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The Other People of Hawaii

By Mary Uter
(The following charming description is one of a series of short articles by Miss Mary Uter, Townsend street, which will appear in the Eccentric. Miss Uter has recently returned from an extensive stay in Hawaii and is thoroughly acquainted with the people about whom she writes.)

More than half the population of these islands is Japanese. They are increasing rapidly. Of course all children born on the islands are citizens of the U. S. The real question is a greater problem in Hawaii than in California. There are four schools in Hawaii where the Japanese language is taught exclusively. During the summer an election was held to decide whether these alien language schools should continue or not. The Japs won as usual.

At least twelve different nationalities may be seen at almost any gatherings. There are Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, Portuguese, Portuguese, and people from Australia, Central America, England, United States, and other islands of the sea with a very few negroes and Mexicans among them.

The Orient seems quite near, and its lure is strong on the tourist.

The majority of the people are worshippers of Buddha. At Hongwanji Cathedral Temple a service is held in English every Sunday evening. May 20th the 2546th Anniversary of Buddha was observed. To a tourist much of the service seemed sacrilegious, especially the singing in which the congregation was supposed to join; not all tourists care, however. The hymns were Protestant ones and the words adapted to Buddhism; for instance our beautiful hymn "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," read "Buddha, Saviour, Pilot Me."

Why should we aid a religion as Buddhism want to use our songs? The Japanese wear usually the dress of their native land. The women wear the pretty kimono and expensive obi (belts) and a cordial smile. Their homes are scattered all over the islands—it is very cozy and are modern and well kept. The mothers go out nursing, take in sewing and laundry work and do any work that will bring in money. The industry, thrift and politeness of these people is very marked. Most of the newboys are little Japs, whose constant call "morning and evening Emp," "Emp," meaning "paper," is very interesting. One successful little fellow, when asked how he managed to sell so many more papers than any other boy, replied, "Oh, I just tend to business, and keep on yelling."

The Japs have a peculiar custom exclusively their own, observed only during the first week in May. In each family where a baby boy has come during the past year the evening is celebrated by floating a huge paper fish from a tall pole near the house. Friends of the family and the celebration by sending in a fish. Sometimes seven or eight paper fishes float above one house telling the world a boy has arrived. These bright colored fish add much to the landscape while they last. Many wealthy Chinamen may be seen. They are noticeable for their dignity of manner, the fine texture of their garments with their perfect tailoring, and the women by their dress in contrast to the elaborate coiffures of the Japanese.

There are two kinds of school-city schools and plantation schools. Many teachers prefer the plantation to the city, as city experience may be obtained anywhere, but the plantation one gets nearer to the people and better acquainted. The Ewa Plantation the largest plantation on the islands and its schools are typical of most plantation schools. The following description was given by one of its teachers.

A \$100,000 school building has just been completed, and has 22 teachers. It is under Departmental management (Board of Education of Territory). The children are of various nationalities, Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Hawaiian, Korean, Porto Rican, etc. Corporal punishment is allowed and freely administered by principals, and parents but not by teachers. The school system is not modern. Educational appliances and facilities are limited, and methods of instruction are unprogressive. Teachers just do the best they can under the circumstances. Children seem to love their teachers who are kind to them, and are very appreciative.

The Filipino dress is a peculiar costume. The skirt long with a train, which is wound around and around the body and the end fastens. The remainder of the gown is of some lighter color than the skirt, often of tartan, plaid, or something that stands out in a similar way, and often white in color when the remainder of gown is of some bright color. These people do most of the work on the plantations for little more than a dollar per day, with a large bonus, and cottages fully furnished. The Filipino cottage is built high above the ground, and the basement, if it may be so called, is left open on two sides; clothes are dried under the house on rainy days, and sometimes chickens or other stock may be seen in the basement.

Cottages fully furnished are supplied the teachers also. A cook is included who is a Jap that does all the work. Four teachers are assigned to each cottage. This community plan the teachers at present employment seem to fully enjoy. Many of these teachers regularly spend the week end in the city of Honolulu.

Apologized for the Fish.
Politeness has developed among the orientals to a degree of extravagance that is intensely amusing to visitors, oftentimes to the people themselves, as was the case when the popular Prince Kame of Japan was fishing at Ritsurin Bay and twice lost a big fish. The Kame and the governor of the province appeared and made profuse apologies for the untidily and inconspicuous behavior of the fish—Ohio State Journal.

Words Are Sotter.
Action may be better than words, but the umpire would rather he haven't said than have pop bottles buried at him.—Boston Transcript.

Law Says One Buck—But Only In Michigan

A resident of Eco City is guilty of being one of a party of five hunters who recently returned with eight deer—though there is a state law prohibiting any one hunter from shooting more than a single buck! Yet, M. M. Austin, of Lincoln avenue, is quite willing to acknowledge his prowess as a trapper of deer even though all the police and other law enforcement agencies of Michigan were among his audience.

For the scene of his hunting activities was in the region of Fort Francis, Ontario, Canada, where the "one buck law" of Michigan holds no sway.

Just a Picture of His Mother

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER
Likeness of the Dearest Woman in the World, a Christmas Gift to Lonesome Son

IT WAS the first year he had ever been away from home and he was a full-grown man. Other years he had been near enough to go back home for Christmas but now his work had sent him across the continent and he couldn't possibly manage the trip.

He had some excellent new friends and he was going to have Christmas dinner with them. And the family from home had sent a beautiful Christmas box—every member of the family had sent a present.

It had been tied with holly red ribbon and he had opened it Christmas Eve. But now it was Christmas morning and he was just a little bit homesick. Yes, just a little bit—perhaps it was more than a little bit.

And then came the postman's ring. He had received all his presents, cards, too, from his friends at home who would not send presents, but who had remembered him. Yes, he had been very fortunate. The homesickness he felt was only natural. And then he opened the small package which the postman had brought to him.

It was a photograph of his mother, and it arrived on Christmas day. And under it was a little note. Just a few words of love and devotion and a Christmas greeting. He felt better already! For, even though there just at times be separations, he had so wonderful a home and mother that even though they were apart actually their thoughts and spirits were as close together as though they were not separated.

It was an excellent photograph of his mother, too. What a perfect Christmas morning gift!

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THE HERALD ANGELS SING
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and merrily mid,
God and sinners reconciled.
—Charles Wesley.

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Community House News

Calendar
Friday, December 7
House engaged for afternoon.
Saturday, December 8
Shuta Camp Five Bats Sale, 10 a. m., Phillips Meat Market.
Monday, December 10
Camp Fire Group A. and B. 4 p. m. Baldwin High School—House reserved in evening for teachers.
Tuesday, December 11
Business Girls Luncheon 12 m. Literary Club, 7 p. m.—Bluebirds, Adams School.
Wednesday, December 12
Sewing class, 9:30 a. m. House engaged all afternoon.
Thursday, December 13
Day Nursery, 1:30 and 3:30 are the hours of admission.

The Business Girls' Club held its monthly party on Monday evening, November 26, at the House. The girls came dressed as children, played games, and danced during the evening. On December 4 a luncheon was held, and the topic for discussion proved to be a revelation. "Common Grammatical Errors and the Limited Vocabulary of the Average Girl." Most of us found that after eliminating such expressions as "Don't you see?" "Listen," "simply agree," "wonderful," etc., we were decidedly "cramped" in our conversational style.

Only a Few, However.
Women have the right to dress as they please. But some of them lack the nerve.



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