

Nothing Gentle About Practice of Ju-Jutsu

Ju-jutsu originated several hundred years ago, before the time of gunpowder, and its purpose was the elimination of an opponent. As it was considered to be used only in a deadly combat, there were no fouls. Everything went with a view to removing the danger to one's life, no matter what position or predicament he be in.

Ju-jutsu can be roughly divided into three classes. First, tricks for holding; second, tricks for throwing; and third, tricks for disabling or killing an enemy by means of blows or kicks.

Examples: Holding tricks: Our hammerlock, similar to one of their holding tricks. Front struggle is our head chancery seized down to press on the Adam's apple.

Throwing tricks: Our flying mare started in three ways and called something like "peg-top." Applied from the side, the man without drawing the arm over his head, or as in the flying mare, the nearest wrestler will almost always be out.

Striking tricks: Tsunguaner. Knee to opponent's groin. Some other dirty foot work covers a full with the stiff feet fingers by the Adam's apple.

Terrible Bluff

Sophie Kern, the novelist, said to a reporter as she boarded the Manhattan for a European trip.

"I write for a living. Writers who write for a living give me a pain."

"Then, with a rather bitter laugh she went on:

"These are for your sake writers are terrible bluffs as a rule. One of them, a free verse poetess, gave a reception the other day. At the height of the reception, she was surrounded by the most important of her guests, a pretty little girl in a velvet suit came up and said to her in a loud voice:

"Miss Bluff, I think you are a wonderful genius."

"Everybody laughed and applauded, and the poetess kissed the pretty little girl and asked:

"Why do you say that dear?"

"Because," she piped, "you told me so."

Fish Taken in Swarms

Showing fish from the river is the event of the winter for the farmers close to the Cowhite river, Washington. When the smelt start running, farmers shovel them up by the seaweed, filling barrels and boxes; women use lace curtain nets at the end of portiere poles; boys and girls take father's caps for a seine, and the professional fisher employs his linen thread nets.

in No Hurry to Buy

What would the Broadway motor salesman say with this case which is typical of the traffic that would be counter almost every day in the Grand Woodbury Hay asks, in Asia Magazine.

A friend of mine was trying to sell a motor car to a man in Delhi. The latter gave many excuses for not purchasing, but in reality he was merely maintaining an attitude of "wonderful waiting." This man had been refused already several times.

