

house: "Every kind lady and gentleman wait here to see the cool and quiet, and the rest by the waterfall."

A PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

One cannot be long in Japan without learning that it is the fashion to have two prices, one for the foreigner and the other for the Japanese. If I go into a barber's shop for a shave or haircut I pay 20 sen for the shave and 50 for the haircut. In the same shop where I was thus charged on one occasion I saw a young woman undergoing treatment at the hands of the tonsorial artist. He first shaved very carefully above the outer rim of the eyebrow, and then the underneath part and the eyelid. This gave the eyebrow somewhat of an arched appearance, clean and regular as the unruly hair was removed. Then her nostrils were shaved with a long narrow blade. A few irregular hairs about her ears also received attention, and when the whole work was done she put 5 sen down on the bench and walked out. If a Japanese has his hair cut he pays for it in a similar fashion, and the foreigner receives an extra bow to compensate him for the extra money which he pays. The same thing applies to hotel life. I have slept on the floor of a house adjoining a hotel, because there was no room for me in the inn, and took my bath and meals in the hotel. For this entertainment I was graciously bowed off the premises when the time came to leave to the tune of 14/ per day. In a Japanese hotel in a small town, for very moderate comforts I have been made to pay 10/ per



HAND THRESHING RICE—FIRST PROCESS.

tographists who refused payment for developing plates for me, and changing the plates from the carriers, etc. So put-

It is said that the wondrous politeness of the Japanese finds its origin in four. However it came it has come to stay. It

stantly they bow to each other, and as it is always considered to be the greater honour done to another to be the last



GATHERING THE JAPANESE EQUIVALENT TO COCKLES, OR PIPIS

day. At the same time a leading artist in Japan, who travels a great deal, informs me that he stays at the largest and best Japanese hotels everywhere, and never pays more than 2½ yen per day (about 4.6). It is very difficult to tell how this custom of fashion is going to operate.

AN "HONOURABLE DINNER."

A gentleman came out from England under engagement to the Japanese Government to fill a most important position in a technical college. About the same time a Japanese gentleman was appointed to a similar position. Within a week it dawned upon the students and some of their friends that it would be a nice thing to have a dinner at which these two gentlemen could be made welcome and receive a proper introduction to the fraternity. The dinner was arranged; the two gentlemen were told of what was being done in their honour, and were bidden to the feast. The feast came off with great éclat, and both of the heroes of the evening made speeches, and said many kind and complimentary things. But at the end of the month when the English gentleman received his cheque he found a deficiency of 8 yen; he drew the attention of the cashier to the fact, and the document was sent back from one office to another, until after considerable rotapeism it came back with the assurance that it was quite correct, for 8 yen had been deducted for the dinner given in his honour. That particular gentleman is not having any more honourable dinners at a cost of 16. At the same time, on two occasions I have had to do with pho-

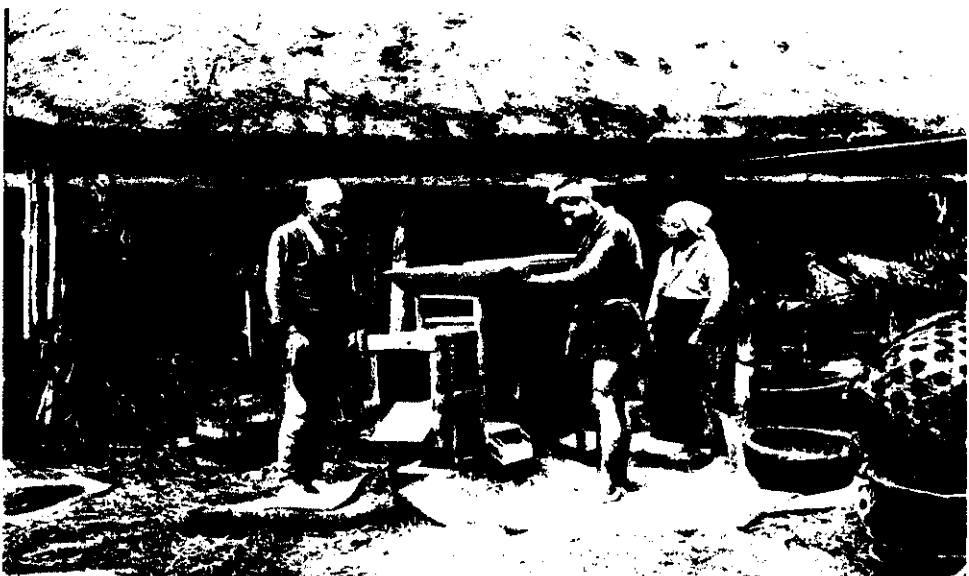
ting one over against the other it is as well for the foreigner to examine the honours that are offered him, and never allow himself to be outdone in chivalry.

is a most beautiful trait in the character of these people, not only amongst the educated and wealthy, but amongst the coolies. Two coolies will meet and in-

to assume the upright position, the one on rising slightly if he sees that the other is still bowed will instantly duck his head again.



RICKSHAW COOLIES TAKING TWO LITTLE LADIES OUT SHOPPING.



CLEANING RICE—LAST PROCESS.