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## LOMALAND, HOME OF MRS. TINGLEY

STORY OF THE AUTOCRACY BUILDING UP IN CALIFORNIA.

Something About the Leader's Early Life—Highly Decorated, with Grand Avenues of Palms—More Beautiful than the Gardens of the Khedive.

Chicago Record-Herald.

"Lomaland" is an absolute monarchy, governed by an autocrat, her serene highness, Katherine Tingley—a remarkable woman. It is the headquarters of what is known as the Universal Brotherhood of man—Limited. I take the liberty of adding the word "limited" because the universality of the brotherhood stops where Katherine Tingley places her finger, and no one is admitted to its privileges or allowed to enjoy its benefits who is likely to interfere with the tranquility of her reign. The printed official announcement of the organization contains this significant explanation:

"The government of the Universal Brotherhood is autocratic and rests entirely in the hands of the leader and official head, who has the privilege of nominating her successor. The methods are entirely in the direction of an accentuation of individual responsibility and the establishment of a true harmony of life. It is unnecessary to say that no compulsion is used, and that even in the case of children, punishment is unknown."

The colony is an exotic in this speculating, dusty and perspiring world. It is based upon extreme altruism. Its members love to call it a university for the cultivation of the science of the soul. Whether its members live up to their ideals it is impossible for me to say. They appear like people of culture and refinement. They are men and women of education. Those who are able to judge by daily observation and direct contact, either in person or by the printed word, are of opinion both as to the purity of their motives and conduct. But, after spending a single afternoon at Lomaland and talking with the leading people in the colony, it is difficult to believe any but the best of them or to withhold expressions of admiration for her imperial highness Mrs. Tingley and the results she has accomplished. At the same time, I have no sympathy with theosophy. I regard it as a temporary fad invented by a woman whose knowledge of human nature taught her that mysteries attract silly people as light attracts moths. Nobody understands the principles of theosophy, nobody can explain them; they are expressed in tangled, ambiguous terms that have no meaning to a clear mind, but convey an unutterable amount of wisdom and consolation to weak intellects and sentimental souls that are groping and yearning for something they cannot find.

Nor is it necessary to discuss the character of the signing. Not long ago Mrs. Tingley brought a suit for libel against General Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, and was given a verdict, with damages to the extent of \$7,500. She would not accept the money, but for penniless reasons, but to secure an opportunity to vindicate her reputation for the good of the cause she represents, and that she spent \$29,000 in securing a great disappointment, the court declined to hear any evidence that did not bear directly on the publications in the Times, and the jury promptly declared that they were untrue and libelous. Mrs. Tingley was before disappointed in not being allowed to prove all that has been said against her, but considers herself vindicated.

Her early life still remains in a mist. She was born in Newburyport, Mass., and her mother was Mrs. Westcott; her father and grandfather were both well-known citizens. She is remembered there as a wild and eccentric girl of unusual beauty, strong character and imperious will, and she has been twice married. Her first husband, R. H. Cook, is a printer, and when last heard from was an infirm inmate of the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs. Mr. Tingley, No. 2, lives in New York and is said to be an inventor. His relations with his wife are not very intimate.

The Universal Brotherhood reminds me that Josh Billings was willing to accept the theory of evolution, and by the Universalist church, provided he might be allowed to name a few exceptions.

The Theosophists have several hundred beautiful acres enclosed by a fence, with imposing gateways of Egyptian design. There are semimilitary guards in khaki uniforms at each portal, and no person is admitted without invitation or until his name is known and approved at headquarters. The grounds are highly decorated. There are avenues of palms, the most graceful and feminine of trees; there are fountains filled with lotus flowers, which are in bloom at headquarters. The grounds are highly decorated. There are avenues of palms, the most graceful and feminine of trees; there are fountains filled with lotus flowers, which are in bloom at headquarters.

Then he sold the hammock. Cleveland Leader. Miss Peechie—I want a hammock that will not break down. Politte Clerk—Can't guarantee any of 'em, miss. Miss Peechie—Why, that's strange. Politte Clerk—Not at all. We'd do it if you were a homely girl, but—

RAILROAD FACTS. New York Press. The commercial (market) value of the railroad of the United States is \$20,000,000,000. Pennsylvania stands first in railroad property, having \$1,425,000,000. New York is second with \$899,000,000, and Illinois third with \$820,000,000. Ohio is fourth, Minnesota fifth.