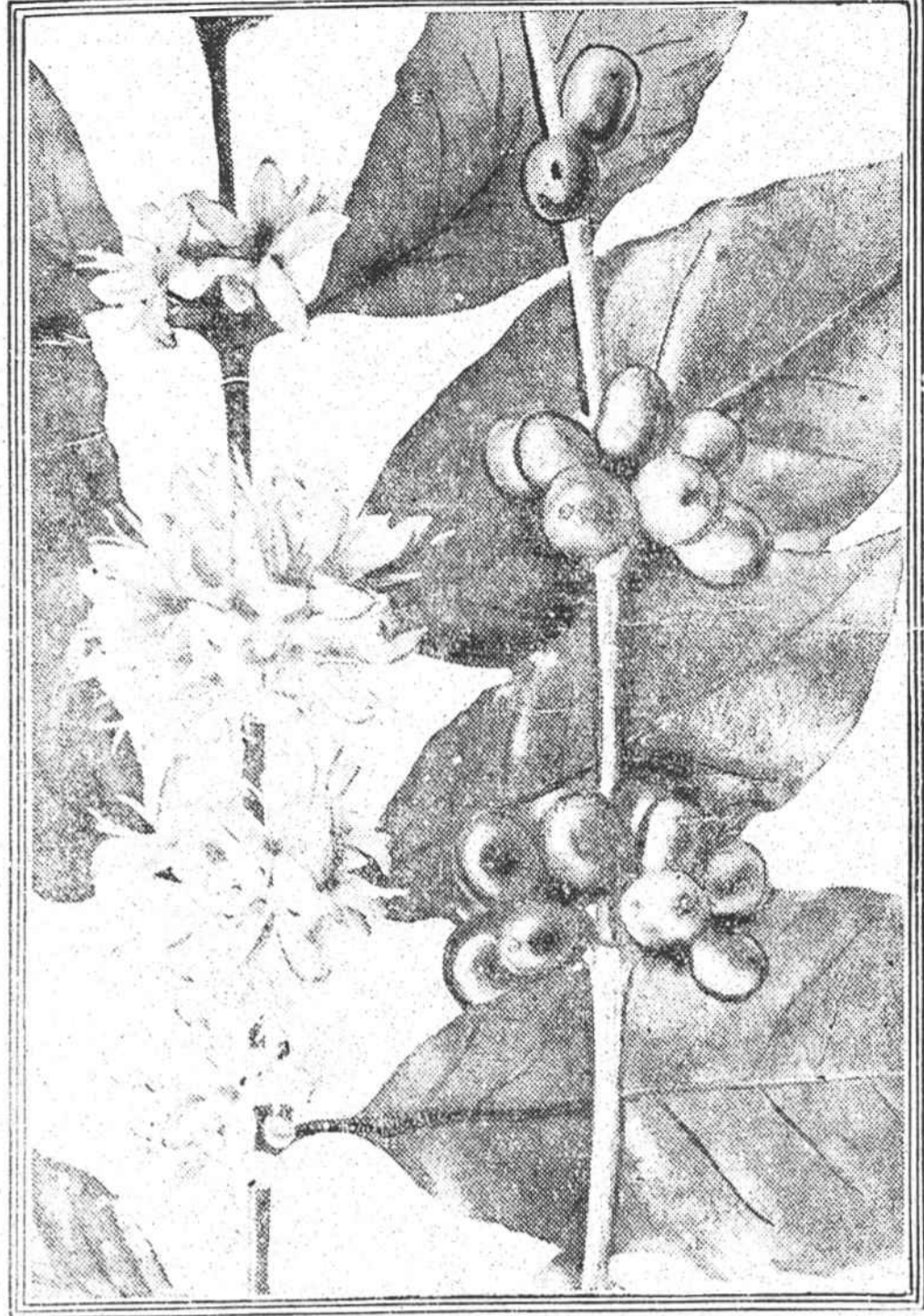
Mocked by Fate

Fortune came too late for a family in Independence, Ariz. Following his son to be a soldier, they gambled a military order, and his wife to fill themselves and their two children at their villa there. The servants were sent to the theater and returned late at night to find the villa in darkness. They discovered the husband poisoned and his wife, son, and daughter shot dead. The baby, Peter, was sleeping unharmed. The family were of English origin. A formal notification of an inheritance of \$20,000 (\$200,000), released by the English courts after a long dispute, arrived at the villa for the captain the day after the tragedy.

New Disease

"They say he's awful sick," a woman was heard to remark to her companion when walking along Washington street. "I believe they call it the intentional flu."

COSTA RICA



Coffee Blossoms and Berries.

Illustrated by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

Costa Rica, whose resignation from the League of Nations has just been announced, furnishes one of the best demonstrations to be found among the republics of the New world that a country's development may be strikingly affected by geography and conditions.

Most of the other Latin American countries were built up on the basis of the labor of large numbers of natives, and with this assistance they have attained considerable areas. Costa Rica has had to depend since colonial times largely on the labor of its colonists of European descent, and the development of the country has been small and slow in a restricted territory.

In most of the other Latin American countries there has been a very marked admixture of the blood of the Spanish settlers with that of the native Indians, but since most of the Indians in the part of Costa Rica settled by the Spaniards were exterminated at an early date, relatively little of their blood was absorbed by the immigrants, and the population of the republic has retained a European character to a greater extent than the populations of some of its neighbors. The country is not free from mixed-bloods, to be sure, in the outlying districts peasants, chiefly of Indian ancestry, are predominant in the village life and many have made their way to the cities.

Because of its fundamental economic differences, and because also of geographical isolation for a long period, Costa Rica differs in many ways from its neighbors. The republic is more than twice the size of Belgium and approximately equal in area to West Virginia, but practically the government is that of the people concentrated on a mountain-fringed plateau in the center of the country, not much over fifty miles square. The great majority of the half-million inhabitants live on this small plateau. Next in importance are the sections which, along a narrow band across the country from Atlantic to Pacific, form the belt of greatest population concentration, hardly a quarter of the area of Costa Rica. The regions bordering Nicaragua on the northwest and Panama on the southeast are almost uninhabited except for the few Indians living there.

