

BOYS and GIRLS
of
OTHER LANDS



IN the market place or business center of every town, you find Japanese bazaars and ice cream parlors run by Japanese. The Japanese are successful businessmen. They are courteous to the customers. Would you like to know more about them and their country?

The Japanese live in Japan. There are so many Japanese that their country is crowded. Many of them work hard in the factories for small wages. The Japanese are industrious people. Their country is one of the greatest manufacturing countries of the world.

The children of this country have yellow skin. Their hair is shiny black like ebony. Their eyes are black and slanting. Some are

Half an hour walk from the newly constructed Camp Murphy, still stands the Santolan Barracks which have withstood the test of time—why not, they were constructed out of stones and hard wood. Marks of old age can be detected in and outside the deserted buildings.

From a curve, as the road to the place is sloping downward, the site looks desolate and abandoned—save for a few nipa shacks that line the right side of the stony path. A huge black water pipe can be seen on the right terminating in a building which was once the litter house of Manila's water supply—so the people say.

A lonely iron gate, without any fence attached to it, idly stands to greet the strayed visitors of the place. Low-rooted buildings which have outgrown their usefulness are lined on the left side. Just in front of these is a yard in the middle of which is a tall flowering tree without any flower and a warm-out fountain without any water. In closing these are wide-spreading branches of mango and acacia trees.

dressed as we are, in European costume. Others, who looked the best, are clothed in beautifully colored kimonos. These kimonos look like long gowns. Their favorite food is rice and uncooked fish. Japanese children always take off their wooden shoes before entering the house. This is the reason why Japanese houses are very clean. Both boys and girls have their own special holidays. One of these festivals is called the Feast of the Dolls. This is celebrated by the girls early in the month of May.

INTERESTING PLACES

Santolan Barracks

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Protected by a bamboo fence is a deep ravine where water lazily flows.

Standing against the bamboo fence, you can feast your gaze at the beautiful sight—below is a clear winding stream; further away is a vast expanse of green things dotted here and there by the roofs of distant houses; and above is the beautiful blue sky.

True or false?

1. Santolan Barracks, like Camp Murphy, is in Rizal Province.

2. It will take you about thirty minutes to reach Santolan Barracks from Camp Murphy.

3. Many soldiers are still stationed in Santolan Barracks.

4. People say that one of the buildings was a filter-house.

5. Clear cool water shoots upward from the fountain.

6. Many people have built their own homes near Santolan Barracks.

7. Santolan Barracks is a gay place.

8. A tall tree loaded with flowers is in the middle of the yard.

The other festival is given to honor the sons of the family. And this is celebrated later in the same month. In this occasion, big fishes made of paper are hung in front of all houses. A little fish is hung in honor of the baby boy. The bigger ones are for the older boys. Perhaps you often wonder why Japanese here in the Philippines hang paper fishes in front of their houses or stores in the month of May. They do so to celebrate their Boys' Day.