

FINE QUALITIES OF JAPANESE PRAISED

Seattle Man Lauds Industry, Sense of Honor and Patriotism of Settlers Here.

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In the spring of 1903 the late A. Hattori, a Princeton student and a man noted for his genial, kindly interest in all things American, approached me with a view of establishing a Japanese garden on Bainbridge Island. This he did in the interest of his employer, M. Furuya.

It has also led to my friendship with several Japanese gentlemen who have given me an insight into both old and modern Japan, so that when I hear our famous Hobson talk about "the Yellow Peril" I wonder how he became inoculated with such poisonous sentiments.

It would be fortunate if all the followers of Mr. Hobson and his views were able to hear Minozaki Yamamoto, now lecturing on the Chautauque circuit and making a most effectual reply to Mr. Hearst, for I am rather inclined to think that most of the criticism directed against the Japanese is supported by what one writer calls "the valor of ignorance" and not by actual facts.

One hears on all sides the statements made that if you rent your property to the Japanese they will make it produce abundantly and leave it in an impoverished condition when their lease expires.

Another all too frequent assertion that one is apt to hear is that the Japanese are essentially dishonest. If one is to judge from the experience of people who have had extensive dealings with them their assertion is essentially in their business transactions and have an enviable sense of honor.

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And there is still another reason for the acquisition of this habit of intensive cultivation. Their country is small and they cannot afford to practice the improvident method of moving from one farm to another when the first fertility of the soil has been exhausted.

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Commercial Organization Fosters Trade and Develops Spirit of Friendship.

By BOKUYO.

The world has seen the wonderful progress made by Seattleites, and it is still watching for a greater commercial and industrial expansion of Seattle. The growth of Seattle undoubtedly was primarily due to her favorable geographical situation, commanding the great and wonderful body of water.

Organization of Club. The membership of the club is divided into three classes—honorary, special and regular. Honorary members are elected by the board of directors from among persons of a nationality, whose efforts for the promotion of social and economic welfare of our people and friendly and commercial relations between the United States and Japan are widely recognized.

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SEATTLE HOLDS CHIEF PLACE IN RECEIVING TEA FROM JAPAN

permitted to grow higher than four feet at the most by trimming the top...

Then follows the process of firing in a wooden frame with tough Japanese paper stretched across it over charcoal fire at a temperature of about 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

When the tea is about to be exported it is subjected to a process of refining. There are three kinds of refining. The tea refined in a pan is short in its leaf, and is commonly known as "pan fired."

Imports From (Lbs.) 1914 41,812,273 1915 42,869,012 1916 52,359,526 1917 55,118,930

The above is a comparative statement of tea imports to the United States for four years ending June 30 for respective years.

Black and Green Tea. The writer feels inclined to add something more about Japan tea. We have always thought it strange that while so many people drink tea, very few know how green tea is made and how black tea is cured.

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