

## Count Okuma, The Japanese Grand Old Man

WHAT is the feeling about America in Japan? and "What is the feeling about Japan in America?" are two questions that are being asked with a good deal of frequency in the respective countries, and the answers are various. Japan is not looking for trouble," says Henry W. Denison, American adviser to the Japanese foreign office. "They want war with us, feeling that they would win," says an American who has lived fourteen years in Japan in a private letter to a well known New Yorker. At a banquet in Tokyo recently Vice Admiral Matsumoto stated that Japan would not reach the highest round of the ladder until she had had a war with England or America, adding that he preferred America, and thought that in a quick war Japan would soon compel her adversary to seek terms of peace. On the other hand, the words of friendship spoken by General Kuroki in his tour of the United States had a sincere sound, and most people in this country were disposed to take them at their face value. The fact that the anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific coast, originating in the San Francisco school incident, was fanned into flame again by the riots in which Japanese workmen and restaurant keepers were attacked by many held to show that the nation will have the Japanese problem to face in some form for a good while to come. The situation gives a new interest to the characters of the leading Japanese statesmen and awakens curiosity as to their attitude toward foreigners, especially our own nation. Much weight is attached under these circumstances to the views of Japan's "grand old man," Count Shigenobu Okuma, ex-premier and up to a few months ago active leader of the Progressive party. Count Okuma while the war with Russia was in progress expressed the opinion that if the Japanese won it they would seek by the assurance of the utmost courtesy and cordiality toward foreigners to establish



JAPANESE SECTION OF OKUMA'S HOME.

fish and beautify the position they had won by force of arms. He declared that his countrymen were a peaceful rather than an aggressive race, that the Chinese were absolutely ungrateful and that there was no such thing as a real "yellow peril."

Recently his party has taken an attitude of opposition to the government as to its friendly policy with America.

Count Okuma, though no longer the active leader of the Progressive party, is still consulted by it as of yore. The present situation puts him in a position more or less antagonistic to America.

Count Okuma is flanked by Henry George, Jr., who visited him a short time ago, to the statesman whom the Democrats of America regard as the founder of their party, Thomas Jefferson.

His political followers assert to his home at Waseda, in the outskirts of Tokyo, much as Jefferson's followers used to go to Monticello for their leader's advice. Like Jefferson, he is a man of fine personal tastes, a culture and fortune, the founder of a university and in private life somewhat of an aristocrat, yet is democratic in his political teachings. He regards with concern the concentration of wealth and of population and the sinister influence of trusts. In the interview with Mr. George he cited the fact that the Mitsui and Iwasaki families, the Vanderbilts and Astors of Japan, had fortunes of about \$1,000,000 each about thirty years ago, and this was thought a very large sum at the time, but they have since increased to about \$50,000, 160 each. Count Okuma, who has now rounded his seventieth year, was a poor boy and to becoming rich has not forgotten what it means to be poor, having used his wealth in many ways for the benefit of his countrymen. He lives the simple life, and his residence is by no means the kind of a house an average American of his wealth and station would choose as a home. It has two sections—one Japanese, the other European. The latter is carpeted, with a large leather covered divan in the center and comfortable chairs of various kinds scattered about. There are pictures and bookcases and similar furniture. The Japanese section is what Americans would call very plain and has sliding screens and papered windows. The home is surrounded, however, like every typical Japanese house, with a beautiful flower garden. Across the street from his estate is the University of Waseda, which he founded and endowed. Though "out of politics," as an American would say, the count is still a great power in the land, and his advice is sought by his ruler.

Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Back, Tenn. "I have devoted to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it became a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Jackson Drug Co.

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## Two Clever Builders of Aeroplanes.

THE success of the Wright brothers of Dayton, O., in getting the German government to contract with them for the building of a fleet of aeroplanes is a significant achievement. According to the opinion of no less an authority on the subject than Professor Alexander Graham Bell, it means that the era of practical aerial navigation has now been reached. The matter is no longer one of mere theory and experiment. "The impossible has been passed in aerial navigation," said Professor Bell not long ago on learning of the successful flights of the Wright aeroplanes, "and I am proud of the fact that America leads the world in that matter." At the time of this remark the Wrights had demonstrated the practical reality of their machine, but had made no contract for the construction of a fleet. They were negotiating with the French government, and it was supposed that France would have the honor of launching the first vessels of the Wright design. It was reported that France had an option on the invention of the Ohio men, but for some reason the negotiations were broken off. It is said that the brothers submitted general plans to the government guaranteeing a flight of fifteen miles and asking for \$200,000. The height of flight guaranteed was only seventy-five feet, according to report, and as the French government considered a height of 800 feet essential for war purposes it declined to give more than \$100,000. The Wrights left Paris for Berlin a short time ago to arrange for the construction of a number of aeroplanes, and it is understood they will be paid \$100,000 by the German government for each ship built by them. They purchased in Paris several light motors of twenty-horsepower and forty-horsepower.



THE WRIGHT AEROPLANE IN FLIGHT.

The Wright machine is a gliding machine. There is no dependence on balloons in any form. The craft is built to operate on the heavier than air principle and to overcome the law of gravitation by the resistance to the air caused by rapid flight and the broad surfaces presented by the wings of the

aeroplane. It is self lifting and self propelling, the power being supplied by a gasoline motor. There are two propellers, one lifting up, the other driving forward, and the vessel is guided by a rudder. It may be manipulated so accurately as to sail in any desired direction, either with or against the wind. The person who steers lies prone upon his face. Gasoline enough to last two hours may be carried, and a weight of 2,000 pounds, including that of the engine, motor and operator, may be sustained.

