schools and technical colleges and with insurance for sickness and old age.

YELLOWSTONE GEYSERS.

One New Spouter That Will, It Is Believed, Prove a Permanent Feature.

Reports received at Northern Pacific headquarters from officials of the Yellowstone Park association indicate that the new geyser in Norris Basin, in the great national reserve, is a permanent additional attraction.

The new geyser is one of the most beautiful in Yellowstone park, and successfully competes with others which are world famous in beauty and grandeur.

This is the second geyser born recently in the Yellowstone park. "Splendid" geyser was born last fall, and played intermittently for a brief period, but is now practically quiescent.

Pearl Fishing in Finland.

In Russian Finland fishing for pearls is one of the most profitable of the native industries. It is very slow, laborious work. The fisher sits, or rather lies, on a curious raft, made of brush, known as a "mille an hour" raft.

Declined. Bill—Did you ever try to stick a pig? Jill—No; you'll really have to excuse me. I never throw dice!—Yonkers Statesman.

IDLENESS CRIMINAL

MEN OUT OF WORK IN BERLIN ARE QUICKLY ARRESTED

Employment is provided and the Sick and Aged Taken Care Of—The City Is Well Kept.

Interesting details regarding the condition and treatment of the poor by the municipality of Berlin are contained in a report forwarded to the state department by United States Consul Haynes at Rousen, France.

Every person of humble means is insured by the state in Germany. Clerks, shop assistants and servants are compelled to insure against sickness and old age.

The whole object of the Berlin municipality is to secure the physical and intellectual well-being of its citizens, and although the Germans are not soft-hearted in the manner of achieving this purpose, they have this recommendation—they succeed.

Rags and misery dare not lie about the parks or scatter disease through the crowded streets. If there is any virtue in the unemployed state will certainly develop it as well as it is possible to do so.

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OLD FORT GIBSON CHURCH

Historic Building in Indian Territory That Has Sheltered Well-Known Americans

An effort is now being made to preserve the old church on the hill" at Fort Gibson, I. T., the oldest building in the territory. This church, says the Fort Gibson Post, was the old garrison church at Fort Gibson during all the early days of the west and was afterward used as a schoolhouse.

Washington Irving, the noted American writer, visited Fort Gibson and wrote his "Tales of a Traveller" in a tent just outside the old parade ground on Garrison Hill.

DOGS REAL BEAR HUNTERS

The Animals Worry Bruta Until the Man with the Gun Gets In a Shot.

Bear hunting with dogs, according to a hunter, is lots of fun, and with a good dog the bears can be easily shot. The dogs are used to annoy the bears, and a well-trained dog will do the work so cleverly that the bear will forget all about the danger from the hunters' guns and try to get at the little pest that worries him so much.

The dog has to be well trained and must be very quick, for if he gets in the way of the bear's paw it is good-by dog. Those hunters who make a specialty of bear hunting in the Canadian Rockies will start out taking one dog with them.

Weight of Hats. "What do you suppose this hat weighs?" said the hatter, taking up a fine eight-dollar top hat of silk.

How Salmon Are Hatched. The Oregon state fisheries exhibit, which will be located in the north end of the forestry building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, Portland, Ore., will be one of the most interesting to eastern people visiting the fair.

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JAPS ON THE COAST.

FEAR IN CALIFORNIA THAT THEY ARE A MENACE

Although They Are Recognized as Progressive and Industrious There May Be Too Many of Them.

Pick up the ordinary magazine or newspaper published almost anywhere in the world and there will be either a piece of news or an essay extolling the virtues of the Japanese.

A discordant note arises, however, from the Pacific coast, and the volume of sound is largest from California. The people who have the Japanese have too many of them; they want to stop others from coming and are determined to get rid of those they possess.

The opponents of Japanese immigration have support in the investigations of the government marine hospital service, whose officers have been inspecting and studying Japanese immigrants since the Japanese have been coming over here in steadily increasing numbers during the past two or three years.

The Japanese come to the Pacific coast in gangs under the charge of a promoter or "padrone" who owns them for the time. He is a dealer in contract labor, but he is too shrewd to be caught by the contract labor laws of the United States.

By way of good measure, the Californians have a word to say of the Japanese character which seems to agree tolerably well with the estimate of it made by the American war correspondents who started for Manchuria and Port Arthur and were never permitted to see the armies. The San Francisco Argonaut, for instance, says:

The Argonaut declares that even if it were decided by a court of sublimated equity from which no sane man could appeal that the Japanese had better manners, better morals, a more wholesome philosophy of life and a civilization superior to the American, yet the Jap would have to go in order to preserve occidental civilization. If it were shown that the Japanese could live more cheaply and would not racially assimilate.

How the Japanese are to be kept out no man knows, now that congress has neglected to pass a Japanese exclusion law, though the San Francisco papers are urging the mikado to keep his men at home on the pain of sacrificing the friendship of America.

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