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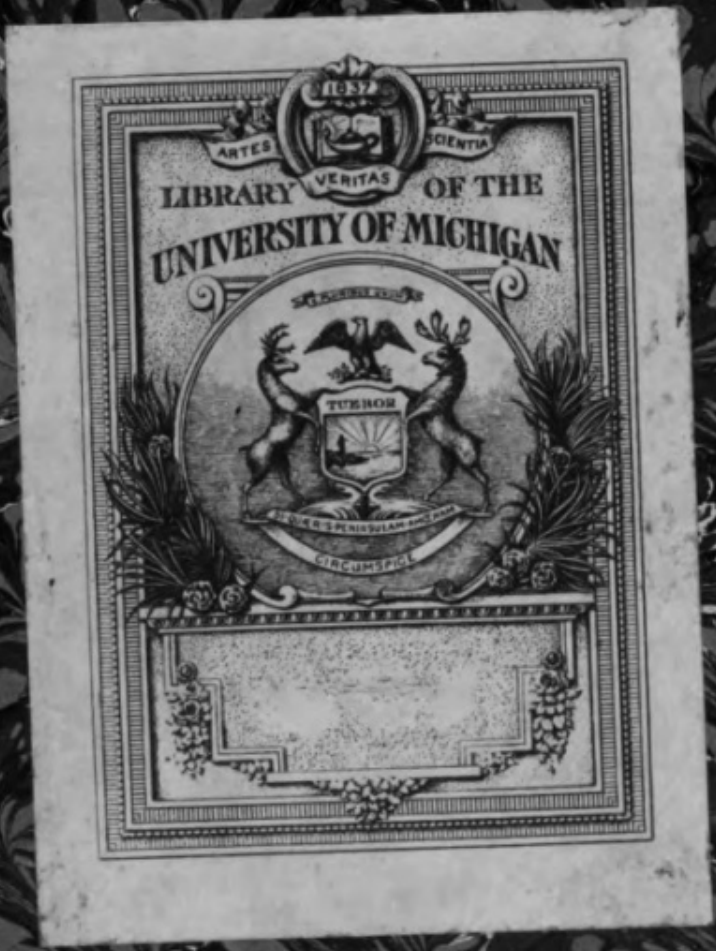

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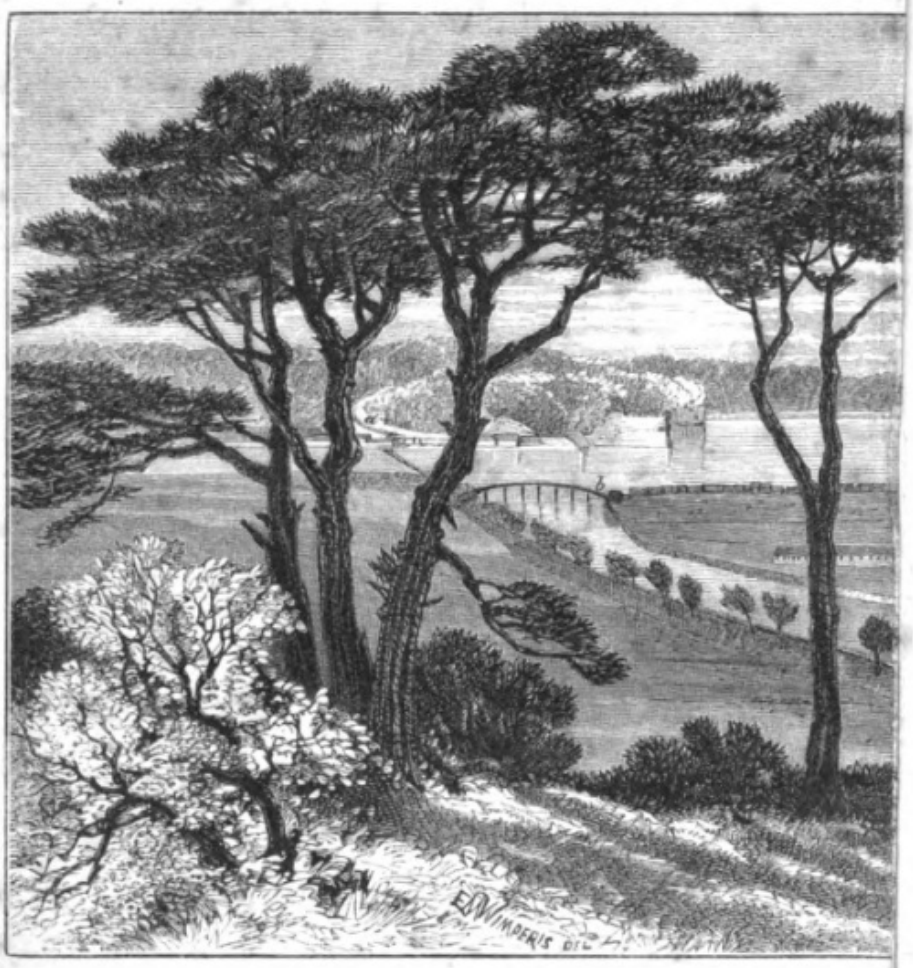

