

### Where Genuine Damascene is Made

In the service man's hunt for antiques and curious while touring the Orient, Damascene ware is one of the most attractive articles he finds.

Genuine damascene is made in Kyoto, Japan, in a place called "Ohayo" pronounced "Ohio" the Japanese term for "good morning."

On entering the work room of Ohaya's shop you will find him sitting cross-legged before a low bench covered with chisels, hammers and balls of gold thread. All genuine damascene must go through many processes before it is ready for marketing. Steel is the usual foundation for the articles, although silver and gold are occasionally employed.

A design is first drawn on a piece of tissue paper and placed over the metal surface. It is then traced with a fine chisel into the metal and removed. The outlines thus copied are undercut four times crosswise, and four times diagonally, to form something like a silken texture. Into the minute grooves these gold threads, almost as fine as cobwebs, are hammered into the intricate pattern almost invisible to the eyes. A deer horn hammer is used to smooth the surface and tap down any rough edges of the gold thread.

The articles are then put into a cabinet and made to corrode by the use of nitrate acid which is later removed with hot soda water. When quite dry, they are washed twice in thin salt water and baked over a fire. Eight or nine times a day for periods of five days in summer and seven days in winter, these articles are washed and baked until all the rust in the steel has been conducted out completely. The clean surfaces are then dipped into thick mud of red clay and baked again over hot fire and the process repeated from fifty to 100 times.

The next step is to coat the surface with charcoal powder and oil, bake over a fire and repeat from ten to twenty times, adding more charcoal and oil in each instance. The black powder is cleaned from the article with a small piece of cryptomeria wood, and a steel rod is used to rub the surface to a polish. The last step is to add some fine carvings to any part of the inlay where it is necessary, and in the case of tourists it can be their monograms or names.

The shop contains showcases of beautiful Damascene boxes, cufflinks, screens, pins, powder jars and others things of interest

### The Seven Seas

The Ships that sail the Seven Seas, is a term that catches the fancy. Mention it and there are visions of tiny ships and bold crews sailing away on adventurous voyages to strange and distant land; journies among the far out of the way places of the earth. Visions of tiny isles and teeming cities.

Still if asked what are the Seven Seas, most people will answer that they suppose the Black, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and so on. But any such list is wrong. The Seven Seas are counted by taking each of the oceans, dividing the Atlantic and the Pacific into two, the North and the South Atlantic and Pacific. That makes the Seven Seas and includes most of the salt water of the world.

### Heard in Divorce Court

Taxi Driver—They only kissed once, but it was a long one.

Lawyer—Did you time it?

Taxi Driver—Yes sir, and it was \$2.50 by the meter.

Chickie: "Will you please serve the chicken?"

Andy: "Sure. What will she have?"

—The Tur.

Dumb: "Hey, you're sitting on some jokes I cut out!"

Bell: "I thought I felt something funny."

"Waiter!—hic!—bring me a dish of prunes."

"Stewed, sir?"

"Now, thatsh none of yer business."

—Exchange.

Son: 'Mother, what's so strange about dad?'

Mother: 'Nothing, why son?'

Son: 'I heard him tell his stenographer you didn't understand him.'

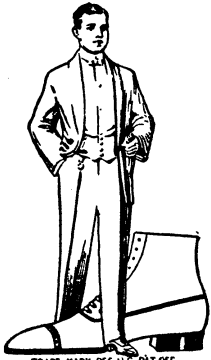
—Exchange.

First Sailor: "Say dizzy, there's a ship in this Navy named after you."

Second Ditto: "Yeh? what is it?"

First Sailor: "The U S. S. Marblehead."

Second Ditto: "My name ain't Marblehead."



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