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JAPAN'S HOARDED GOLD.

Patriot Many Years Ago Put \$500,000 Away For a National Emergency. We are often reminded that old Japan is still with us and that its survival adds not merely a picturesque but also a noble element to the character of the nation, writes the Tokyo correspondent of the London Times.

An illustration recently occurred. Nearly 300 years ago, when Tokugawa Iseyasu captured the castle of Osaka from the taliko's widow, Yodo, and her son Hideyori, he found there a large part of the treasure which the great captain and statesman had accumulated. It was in the form of gold horses, for the taliko's fancy had been thus stamped upon the precious metal an indication of the warlike uses to which it was destined.

The Tokugawa leader distributed a great part of the treasure among his chief retainers, and to his second, Norinaga, he gave 300 ingots, with an injunction that the gold should be held as a reserve for use in national emergency. Norinaga received in the province of Owari, and in the vaults of the colossal castle built by him at Nagoya the ingots lay untouched until the fall of feudalism in 1874.

The feudal chiefs were then reduced to the position of simple gentlemen with incomes representing a mere fraction of their previous revenues. But no official scrutiny was made into the contents of their strong rooms, and thus many emerged from the debacle in a much better financial position than the bald figures of the state's commutation scheme suggested.

The Owari ingots, however, being reserved for ordinary uses by the injunction of Iyeyasu—an injunction of absolutely binding force in the eyes of his descendants—remained inviolate until a short time ago, when their owner, Marquis Girel, present representative of the Owari family, decided that the national emergency contemplated by his illustrious ancestor had come. The ingots have a value of 1,000,000 yen—\$500,000—in modern money.

Marquis Girel repaired to the tomb of his forefather, Norinaga, and there, in the presence of his sons, his principal relatives and some of his family's former vassals, invoked Norinaga's spirit to witness that the trust reposed in him by the Tokugawa chief had been faithfully observed through three centuries and that to transfer the treasures now to the coffers of the state seemed a true interpretation of the purpose of Iyeyasu.

BAKING A HAND TO SAVE IT

Woman of Scranton, Pa., Undergoing Heroic Treatment in a Hospital.

To regain the use of her right hand Miss Lucy O'Hara of Scranton, Pa., is having it baked in 300 degrees of heat for half an hour every other day in St. Vincent's hospital at New York. Owing to the absence of moisture in the high temperature the tissues are able to withstand the high caloric and at the patent, although she winced at first under the ordeal, is able to undergo the treatment with little discomfort, says the New York Herald.

She is about to win a year's battle for the restoration of a member which twice was to have been removed. She has resolutely refused to consent to an amputation, and the physicians at the hospital say it will now be a question of only a few weeks before her hand is almost if not quite as good as it ever was.

Miss O'Hara contracted septicaemia a year ago through pricking her hand while washing clothes. The hand swelled to twice its natural size and several operations were necessary. Surgeons believed the only means of saving her life was by removing the hand. The poison was thrown out of the system finally, and the hand was left shrunken. Miss O'Hara had practically no control over it.

She was advised by her physician to go to St. Vincent's hospital where the baking process is being successfully used for rheumatism. The hand is laid in a steam jacket, and the temperature is gradually raised. Every day the member is massaged for an hour, and every week the patient is put under the influence of an anesthetic, the fingers are drawn out and the bones and muscles subjected to a kneading process.

A Winter Swimming Club. A swimming club, the members of which are pledged to bathe in the Chicago river on Sunday morning throughout the year, has been organized at Chicago, Mass., says the New York World. A. E. Roberts is president of the club, which has four members, with several applications pending. One of the bylaws is that in case the river is frozen a hole of suitable size shall be cut in the ice after the members have disbanded. Last winter the ice was twenty-six inches thick. Biting is 5 to 1 that the club or its members die before the next president is inaugurated.

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