a. Road to Kanagawa. *b.* Bridge and Gate, with Guard-house. *c.*
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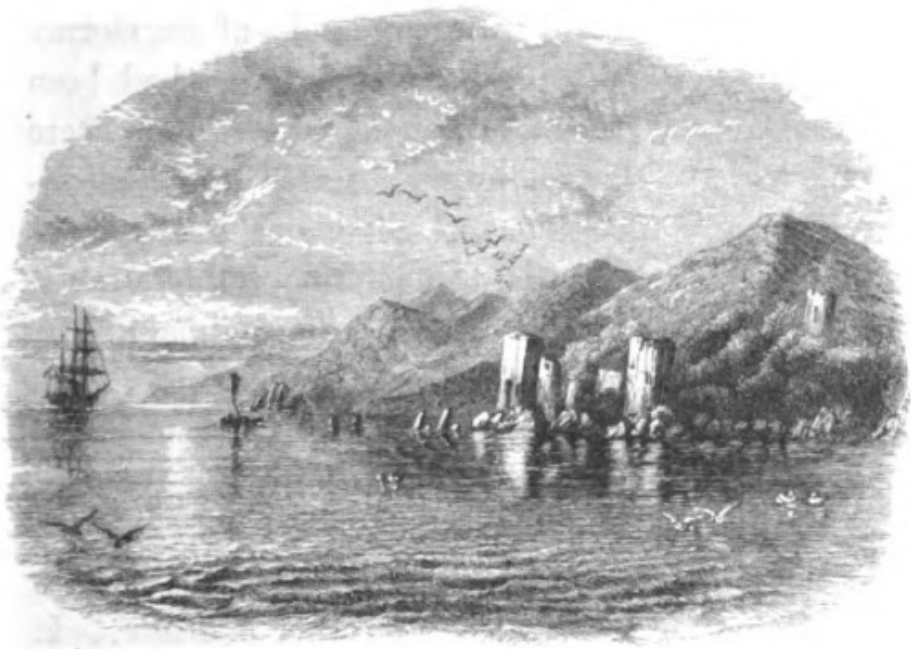
YEDO AND PEKING.



View of Castle Island, Cape Gotto

CHAPTER I.

First view of Japan — Curious islands — Papenberg — Massacre of Christians — Visit from the officials — Harbour of Nagasaki — Desima of old — Desima of the present day — Japanese factory — Town of Nagasaki — Tea-houses — Salamanders — Buddhist temples — Large camphor-trees — Tombs — Mimic processions — Dr. Siebold's residence — Excursions — Epunga — Natural productions — Scenery — Trade of Nagasaki — Its capabilities as a Sanatarium.

At daylight on the 12th of October, 1860, the swift little barque 'Marmora,' in which I was a passenger from China, was rapidly approaching the coast of Japan—a country at the ends of the earth, and well named by its inhabitants "the

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View of Fusi-yama.—From a Japanese sketch.

entrance of the Bay of Yedo, and at daybreak next morning we were well up the bay, and only a short distance from the Yokuhama anchorage. On our right, in the direction of Yedo, we observed a cloud of boats under sail, composed chiefly of fishing-boats which supply the markets of the capital and the surrounding towns with fish. During our voyage from Nagasaki I had observed

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STREET IN KANAGAWA.—THE TOKAIDO OR IMPERIAL HIGHWAY.

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tion to the huge pile of packages, it is not unusual for a little family, consisting of the mother and children, to be housed amongst them. On one occasion, as two foreigners of my acquaintance were out riding in the country, one of their horses shied, and, coming in contact with a loaded pack-horse, its burden came tumbling off, and was scattered over the road. On stopping to render the driver some assistance in reloading his horse, my friends were horrified to find a whole family scrambling about amongst the packages, amongst which they had been snugly stowed away.

