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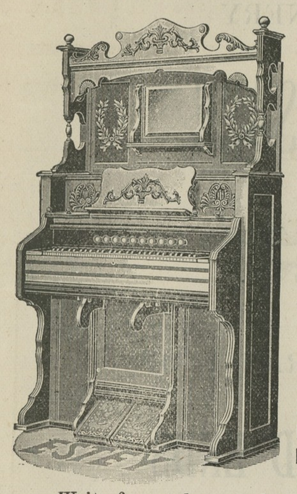

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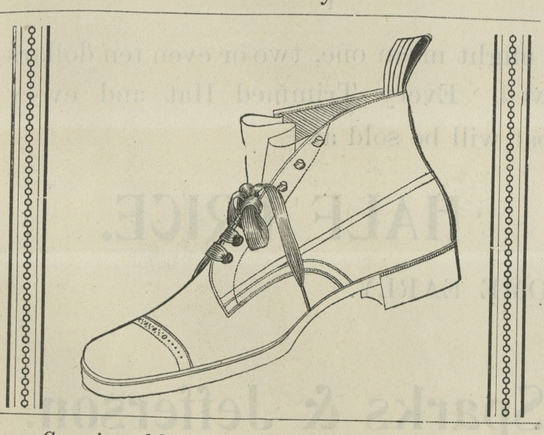

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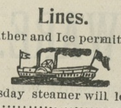

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FACTS ABOUT JAPAN.

Walter J. Ballard writes thus about Japan in the New York Sun: Japan with her 47,000,000 population has 4,302,623 pupils in her elementary schools, or ninety-one in every 1000; while Russia, with 130,000,000 population, has only 4,193,594, or thirty-two in every 1000. Similiar disproportion in favor of Japan applies to secondary schools and universities.

Japan has 4852 postoffices, equal to one postoffice for each 9700 persons; Russia has only 6029, or one for each 21,500 persons.

Japan bought of us last year $21,000,000 worth of goods, while Russia was our customer for only $17,000,000.

Japan has a commercial marine of 734,413 tons, against Russia's 633,822 tons. That is, 100,591 tons more for 83,000,000 less people.

Japan has about the same area as Montana, with more than half as many people as there are in the whole United States.

Japan had a foreign commerce in 1896 of $145, 000,000, while in 1903 it was $313,000,000, more than 100 per cent. increase in seven years.

Japan has gold, silver. copper, lead, tin and mercury in abundance, besides coal and iron.

Japan has every kind of manufacturing—cotton goods, telescopes, microscopes. watches, knives, spoons, electric machinery, matches, clocks, woolen goods and a host of other lines. In 1870 manufacturing in Japan was almost nil; now she has over 8000 factories of various kinds.

Japan has railroads gridironing the empire, electric light plants in nearly all the cities and telegraph lines all over the country.

Japan did not have a single battleship in 1895, while now she has six of the first class and many war vessels of inferior classes.

Japan has facilities for making every thing necessary for the construction and equipment of railroads except locomotives.

Japan runs her railroads with native labor entirely, from the general superintenndent down, including the train dispatches.

Japan has over 300 miles of railway and 1500 miles of telegraph lines in operation. Twenty-five years ago not a mile of this system existed.

Japan is mining over 2000 tons of coal per day, nearly 1,000,000 tons yearly, and the supply is of fine quality, apparently inexhaustible. Twenty-five years ago the output was only 300 tons per day.

Japan has 201 cotton mills, with 887,000 spindles. Including cotton growing, this industry employs 1,000,000 people. The average cotton production is 360 pounds to the acre, against 240 pounds in our Southern states.

Japan does weaving in 660,408 dwellings or establishments, containing 924,123 looms and employing 1,042,866 persons. The weaving is done in cotton silk and silk and cotton mixed.

Japan has 573,000 men in its regular army, besides an immense number in the reserves and militia.

Japan has pluck, energy, thrift, industry, loyalty, ambition and is the coming power ih the Orient.

Regretted His Advice.

The proprieton of one of the principal firms in Birmingham had remarked that his head clerk, for whom he had a real liking, had for some reason fallen into a melancholy state, and though he tried his best, he could not find out what was the matter with the young man, says the "Birmingham Age-Herald." One day, at last, the sufferer owned that he was in love.

"Well marry her," said the chief.

"Oh, but," here the young man nearly broke down, "she belongs to one of the best families in the town—the parents will never consent.

"Pooh! Your position is good, your name honorable; they won't refuse. I will demand the girl for you. Does she love you?"

Yes; but it's no use; her parents won't listen."

"Well, then, elope with her. Do I know tne girl?"

"Yes; she will be at your ball next Tuesday.

"Now listen to me," said the employer. "Leave the ball quietly with her. Joseph, my coachman, will wait for you at the door and drive you to the station. He will ask no questions. When you are out of the way I wll see the father and settle everything for you."

"Is that really your advice?" gleefully exclaimed the youth. "Do you want me to do it!"

"Yes, I command you to do it. Now, cheer up.

The next day the clerk proposed the plon to his sweetheart, who made some objections at first, but, overcome by his reasons, she said at last:

Well, if he really means it, I must obey."

What was the general stupefaction when, after the ball, the daughter was missing.

"Mad fool that I was." exclaimed the enraged parent; "it was my own dear daughter."

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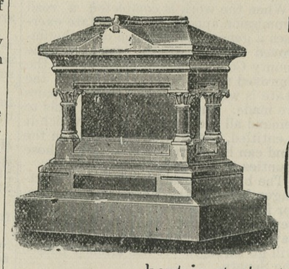

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