

BICYCLING IN JAPAN.

Interesting Account of a Pleasure Trip by the Seashore.

If my previous letters have found favor in the eyes of the friends at home, this one surely will, as it describes a trip through the prettiest part of Japan I have seen.

We were bound for the island of Jewaji, which has no foreign population and is never visited by them.

It took us three and a half hours to get there on the steamer. The steamer was a Japanese boat on which a white man seldom went.

Of course we were a sensation when we landed and rode to the tea house. There are no hotels, and a Japanese tea house answered the purpose for us.

Our beds were the real Japanese ones, a heavy comfort on the floor and a lighter one for a cover.

When it came to washing in the morning we were furnished with a bucket of water and a big copper pan.

Our breakfast was tea of our own making, eggs furnished by the Japs, and jam and bread, &c., from our supplies.

A pound of raw cotton is worth about 5 cents. When it is spun and woven into fabrics it is worth from 25 cents to \$1, according to the figures of a Boston correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune.

When we returned to the tea house we found a lot of Jap soldiers had the rooms next to ours (separated only by sliding screens), and were having a jamboree or party of some kind.

At noon we started on our trip. Think of it, starting a bicycle trip in the middle of June at 12 o'clock in the day.

Our tiffin consisted of canned pork and beans, canned meat, bread and butter, tea and beer. The latter we bought but all the others we carried with us.

perpendicular. I have never seen mountains rise right from the sea so straight or without any slope as those do. The road was as smooth as asphalt, the inclines so gradual you did not feel them going up, and then to coast for half a mile sometimes.

Occasionally we would meet a horse with a load and quite a few jinrikeshas. One horse with a pannier on his back was so frightened that he laid down in the road and the last we saw of him he was still down.

Our costumes, well they would only do in Japan—slouch hat and a handkerchief fastened in it to protect the neck, negligee shirt, bicycle pants turned up above the knee, no hose and shoes. It was cool, and that's all we cared for as the climate here is warmer than in South Carolina when there is no breeze.

We arrived at the end of the island and went across to the mainland in a native sail boat. The ten mile ride home was very pleasant, though it did not compare with the island.

I have been thrown with a good many Englishmen since I am here, as well as Japanese, but give me an American every time.

Yours friendly, Irving A. Ryttenberg. Kobe, Japan, June 12, '99

Treasury officials have refused to allow an item headed "traveling expenses," in the personal accounts of Roger C. Spooner, special Indian agent, "temporarily" in charge of the Indian warehouse in Chicago, because the aforesaid traveling expenses were incurred by Spooner in going between his home in Wisconsin and his office in Chicago, and are not considered to have been necessary to the proper performance of his public duties.

While the controlling conditions are possibly different, the contrast between the case of Union and that of Bishopville is very great, and other towns besides Bishopville out to profit thereby.

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This interesting story of The Times was called out by reason of some dependent words of exhortation which the County Recorder addressed to the people of Bishopville, as follows:

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