Packhorse, with grass shoes.

Besides the processions, pack-horses, and palanquins, the pedestrians on the Tokaido demand our

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UMBRELLA PINE (*Sciadopitys verticillata*).

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FARM-HOUSES NEAR YEDO, WITH IRIS ON THE ROOFS.

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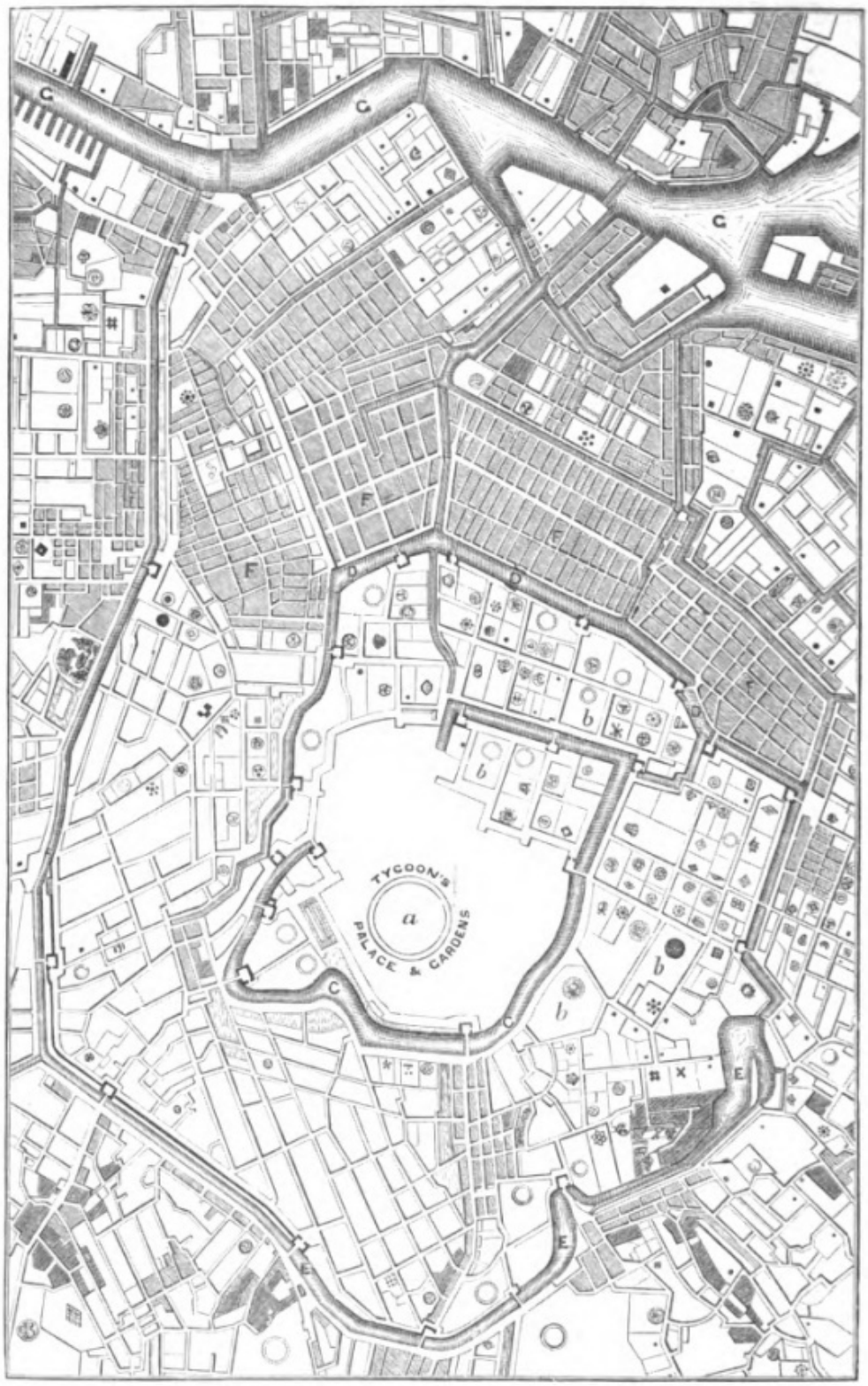

PLAN OF CENTRAL PORTION OF THE CITY OF YEDO.

a. Tycoon's Palace and Gardens.
b. Residences of the Daimios, each circular mark representing the Symbol (Crest) of Owner.
C. Inner Moat of Tycoon's Palace.
D. Second Moat.
E. Outer Moat.
F. Commercial Quarter.
G. River Todogawa, with which Moats and Canals communicate.

