

WE STAKE IN THE GAME

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Correspondence of The Washington Herald. Tokyo, March 25.—The stake in the great game of world politics which Japan is playing against the powers of the Occident is China. The Celestial empire is the oldest, the biggest, and the slowest of the nations, also potentially the richest. Its awakening means that half a billion people will demand Occidental wares, and the business of supplying this trade will make great nations greater and small nations large. But once before in the history of the world has anything of like importance been concerned. Taken place, and that was when Columbus sailed into the unknown West and multiplied the world by two.

To dominate this half a billion of human beings, to control their affairs, and to act in all things as an intermediary between them and the Occident is what Japan aspires to do. If Japan plays a desperate game, it has at least the justification that the stake is worth taking chances for. For a variety of reasons the United States of America is against this game, but not contending for the whole stake. The American idea is that China shall be opened to the whole world and free competition permitted to all merchants, no matter what flag they sail under. The United States has obtained the pledges of the powers that the territory of China should not be cut up. The Chinese know that the United States is the only nation that has not tried to grab a piece of their territory. The Chinese also know that every other power has attempted to take some territory, and that Japan wants it all. It is strange, therefore, that the Chinese are saying among themselves that when the American fleet comes to the Pacific there need be no further fear of Japanese aggression?

Japan, brought to its present state by the aid and counsel of the Western powers, and for a long time the pet of the nations, has lately fallen under the displeasure of most of them. In this displeasure should grow into impatience, and impatience into hostility, the fault will be only with Japan. Japanese diplomats promise to stop emigration to the United States, but emigration goes on. Japanese diplomats promise to observe trade-mark rights, but counterfeiters continue to multiply. In short, Japanese diplomats continue to make promises which the Japanese people do not intend to keep. It is true, although the Japanese nation claims recognition as a civilized power, apologies must constantly be made for it.

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To-morrow—Japanese in Hawaii.

FAVORITES IN COATS

Driving coats generally have three-quarter length skirts, high waists, and picture sleeves. They have paneled effects in the back or are given a cutaway form like the street jacket. The most favored of the street jackets have the "spoon" back, a rounded version of man's dress coat. The smartest motor coats show a revival of the ulster forms. They are full length, amply wide in the skirt, and may be single or double-breasted.

The daytime coats of the moment are distinctively separate garments. Those of striped velvet and cloth are perhaps the most striking. Costly wraps for the day time show a tendency toward dark shades. Some of these preferred in velvet coats are rosewood and mahogany, garnet and dark purple. Black coats in Liberty silk are perhaps the newest of the dress wraps. They are usually picture coats, the Dalmatian or split armhole being the most novel.

YE TEA APRON.

We May Yet Take to Carrying This Afternoon Commodity. According to an amusing picture in a recent Punch, the phrase, "one's best bib and tucker," may soon have more than a figurative meaning. The provision of "tea-aprons" by "thoughtful hostesses" would soon pall, both on themselves and their guests; to keep up a store of "dainty trifles in silk or brocade," fresh for every "at home" day, would be a life-shortening task, while to be asked to use an apron, never originally charming, which bore the crumb-marks of somebody else's muffin, would put one's politeness to a severe test.

If the fashion caught on, and survived importation, we might begin to carry our own, in little leather cases, like music. A charming little dress. Japan is playing a serious game now, and with grown-ups. The time is past for looking with wonder upon the simplest thing it does merely because it is Japan. It demands that it be treated as one of the world powers, and the equal of any of them. Japan must come up to the standard with its actions, as well as its pretensions. It holds itself to be full-grown, and its accountability must be in the same measure. It has to accomplish its purpose by force. Instead of trying to build up its industries by taking advantage of its cheap labor, and making goods to be sold in open competition, it seizes Korea and binds up Manchuria to make an especial market for Japanese goods. If China does not wish to buy Japanese goods, then China must always be in danger of a sound whipping.

The Japanese do not look ahead or bemoan. They initiate the Chinese and antagonize the rest of the world, but opportunity would be many times greater. But the Japanese do not see things in that light. They are going ahead with their Korean and Manchurian programmes in spite of every warning rattle, and they hope to have all China in their grasp, and before the rest of the world is convinced that it is justified in interfering. These criticisms are not those of an enemy of Japan, nor do they solely repre-



A frock which may be developed as a dainty little party gown or as a simple dress for everyday wear is sketched as a suggestion for the mother who prefers to make her little girl's clothing at home. The square yoke may be plain or inset with narrow embroidered or lace insertion, while the skirt portion may be decorated to correspond. The sleeves may be long to the wrist or in short puff style; while the graceful full sleeve-cap may be used or, as preferred, the dress shown is cut square at the neck, the yokes being cut out at indicating perforations in the pattern. A fine batiste, dotted Swiss or printed dimity or muslin would prove most becoming developed after this pattern. The 6-year size calls for 3 7/8 yards of material 24 inches wide. Nine sizes, 2 to 10 years. A pattern of this may be obtained by inclosing ten cents to the Pattern Department, The Washington Herald, 734 Fifteenth street northwest, and giving number of pattern (4869) and size wanted.

FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

A real home is not as common as might be imagined, for it has many ingredients in its make-up, ranging from furniture to humanity. It is a place redolent of peace and comfort and affection, and it matters little whether it is luxurious and splendid, or a bachelor trying to analyze the charm of a home belonging to his best friend, and after floundering a good bit, he settled upon its absolute cleanliness as the chief feature.

As a matter of fact, the place was no better kept than the average abiding place, for there was a child just large enough to get into fresh mischief every ten minutes and a dog that went in and out both front and back door whenever it pleased, regardless of weather. Undoubtedly there was an unceasing effort to keep neat and clean, but all signs of it were kept from masculine eyes. All that men had to witness was the estimate were appearances, and they consisted largely of cheeriness and refinement. Smoking was permitted all over the place, and open fires were as conspicuous and appealing to the senses as the friendly rows of books against the wall and the latest magazines scattered over the tables.

There are women who make homes directly they take possession of a room. There are others who are failures with a bottomless purse and plenty of time to explore it. I know men whose faces brighten as they near home at the close of a hard day's work, and others who grasp the smallest excuse to escape home-going. I never read of a domestic tragedy without wondering what part home played in it, and asking what drove men to wrong-doing. When women go wrong, one can look for reasons outside the home, for they are responsible for conditions which exist in their domain.

I realize that I am touching a tender spot when I attempt to criticize invalidism. There are real invalids and sham ones, and the real ones do not resent criticism. The consciousness or right makes them impervious to remarks, and generally they realize so fully the depressing influence of illness as to endeavor to make amends for conditions that cannot be avoided. Real illness draws upon the sympathy of every decent human being, but I have seen some good men who succumbed to the annoyance and discomfort of petty ailments which were not worth the effort made to bring them into the foreground.

I have a tremendous admiration for a wife who so thoroughly appreciates her husband's fortune in having a devoted husband that she takes no chances with it. All her life she has been subject to headaches, but in the eight years of her married life her husband has never known of them. Before her wedding day she decided that they were secrets to be kept from him, and in any bed she is always to be found when he is brightest, perfectly dressed, and with the brightest smile she can call up. She allows him no opportunity to note pale lips or languid eyes, and actually borrows of his wife's perfect health. Wise woman! BETTY BRADEN.

WHY MAN IS WICKED.

One of Him Lays It to His Hideous Clothes. Only the other day a gallant gentleman holding forth in public on "Modes and Morals" made many remarks which were at least amusing.

Among them was the idea that women are answerable for man's unpretentious attire. "Women," he said, "dress more as he is in his mother's leading-strings he is clothed in pleasing garments; but once he breaks away from her, he is doomed to clothes so ugly as to be an insult to the artist's eye. The notion is bizarre and unquestionably far fetched, but it amused the audience, especially when he went so far as to say that it was only because women imposed such hideous apparel upon him that man was so wicked.

Further on in his discourse he treated of women and showed an appalling knowledge of chignons. Three things he bitterly condemned in feminine attire. The tight corset, the too décollete gown, and the cloche hat, and though he was no Carlyle his suggestions were not wholly to be scorned. With regard to the cloche hat, that, of course, is dead, and in its place have arisen shapes which are happily more universally becoming.

LIFE ONE LONG WASH.

Zoo's Deer House Cat is Scrubbed Nearly All Day. Cats are the cleanest of creatures. They wash, and wash, and then wash again.

In addition to her own ablutions the zoological gardens, has two other cats thrust upon her. She takes her sister in the abode of the kangaroos, and the mother kangaroo washes her while she naps. Indeed, the poor thing has to sleep while being washed, else she'd never snatch so much as a cat nap. No sooner has she rested in the kangaroo domicile, and sought her supper, than she proceeds to bathe with the red brocket deer. Mr. Brocket evidently has no opinion at all of Mrs. K's cleansing capacity. He also evidently considers that Puss has decidedly sketchy ideas of bathing. At all rates he goes over her shining coat with a severity that might well remind her of home and mother.

She grins (or rather shuts her eyes and sits tight) and bears it.

THE YOUNG GIRL WEARS

The round collarless or Dutch neck with elaborate frocks. The turn-down collar with school frocks. Very often this is the Byronic collar. Voiles, cashmeres, light-weight cloths, and different weaves of pongee for the Sunday frock.

All the youthful shades, including a pearl gray and a delicate lavender. A pleated or full skirt in which tucks and shirring are judiciously applied. A very carefully-fitted gumpie, for upon this the success of her frock depends.

The fichus and berthas which are so fashionable on the continent. Materials which wash easily so that she may look fresh and clean. Simple frocks simply made and designed.

A Girl and Her Pleasure.

The modern woman finds pleasure in decorating her person with jingling ornaments and beads. At this moment the bead craze is taking a particularly strong hold upon us. Bead-threading is being rapidly advanced to an art, and makes a pretty and fascinating employment for dainty fingers. Man is always impressed if he sees a woman manipulating wools in a silk or beads, and with her fingers and a few bowls of glistening beads, girls will find they can make exceptional havoc.