Orville and Wilbur Wright are in the neighborhood of forty and are sons of a bishop in the United Brethren church. They were in the bicycle business at the time the bicycle was a craze and have been experimenting with flying machines since about 1900.

They early determined upon the aeroplane as giving the best chance of successful flight and in 1903 succeeded in making a machine which would fly. Since then their efforts have been given to improving their machine and overcoming practical difficulties. The first flight lasted only fifty-nine seconds, but during it the aeroplane advanced a distance of 852 feet against a twenty-mile an hour wind. The next year the brothers accomplished for the first time the feat of describing a circle. By the latter part of 1904 they had succeeded in flying as long distances as four miles at a time. Most of the experiments were made over meadows near their home at Dayton. They kept their aerial operations as much in the dark, so to speak, as possible in order to protect their discoveries and inventions from appropriation by others and often made their flights at night. In the latter part of 1905 a flight of twenty-five miles was made at a rate of nearly forty miles an hour.

The accompanying picture from a photograph reproduced in the Scientific American gives a general idea of the Wright aeroplanes. Heretofore the brothers have been very secretive about their invention and have avoided publicity as much as possible. Now that their work has been crowned with success and the stamp of approval has been placed upon it by a powerful European government and with their financial future assured by the action this government has taken there is reason to expect from the courageous and persistent inventors greater freedom of utterance in respect to their ideas and anticipations.

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## WOMAN'S REALM.

In Bohemia 24,000 men and women have signed a petition to parliament for universal suffrage irrespective of sex.

The petitions of women against woman suffrage lately presented to the British parliament have been thrown out as invalid. The signatures were found to be largely bogus.

Baroness Alexandra Gripenberg, who has just been elected to the parliament of Finland, received the largest vote of any candidate nominated by the old Finnish party.

A granddaughter of the famous English statesman, John Bright, has refused to pay the income tax on the ground that "a parliament in which no women are represented has no right to levy taxes upon women without their consent."

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How to Mend Kid Gloves.

Very few people really know the art of mending kid gloves so they will be wearable for some time. To make the work as well as the glove presentable, buttonhole closely with a good brand of sewing silk the exact color of the glove the tear or split. After finishing the first row of buttonholing, then buttonhole again that edge, making a second row, and continue until the space is filled. By so doing a network is formed over the tear and is very durable and not apt to give way if perfectly done.

If any of the seams split, buttonhole the rent once around and then whip together both edges. If there is a bad tear between the fingers, the buttonholing should not be done too closely or too tightly, the netting again serving as a protection against a second tearing. The same buttonhole stitch may be applied when the buttonhole itself tears away from the glove button.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Jackson Drug Co.

Trousers.

Tetricus, the barbarian, was the first man to wear trousers, the two part garment having been forced upon him by his captor, Aurelian, with the intention of making Tetricus appear ridiculous. The costume, however, seems, after several centuries of usage, to have made a hit.

Praying on the Road.

In Cricklade, England, are several old English crosses, once customarily erected by the roadside and in other convenient localities, to aid the prayers of the traveler or ask his prayers for some other wayfarer who may have met death by accident or violence.

When there is the slightest indication of indigestion heart burn, flatulence or any form of stomach trouble take a little Kodol occasionally and you will be afforded prompt relief. Kodol is a compound of vegetable acids and contains the juices found in a healthy stomach. Kodol digests what you eat, makes your food do you good. Sold by Jackson Drug Co.

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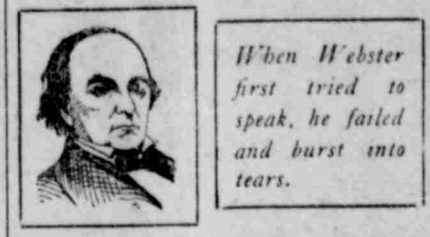
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## TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Daniel Webster.

By J. A. EDGERTON.



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PERHAPS the crisis in Daniel Webster's career was reached just after his admission to the bar, when he was offered a court clerkship. At that time he was very poor and had shown little of the wonderful oratorical ability which afterward distinguished him. The tender of such a place was therefore a sore temptation. Webster, however, decided not to take it, stating that he intended to say things himself, not simply write things that other people said. He began practicing in a small New Hampshire town and remained a citizen of that state many years before he was finally "discovered" and invited to lecture in Boston. When Webster first tried to speak, he failed and burst into tears. So shy was he that he could scarcely arise to recite. It took will power and perseverance to overcome such a defect, and it was only the fact that he felt his own great powers that finally enabled him to succeed.

Even after he had overcome his shyness the battle was only half won. His first efforts were ornate and high sounding, but contained little substance. One local critic said they were "full of emptiness." Webster heard of the criticism, and it cut him, but he had enough common sense to recognize the justice of the criticism and to profit by it. He resolved never again to indulge in mere oratory for its own sake and to speak only when he had something to say.

As a boy on the farm Webster did not like to work, but when he got into his own field he was on occasions a prodigious worker. When in school, he was given a hundred lines of Virgil to memorize. All night he worked and, when called upon to recite what he had learned, not only did so, but asked leave to give another hundred, then still another hundred, after which he stated that he was ready to repeat 500 more.

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Where persons are gunning together and an accident occurs through the unexpected discharge of one of the guns it is held in Siefker versus Paysee (La.), 4 L. R. A. (N. S.), 119, that the negligence of the person handling the gun must be gross in its nature in order to render him liable for the accident.

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