

### WHY CHINAMEN DESPISE JAPS.

THE contempt in which the Chinese hold the Japanese has not been modified by the defeat China sustained in her war with Japan, writes T. P. O'Connor in T. P.'s

are the Japanese an object of greater contempt to the Chinese than in their industrial notions and habits. Here is what Douglas Sladen and Miss Lorimer, in their "More Queer Things About Japan," have to say on this point: "The Chinaman despises the Japanese for their total want of honor in trade, a fact which cannot be overlooked in the east, where a Chinaman has always to act as middleman between a Japanese merchant and a European to see that the Japanese keeps to his

bargain. Truth for truth's sake is unknown in Japanese commerce. If you transact business with a Japanese and trust implicitly in his honor, he will think you such a fool that you deserve to be robbed, and rob you he will. If you pay him a bill he will receipt it with a false seal, which he will carry in a seal-case of such exquisite workmanship and perfect design as to be the envy of the collector. If you by any chance detect the fraud as will return the next day with at least half a dozen more false seals wherewith to bam-

boozle and confound his customer. In the end you will have to set a thief to catch a thief, and call in another Japanese to your assistance. "In horse racing it is the same thing. The Japanese jockey who rides the China ponies in the Yokohama races in a byword for cheating and jockeying. No Englishman has a chance of keeping him straight. If you order a silk dress from a Chinese dressmaker, and he fixes his price, you are perfectly certain of his feeling his word, and that the silk will be exactly what you chose,

or one which weighs even more, for silk is bought by the weight, and in native shops, both in China and Japan. But if you give the same order to a Japanese he will exceed the price by as many dollars as he dares, the excuse being that he has provided you with better silk than you chose, whereas in reality it is much inferior in quality. "The real secret of the difference between the commercial morality of the two races is that in China trade has always been respected, while in Japan

it has been hitherto despised. Accordingly "shopkeepers" up to a few years ago, were drawn from the lowest class. **THE ROYAL PATHWAY OF THE CROSS.** Christ must needs suffer, rising from the dead and enter thus into his glory. And how do you ask for another road than this the royal pathway of the holy cross?—Thomas a Kempis.



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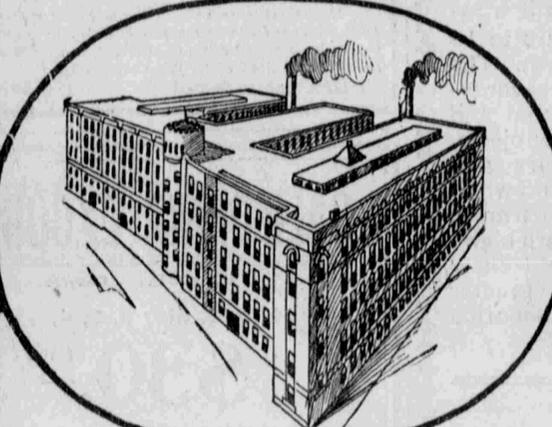
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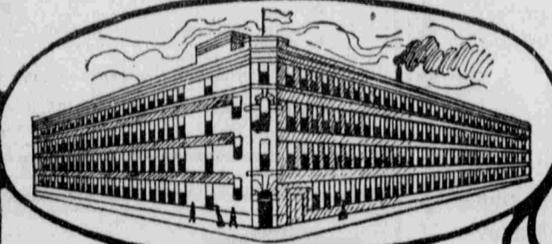
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