Country of Small Farms.

Costa Rica has always been a country of "little landers" as contrasted with the countries of huge estates about it. The early colonists had a most different time making a living in their isolated position. They were cut off from commercial intercourse with the Atlantic by the lowland jungles to the northwest, and less effectively by mountains and upland plains from the Pacific. They had no products sufficiently valuable to export even if commercial channels had been available. It was necessary to live almost wholly on their own products. They became poverty-stricken, and the name Costa Rica, which means "Rich Coast," came to be regarded as a joke.

The introduction of coffee early in the nineteenth century had much to do with bettering the country's prosperity. A cart road from the plateau to a Pacific port was constructed in 1846 and coffee exports grew steadily. The Central plateau became more and more densely populated and now almost every square foot of it is devoted to small farms. A high percentage of Costa Ricans are landowners. Naturally, this has made for comparative stability in government, and Costa Rica has had fewer civil wars than most of the Central American governments; but it has not been altogether free from military coups.

San Jose, the capital city, with 50,000 inhabitants, including its suburbs, is set near the center of the republic, in a broad valley surrounded by picturesque mountains. It is the nucleus of the coffee district, holds a strategic position with regard to the Aguan mountains, chief source of mineral wealth, and is favorably situated for shipping to all points in the interior. Most of the developed land is east and west of it, the territory north and south being much less utilized.

Although the coast is lacking in good harbors, that at Port Limon, on the Atlantic side, has been converted into a satisfactory port of entry. The Pacific port of entry, Puntarenas, is still lacking in wharfage facilities, but is well protected by its situation on the broad Gulf of Nicoya, one of three great indentations which make the republic conspicuous on any map.

Good Harbors Are Few.

Below the Gulf of Nicoya, which runs up 50 miles to the broad plain of Guanacaste, where stock grazing is the principal industry, is the Golfo Dulce, a large inlet into a region which is still undeveloped. There are no lakes of any size within the republic. Navigable rivers are non-existent, save for some tidal streams along the coast that play an important part in the transport of bananas to the point of shipment. The streams of the country are more mountain torrents, in some places deep enough for canoe travel, but more valuable as sources of power.

Costa Rica's banana industry has been created by an American fruit company, which has a monopoly. The rankly fertile soil of the coast has been cleared of natural growth and plantations extended year by year, principally to the north of Port Limon, while light railways bring the crop to tidewater, where it is loaded on barges and taken to Port Limon for transshipment in the company's own steamers. The republic sends to the United States more bananas than any other country—more than 7,000,000 bunches a year—and they are of high quality. As the industry represents a foreign investment and operation, it is not of such vital interest to the people as is coffee. A failure of the banana crop affects the profits of the fruit company; a failure of the coffee crop affects every bank in Costa Rica, and may even threaten the stability of the administration then in power, since voters do not always reason closely from cause to effect, in times of financial stringency.

Beautiful Coffee Country.

Surely, not even Japan in cherry-blossom time can be more beautiful than the coffee country, occupying valleys at an elevation of from 3,000 to 5,000 feet, when the snow of the blossoms hangs like a mantle over the land, and their perfume subdues the strong scents of the forests. Plantations are mostly small, peasant proprietorship being the rule, and each has its one-room house with a tile or corrugated iron roof covering a heterogeneous assortment of men, women and children, monkeys, parrots and dogs. But the industry can be better studied on a larger area say of 50 acres.

A visitor inspecting such a plantation during the picking season would find himself walking between rows of bushes, six feet high and colored with the deep but vivid red of ripe berries. Such trees are five years old and just beginning to bear profitably. They are kept two years in a nursery and then transplanted to the orchard, where it requires three years to bring them to maturity. They will then bear for five or six years, when they cease to be profitable and are cut down. New trees are planted every year in the place of old ones, and thus the plantation is kept at the highest point of bearing efficiency. Bananas are planted among the trees for shade, which the coffee tree requires constantly, especially when young.

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Walt Whitman on Thrift

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Insects Called "Camels"

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Australian Progress

Demands for telephones and postal facilities in Australia is so far beyond expectation that the estimate of \$48,000,000 for the three-year program of new works, will be far below the sum necessary.

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