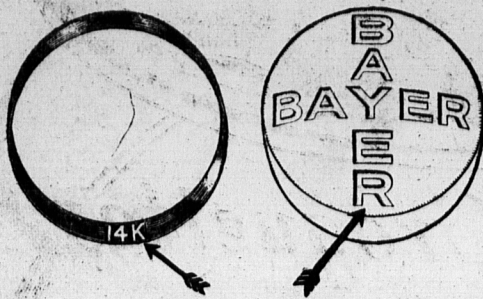


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Lifting the Veil of The Orient

By Marion Parrot

The world today is marvelling at the fabulous wealth of little Yone Suyuki, a girl and unassuming woman of the Orient whose marvellous rise from the obscure, swathed, and cloistered estate of the average Japanese wife to a position of powerful influence in the intellectual and industrial development of her country was described in the Daily Express two days ago.

The unparalleled career of this frail, unobtrusive queen of commerce is one of the most vital factors in the heightening of culture and civilization that Japan has ever known.

It would have been remarkable for a woman to have become so dominant a figure in Europe, or even in America, where women have attained to a sphere of actual business and political equality. In Japan, where they have always occupied a trammelled estate that is little short of slavery, it is almost incredible.

Since the coming of Buddhism to Japan in the year 552, women have been subjected constantly to jealous seclusion. They have had no voice in public, or even in their own affairs, having been brought up to look upon their husbands as social and intellectual superiors. To obey them was their one duty.

Married at Thirteen

The Japanese girl often married at thirteen, and she is not so much as consulted in the choice of her husband or in arranging the ceremony. She is expected to please her husband by her accomplishments, and to cheer him when he is depressed by business anxieties. She is, however, kept in profound ignorance of his business affairs, and it would be considered an act of unpardonable presumption for her to ask any question or express any opinion concerning them.

Death, until recent years, was the inevitable and immediate consequence of violation of the matrimonial vows on the part of the wife. She enjoyed no legal rights, and the courts of justice did not admit their evidence. The husband was allowed to introduce into his household as many unwedded helpmates as he pleased, and he held practically unlimited powers of divorce, since there was nothing to restrain him except considerations of expediency.

Mme Suyuki has already been instrumental in ameliorating many of these conditions, and in obtaining more privileges for her sex.

Decent Living Conditions

It is estimated that almost 75 per cent of the laborers in Japan are women. Factory conditions in the past have been almost intolerable. When the twelve-hour-day labor law went into effect it was looked upon as a great reform. Even then the factories worked day and night, and when the wretched girls were finished, they crawled, sweating and worn out into the still warm beds vacated by the other shift.

"But now," said Mr. Takahata, the business representative now in London for Mme. Suyuki, to me, "it is all being changed, and conditions are improving rapidly. Mme. Suyuki's employees are working only eight hours a day, which means a greater concession than even six hours in England, for with the unfavorable climatic conditions of Japan and the poorer education and skill of the laborers, it is necessary for them to work about four hours a day longer to equal your production."

"The girls in Mme. Suyuki's factories live in large, healthful dormitories, and recreation grounds are now being established for them. Such things, new to Japan, and of course, progress is made slowly, but Mme. Suyuki hopes to see the day when women will attain their full rights."

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2. Eat plenty of good, wholesome food.
3. Never allow yourself to be come tired by staying up late after a hard day; make up for it by going to bed early.

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