The Stylish Figure.

A long throat slit yearning to be longer. A back that is flat as a fish platter. Hips concave rather than convex. A fallen-in way of holding itself, like unto the wife's first biscuits. The slouch of the raglan in all its attitudes.

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Percales, Madras, Bleached Muslins, odd lot of short lengths; worth from 10c to 15c a yard, and only a limited quantity of each. Special, a yard, for to-day, 5 3/4c.
Dark percales, 36 inches wide, in a good assortment of colors, regular price, 12 1/2c a yard. To-day's remnant price, a yard, 8 3/4c.
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Plain white nainsook, 36 inches wide, very fine and soft; the proper thing for ladies' and children's summer underlinings, night robes, etc.; all good lengths. Regular price, 12c a yard. To-day's remnant price, a yard, 12 1/2c.
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White India linon, In a good, firm quality; will wash and wear well; all good lengths; clean, fresh remnant. Regularly 6c a yard to 10c a yard. Remnant price, a yard, 4 1/2c.

FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS

So lovely are the things shown for the younger members of the family that the most of us wish we had shown Peter Pan's firmness and had refused to grow up. There, for instance, are the lovely little pajamas in all colors with the frogs of white braid, which sell for \$1.75 and \$2. Then there are miniature facsimiles of the "comfy" coat-sweater, with its capacious pockets which are so useful for the boy or girl at seashore and mountain. The two-year-old baby boy is offered a wide choice of white suits, which, in spite of infantile touches of embroidery, have reluctant little trousers. As for the baby girl, her little dresses of all embroidery and of batiste have appropriated all the touches of more mature toilettes. This baby girl's hats are quite the loveliest thing imaginable, being ruffles of fine white horse-hair, rosettes of baby ribbon, frills of lace, and bunches of forget-me-nots and rosebuds. These same little hats make the proposition of getting baby's spring bonnet quite as grave as one as getting her mother's, for they frequently cost \$10 or more. There is a wonderful variety of jumpers this year, and the mother of the sturdy boy can get for 50 cents a suit of khaki and red which is fittingly christened Onondaga. Striped socks are displayed in all colors and combination, and will be the sweetest wear for the small boy and girl. The favorite model for the summer dress of the girl from four to eight is the kimono sleeve with a guimpe and many of white muslin edged with a band of contrasting color are to be seen. Recorders of all kinds and styles are shown, but the number of check and plaid models confirms the popularity of these designs in garments for the grown ups.

THE BEAUTY AGE.

Romance Has No Visible Part in Millard's Latest Locket. An absolutely plain round gold locket is one of the most popular presents of the moment. It is not large, all personal odds and ends such as chain trinkets, watches, and chainlains are noticeably smaller now than formerly. Do not imagine, either, that there is a romantic element in the gift. It is not intended to carry a photograph or miniature, neither have our elegants returned to the old-fashioned plan of wearing a lock of beloved hair in such an ornament. Nothing more exalted than feminine vanity is to be gratified by this innocent-looking little trinket, which when opened will be found to contain the tiniest of powder puffs, a perfectly adequate article, though so small, and a mirror of like limited but practical dimensions. The locket is worn dangling from the long neck-chain, or is fastened with a fob safety pin at the waist.

DO YOU KNOW

From Home Chat. That a rum steak one inch and a half thick takes eight to ten minutes to broil. A file steak about half a pound in weight, seven to ten minutes to broil or grill. A mutton chop about five ounces weight, six to ten minutes to grill or fry. An egg-and-crumble outlet about five ounces weight, eight to ten minutes to fry. A veal cutlet about seven ounces weight, seven to ten minutes to fry. A pork cutlet about seven ounces weight, nine to ten minutes to fry or grill. A sheep's kidney, from four to ten minutes to fry or grill.

THE NEW SHOE.

The tip is more pointed. The vamp is shorter. The wing tip is ubiquitous. The Cuban heel is seen most frequently. Tan is most popular for young people. The United States Military helmet, West Point. Ooze is the newest leather. As its name suggests, it is porous looking. Dull gray suede holds its own. The broad foot ribbon is insistent. High boots are frequently made of two leathers. The uppers are oftenest of ooz. The vamps are either of patent or Russia-leather.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR GIRL

BY HELEN ROWLAND. Love is a delirious epin in an automobile, married the accident of which you are always in danger. The sentiment a society woman wastes in baby-talk to her dog and the money a society man wastes on gasoline for his automobile, would keep half a dozen babies in love and milk. Marrying a woman, after you have kept her ten years waiting, is like buying a doll that has stood too long in the showcase. A man's idea of cutting down expenses is doing without his wife's new spring hat. A woman will go on a starvation diet and have herself skinned alive in order to retain her husband's admiration; but a man considers himself a martyr if he resists a hotel room. There is no pity on earth so heartless as that with which the bachelor regards the newly married man regard one another. A cynic can always find flaws in a woman and weeds in a rose garden. The lower a man's forehead, the higher his collar.

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