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JAPANESE REVENGE.

A story is told by Titsingh, in his Japanese annals, which shows the rigor of this restraint, the severity with which small delinquencies are punished, and the impunity allowed to revenge. At intervals posts are established along the public road, and a guard set to enforce the interdict against the passing of women. One of these is at the mountain Fokane, a short distance from Miako, on the road to Yeddo. An inhabitant of Yeddo, named Fiosayemon, a widower with two children, a girl and a boy, was called to a distance on business. He was poor, and knew not how to provide for his children in his absence; and the law would not allow of his taking the girl with him. He, however, resolved upon a stratagem, and, dressing his little girl in boy's clothes, he passed the guard at Fakone unsuspected. He was rejoicing in his success, when a man, who knew what children he had, joined him, congratulated him on his good luck, and asked for something to buy drink. The alarmed father offered a trifle. The man demanded a sum beyond his means. A quarrel ensued, the man ran back to the guard and gave information of the trick that had been put upon them. The whole guard were thunderstruck. If the informer spoke the truth, and the affair should be discovered, all their lives would be forfeited. Yet it was unavoidable to send a party to apprehend the offender and thus bring upon themselves the dreadful penalty. The commanding officer, however, resolved to save himself by another trick.

He delayed the party to be detached in pursuit a sufficient time to allow a messenger with a little boy to overtake the offending traveler. The messenger found Fiosayemon and his children taking food at an inn. He told of the information that had been given, of the pursuit and danger, offered the boy as a temporary substitute for the disguised girl at the examination to come off, and told the father that, when the falsehood of the charge should be proved by both the children appearing to be boys, he might very freely fly into a rage and kill his accuser. The plan, of course, was approved. The dilatory guard soon arrived, surrounding the house, seized upon Fiosoyemon and the children, and gladly announced that they were both boys. The informer declared that some imposition had been practiced, which the accused, indignantly resenting, drew his sword and cut off the informer's head. The guard declared that such a liar had only met his just deserts, and returned to their posts, while the traveler took his daughter and went on his journey.

THERE is no such thing as a chambermaid in Russia. Women, generally, are rare and shy, much of the Asiatic feeling as to the propriety of their seclusion prevailing in the national mind. Women may be found in the fields, driving oxen, sowing seed, and gleaning corn. They may be found sheep-shearing, wool-washing, or even following the plough, harsh-voiced, coarse, flat-faced things, with small lustreless eyes, wide nostrils and large mouths. Women also may be found at Court and in ball-rooms, blazing with jewels, and daintily arrayed, but in the home life of the middle classes they seem to disappear altogether. Now and then, by accident, a withered old hag, with bare legs, will be observed carrying firewood for the stoves, or doing some rough, menial work, but a smart little maid, all smiles and blushes, or a comely dame with a bonnie welcome on her face, is never seen by a visitor in the house of a Russian under the rank of a Prince; and then only because the higher rank of traveled people have copied foreign manners; for even princes, when they live in out-of-the-way places, shut up their wives and daughters as jealously as Turks. A bed is also a very scarce thing in Russia. Many Muscovite celebrities never think of going to bed; they do not know how to go to bed, most of them. An ex-Governor-General of St. Petersburg and a Minister of State were both discovered between sheets, at one of the late Emperor's palaces, in full uniform, with their jackboots and spurs on. A Russian peasant scarcely knows what the use of a bed means. He rolls himself up in his sheepskin anywhere and everywhere, and sleeps till he is hungry. He has no fixed hours of rest, and is as likely to be asleep at noonday as awake at midnight.

"PADDLING HIS OWN CANOE."—Mr. F. Poole, a wealthy Englishman, has paddled himself in a canoe, since July last, a distance of 20,000 miles. He started from Liverpool, and after paddling along the coast and out into the Irish sea for several days he touched at many points on the Lancashire, Westmoreland and Cumberland coasts, visiting the majority of the English lakes in his frail boat, then proceeded round the coasts of Wightonshire, Kircudbrightshire, and Ayrshire, occasionally landing and making a geographical survey of the country, till reaching the Frith of Clyde, in which he stayed for several weeks, exploring the bays and lochs of the Frith and some of the western islands. Returning to Glasgow, he paddled through the Forth and Clyde canal to Grangemouth, whence he sailed to Leith. The canoe in which Mr. Poole accomplished his voyage was built for him in Canada, by a tribe of Caughnawaga Indians, and is composed entirely of one sheet of birch bark, beautifully sewed and admirably modeled. The canoe is very light, weighing when empty, only sixty pounds, and measures fifteen feet six inches, and one foot three inches in depth. In this frail boat, Mr. Poole, as a geologist and mining engineer, voyaged for eight years among the rivers of British North America to the Rocky Mountains, across which he carried it, and paddled thereafter down the many streams arising on the west water-shed of the Rocky Mountains, down to the Pacific. By its means he proceeded to Queen Charlotte Island, which he explored, having been the first white man who set foot on the Island. During all his wanderings among the islands of British Columbia, he paddled no less than 18,000 miles, and in the course of his geological surveys, he was the only surviving member of a party of eighty-six, Europeans and Indians.—[Ex.

THE POWER OF ELOCUTION.—Prof. Griffith, one of the foremost Elocutionists in the country, recently appeared before a Quincy audience. Among other pieces he recited the well known little poem, "Twenty Years Ago." The poem introduces two friends and schoolmates, one of whom has been recently visiting the old homestead, school house and play grounds—and he gives his impressions to his friend. When the Elocutionist reached the stanzas following, the utterance was slow and thoughtful, as if trying to recall the name of the old play:

The boys were playing some old game—beneath
that same old tree.
I—do—forget—the—name—just—now,—you've
played the game with me—
On that same spot—'Twas played with knives
by throwing—so—and—so—

As the speaker made gestures and motions describing the game—an old gentleman in the back part of the house, arose and said distinctly, "*Mumbley peg, Sir, Mumbley peg.*" It was so real to the old man, that he thought he would help him out of his difficulty, by suggesting the name. Of course it brought down the house.

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