McClure's Magazine Out To-Day. With the Reminiscences of that friend of the makers of history, Carl Schurz; with Kipling's daring and vivid story of his ride in an airship; with Ray Stannard Baker's fearless exposition of the way in which railroad rates are made; and with stories by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, Jean Webster, and Samuel Hopkins Adams, this particular number of McClure's Magazine is an important beginning of the new year, and cannot be overlooked by anyone who wants the best reading matter that can be bought.

IT'S TROLLEY ANKLE Investigate If Yours Gets Weak and Pains You. New York Sun. "Trolley ankle" is a new ailment. "I never heard of that before." "Lots of it, none the less," declared the physician. "You jump from the car before it has fairly stopped moving and your foot takes up the shock. After a while you land that your ankle is not as strong as it used to be and will give you a twinge occasionally."

But see here, Doc," persisted the sufferer, "if I had the trolley ankle it would be the right one. That's the one that strikes the ground first." "Unless you get off backward," assented the practitioner, "but it's not the foot first on the ground that takes up the shock. You simply land on that foot, but you take up the momentum with the left. It doesn't seem right, but you'll find that it is so, and there are more men suffering from trolley ankle who go to the hot springs for their rheumatism than you have any idea of. They never think of associating a pain in their left foot with jumping from a trolley car, yet that is what causes all the trouble."

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a single rush, of a sort which cannot readily be checked back. Certainly lightning is of an immensely variable character, so that generalizations regarding it are altogether unsafe. The trouble with the experimental study of lightning is the comparative rarity of lightning itself at any one station, a rarity that for practical purposes is increased nearly threefold by the shortness during the lightning season, of the hours of darkness during which a photographic method could be applied. It strikes us that the damage done annually by lightning is sufficient to justify the weather bureau in undertaking some systematic investigation of the subject as a means to better preventive measures. There is just the sort of persistent attention required that it is extremely difficult to obtain save with professional observers who can be on the watch without being called off by other duties. With work intelligently distributed among the various stations a few years would see the accumulation of a great deal of valuable information without any very great expense. If the work led to the prevention of even a small percentage of the damage annually done by lightning it would pay merely as a matter of business. It is particularly a matter for the government to take up on account of the public nature of the service, and the comparatively small opportunities of any single private observer or group of observers."

## A JAPANESE GIRL STUDIES OUR ART

Boston Globe. From far Japan came little Miss Yoshida to East Gloucester. This small young person of 16 is in America with her brother, Hiroshi Yoshida, to study art in the "western way." With the greatest pride she dresses in the most "American clothes" she can find and delights in a collection of shirtswaits that any college girl might envy. She is also devoted to hats and has them of all shapes and sizes, but her most favored one is a straw turban trimmed with a large bunch of wisteria. This might be called her hat of sentiment. Her own name, Fugi, means wisteria.

Her afternoon clothes, when she is thru with the day's work of sketching, are an interesting combination of Japanese and American. She wears, for instance, a short very plain white duck skirt, a shirtwaist of soft gray and white and black Japanese crepe, and over this a short jacket (or "haori," as it is called) of dull blue and white figured cotton stuff lined with silk, the exact color of a tangerine. This is fastened together loosely by a curiously knotted cord of orange and white twisted silk. Her beautiful black hair is combed smoothly away from the face into a natural pompadour and fastened at the back by a bow of black satin ribbon, which is no darker or shinier than the hair itself. One of the annoyances of American life to her is that she has to arrange her own hair, for in her country even the servants employ hairdressers. The last being for a small duck, not long emerged from the shell. This square bunch of yellow down she has lovably christened Admiral Togo and decorated with her own especial color of violet. It is a sight for a pessimist to see these two on a bright morning going for a walk. Miss Fugi, in a short sketching skirt, a white yachting cap on her head, packs up her traps and starts down the path thru the fields, and the little yellow "admiral," with a fluttering violet necktie, toddles along after her, quacking as it goes. Every good day, directly after breakfast, Miss Yoshida goes out to paint, just the way a man hurries off to business, and nothing in the way of amusement stops her, for as she says, she is here "to learn to paint landscapes." She has been most thoroughly trained by her brother in drawing, started on the long and narrow path



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