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return home. Having completed the circle of the Tycoon's castle, we took a southerly course; and winding our way through streets which sometimes led us over little hills, sometimes through lanes and gardens, we in due time reached the gates of the British Legation.

A Yedo Gentleman, with Servant carrying Sword, and Custom-house Officer with Fan.

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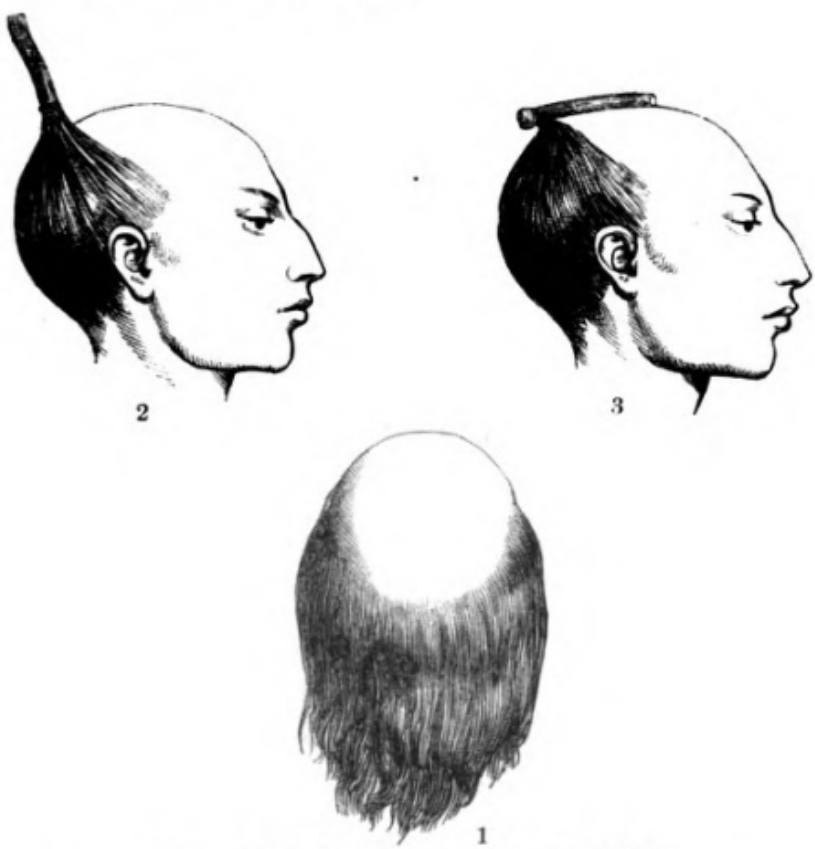
are often ill-natured and quarrelsome, it will be readily seen that the city of Yedo is not a very safe place for foreigners to be about in after nightfall.

The remainder of our ride home from Ogee was without any incident worth relating, and I arrived at the house of the English Minister, well pleased with the successful issue of the day's excursion. On various occasions during my stay in Yedo I repeated my visits to Dang-o-zaka, Su-mae-yah, and Ogee, and was thus enabled to add to my collections a very large number of the ornamental trees and shrubs of Japan.



Japanese Heads, showing the mode of dressing the hair.
1. Back of head before the hair is tied up. 2. Second process. 3. Full dress.

