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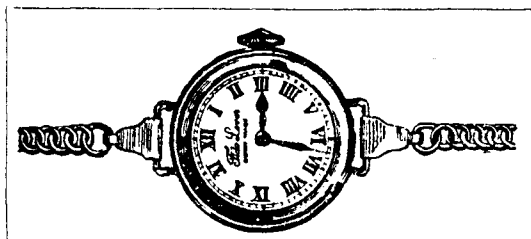




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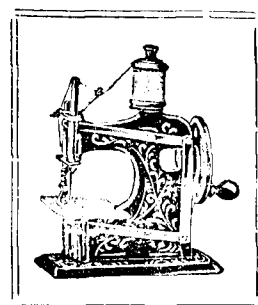
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## Japanese Jingoism

The happenings in Japan are a startling reminder of how well Japan has learnt the worst lessons of her contact with the West. Though we don't pretend to know all that is happening there, and the reasons therefor, it is pretty clear that the war-lords and the Jingoists have got the upper hand. It is curious that militarism is the same all over, whether in Germany or in Japan. It is true that there are militarists in England also, but there has always been some saving grace in the British character that has never allowed them complete domination. It is partly due no doubt to the interlocking of literature with politics in England. The liberal element in English politics is the gift of English men of letters. Other countries have not benefited to the same extent from such a combination. Therefore it is that the militarism of Germany in the last war, and of the Japanese since the Manchukuo adventure has been sordid and repellent. One fantastic theory has it that the present disturbances in Japan are due to the machinations of Britain and/or America, and are inspired by the desire to see Japan crippled at home so that she might not be so formidable abroad, as a trader and as an Imperial power. It is doubtful however if the Japanese would commit suicide to grat

# Fresh Ground—

Reading Time  
About 6 Minutes

by Dago

HAVING a couple of passes on me for a cinema, I took with me a hang-dog looking fellow, not a regular correspondent attached to any one particular paper, but a free-lance, whose speciality is interviewing people on things that matter, actresses particularly, cinema actresses at that, on things that do not at all matter to the public, but which certain newspapers think are really necessary for the education of the country.

"Listen," I said, "I am using you."

"Go on," he said, "I have been ill-used before."

"Your paper specialises in interviews. What's the game?"

"At the moment it is circulation."

## Lotus Fades

[News is to hand that Mrs. Kamala Nehru died in Europe on Feb. 28, 1936, early morning.]

Mourned by a Nation's welling tears;  
Her devoted liege-lord by her side;  
Confirming a daughter's anxious fears;  
Great Jawahar's queen, KAMALA—died.

A bleeding feather from Fame's brow falls.  
From a young lion's heart a fibre is torn.  
From a million homes, from a million Halls,  
A million hearts a loved-one mourn.

Europa's eyes are red and wet;  
A Sister's daughter is called away.  
Their mingling sorrows will weld them yet,  
And harbinger a better day.

And you, great Sir, be comforted.  
They needed a queen in realms above.  
In homage bows a Nation's head,  
And offers you a Crown of Love.

# The Murderer

( A True

From the village Bantunilli  
When the night was full of peace  
And the air was dark and chilly  
And all noise of life did cease,  
Journeyed forth, a perfect lily,  
Suramma, the Kapu's niece.

Surama was just returning  
From a marriage, with her son :  
Overhead the stars were burning  
Like to eyes, one after one.  
Night's blue sea of hush was churning  
Now that day was dimmed and done.

And it was her uncle driving  
The old creaking squeaking cart  
Which seemed heavily conniving

At the evil in his heart ;  
Very soon they were arriving  
At a forest-place apart.

And they reached it at the middle  
Of the black and treacherous night,  
There the silence was a riddle  
And the gloom was full of spite ;  
Death was

# Loyalty—

Reading Time • About 6 Minutes

by Thirupathi

Illustrated by Varma

SHANTI was at tea. Her husband Nityananda was not in. She sipped her tea listlessly and glanced around with unseeing eyes. Her thoughts were far away; she was thinking of her married life. It was five years since she changed into a wife. Today was the anniversary of her marriage. Wedding anniversaries are not celebrated in unsophisticated Hindu homes. But Shanti celebrated the occasion in her own way. On that day she assessed the happenings of the year, of her reactions to her husband's words and deeds. Whether her husband took stock of his married life year after year as his wife did is problematical. Shanti, however, guessed at his reactions. Unfortunately for her she happened to have guessed wrong.

So Shanti sat on reviewing the past year's happenings in her home as they affected































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