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LOGIC IN JAPANESE WAYS.

Their Topsy Turvy Customs Find Defenders Who Reason Well.
"When first I went to Japan I was continually running across customs and things which made the country a veritable topsy turvydom to me," said a man who has spent many years in the Land of the Rising Sun. "It looked as though the people went out of their way in order to practice the art of inversion. I was, however, made to understand pretty quickly that the Japanese was the right way and that the west would catch up some day and learn to do things as they did. Really there does appear to be some reason in their statement when you consider things from their point of view."
"For instance, a gentleman takes you to his stable to see the horses. Upon walking in you are surprised to find the horses' heads where we imagine their tails ought to be."
"The Japanese is very much too polite to laugh at your expressed surprise, but there is at least satire in his grave reply, 'Do you not think it preferable when you enter a stable to have the head of the horse convenient to your hand rather than the other, the sometimes kicking end?'"
"Or, taking the addressing of letters as practiced there. This is how it would run if you were writing to a friend in this country:

Canada.
Ont.
Toronto.
Young Street.
226.
Smith.
John.
Mr.

"Of course it looks absurd to us. But your native friend will solemnly draw your attention to the great advantage it is to the postal people to have the final destination of the letter appear first, above everything else."
"The house furnishing is another thing which surprises one at first. A room will have perhaps one article of furniture in it. It may be a costly vase or a lovely cabinet, but there will be nothing else there. At the back of the house is what is known as the 'godown,' a kind of superior lumber room, and there may be any amount of furniture stored away there."
"The art of concentration is so well taught by these extraordinary people that one thing at a time is considered to be enough to look at. After a time—a week, or possibly a month or two—another choice article from the godown replaces that one, which is stored by in its turn. Traveled Japanese will often remark that when first they entered western drawing rooms they felt as though they were visiting sale bazaars. To tell the truth, they imagine us to be rather vulgar in displaying all of our furniture at one and the same time."
"There are other curious things done there from our point of view which the Japanese can easily defend against our criticism. The carpenter in sawing pushes the saw away instead of drawing it to him, and in that way keeps the line always in view. In using a plane he does the same for the same reason. Of course in reading they begin at the bottom of the page and read up, which so far as I can find out is simply the result of long custom."—Washington Post.

A Botanical Freak.
One of the curiosities of nature is known as a plant atol. There are but two or three of these known to scientists. This atol is made up of a circle of growing plants. They are found floating on the top of ponds or lakes. They form a hoop shaped figure and are closely matted together at the roots, which make a sort of cup or basin, to which more or less vegetable matter falls or floats. There is a sufficient amount of nutriment in this to keep the plant growing. As it increases the roots become longer and larger, and in time the plant may anchor itself in the soil at the bottom of the pond. These rings, after many years of accumulation and growth, make what appear to be small islands. It is the opinion of certain scientists that islands may have been formed in this manner. The roots catch all floating vegetable or animal matter. Leaves collect and form mold, and after awhile birds may drop plant or tree seeds on the little pod that floats on the top of the water. These take root and further assist in the growth of the little island. It may take centuries for the plant to come to any size, but with nature a thousand years are but as yesterday.

Notice to Creditors.
In the district court of the United States, for the Southern district of Florida.
In the matter Frank A. Smith, bankrupt, in bankruptcy.
To the creditors of Frank A. Smith, of Zolfo, in the county of DeSoto and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.
Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1906, the said Frank A. Smith was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at court house, Arcadia, Florida, on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1906, at 12 o'clock m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
Tampa, Fla., May 14th, A. D. 1906.
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