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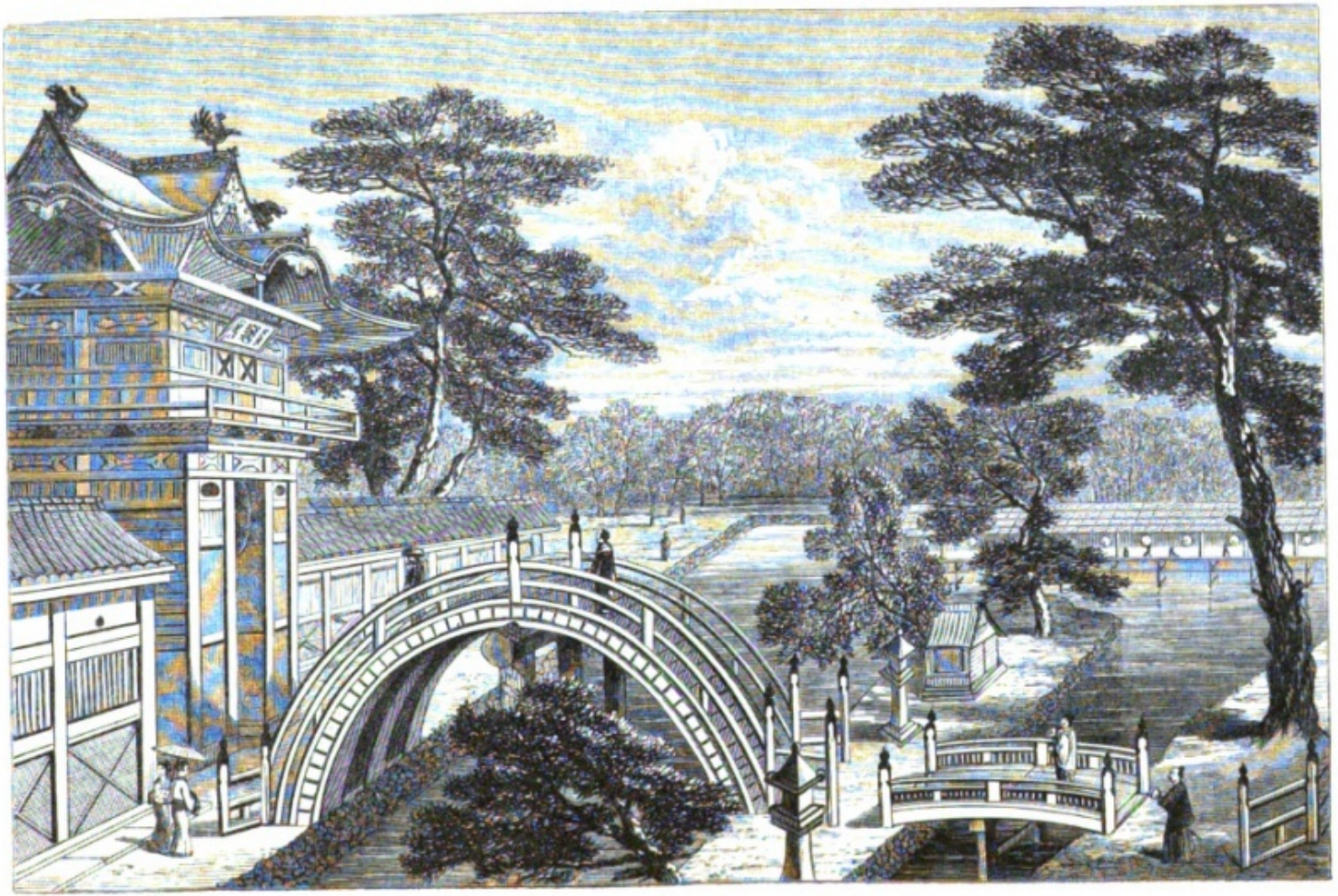

BRIDGE SCENE IN YEDO (FROM A NATIVE SKETCH).

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Bikuni or Mendicant Nuns.

daughters of poor parents, if they be handsome and agreeable, apply for and easily obtain this privilege of begging in the habit of nuns, knowing that beauty is one of the most persuasive inducements to generosity. The *Jamabo*, or begging mountain priests, frequently incorporate their own daughters with this religious order, and take their wives from among these Bikuni. Some of them have been bred up as courtezans, and, having served their time, buy the privilege of entering into this religious order, therein to spend the remainder of their youth and beauty. They live two or three together, and make an excursion every day a few miles from their

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But the best of friends must part at last, so I was obliged to bid adieu to mine host and his fair waiting-maids of the "Ten Thousand Centuries," and pursue my way to Kanagawa. Nothing particularly worthy of notice presented itself during the remainder of my journey. The same motley groups and queer-looking travellers were met and passed on the highway; dogs barked, and children ran out of the houses to look at the foreigner, and to cry out, as loudly as their little lungs would

Nursery Maids.

permit, "Anato, Ohio." The number of little girls, each having a child tied on her back, was one of the most amusing sights during our progress. As these ran hobbling along, and the little heads of

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