

# Oriental Echoes

## A Modern Weapon.

An ingenious Chinese military man has recently invented a weapon which the mandarins at Peking think will cause terror in the hearts of the invaders, and an order has been issued for the manufacture of a large supply to be distributed throughout the army. According to a description that appears in the Chinese papers, this terrible weapon is a combination of spear and shovel. At one end of a pole there is a large, sharp pike, such as knights of mediaeval times used to carry. At the other end there is a shovel, or spade, with a blade about eight inches wide, which can be used both as an intrenching tool and as a weapon. It is especially handy in beheading prisoners, and all the Chinese soldier has to do is to stick the pike at one end of his pole through the body of his enemy, and then turn around and cut off the head with the shovel. Instead of sending the inventor of this terrible weapon to The Hague to represent China at the Peace Conference, the Empress Dowager rewarded him with a button of the second class.

## New Method of Printing.

A photographer of Kyoto is reported to have invented a new method of printing. He claims that by the use of photography, lead plates printed off by means of the ordinary press, can be prepared. The chief feature of the invention appears to consist in the promptness with which the plates can be prepared and the cheapness of the process. It is said that a plate as large as a tatami (6 feet by 3) can be prepared in three minutes, and that the cost of printing is one third that of the letter-press printing. But the new method is not without its drawbacks. As the photographic method is made use of, the preparation of the plates cannot be made at night, and the inventor is now tasking his ingenuity in trying to discover the means of getting over the difficulty by the utilization of electricity. Experiments on the new method of printing are now going on in Awaji-cho, Kanda, Tokyo.

## Buying a Dress in Japan.

When ladies go to buy a dress in Japan they tell the shopkeeper their age, and if they are married or not, because there are special designs for the single and double relations of life, as well as for ages. The consequence of this painful custom is that you can tell the age of every lady you meet, and know whether she is married, precisely as though she were labeled.

Sir Jung Bahadur, the Prime Minister to the King of Nepal, has a hat made of diamonds worth over £500,000, and perched on top is a single ruby of incalculable value.

## Manufacture of Tea in America.

The Osaki Mainichi learns that a quantity of green tea of singular quality recently appeared on the New York market. A Japanese tea expert to whom specimens of it were submitted failed entirely to understand where it could have come from, but, on further investigations being made, it became known that it was from an extensive tea garden cultivated by a botanist in South Carolina.

## Oriental Humor.

Some of the similes used by Oriental advertisers are as remarkable for humor and naivete as even those of the immortal Sam Weller. Here are one or two specimens which have recently appeared in Eastern newspapers:

- "Goods dispatched as expeditiously as a cannon ball."
- "Parcels done up with as much care as that bestowed on her husband by a loving wife."
- "Paper tough as elephant's hide."
- "The print of our books is clear as crystal; the matter elegant as a singing girl."
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