

Japs In America.

The irritation over San Francisco's way of handling her Japanese population may be allayed and some plan of fair dealing arrived at. On the face of it, the matter of Japanese colonization here does not seem of sufficient importance to lead to serious complications. The number in this country now has been estimated at 60,000.

Unlike the Chinese, the Japs do not seclude themselves and build up "quarters" impenetrable to our civilizing influences. They scatter and seek to live among the whites. In large cities Japanese merchants and their clerks are found in American boarding houses, living on terms of social equality with Americans of the same rank. Being so few, the divergences in manners and morals of these aliens from our own standards should not be a menace. Race prejudice is difficult to eradicate, but it would seem that Japanese who live among us and behave themselves have a claim at least upon our Christian toleration. We send missionaries to the orient on the principle that a little will leaven the whole lump. The great American lump should be able to assimilate with ease the little Japanese immigration sifting through the community.
