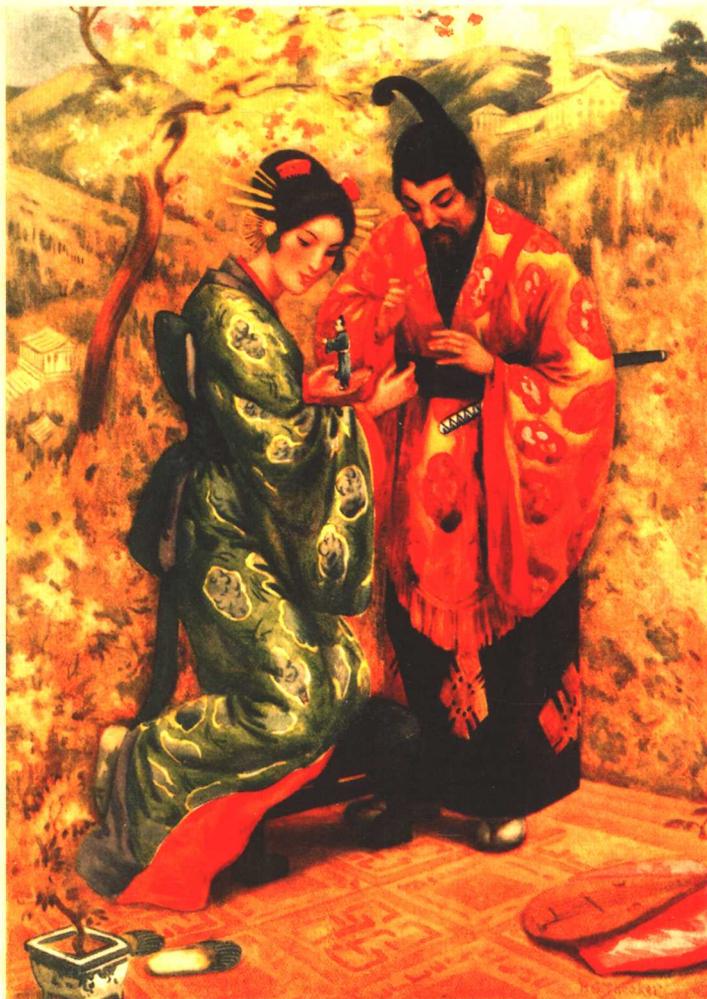


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英汉双语本《徐家汇藏书楼西文精品》选自19世纪末20世纪初出版的英文原版“拉菲尔儿童礼品书屋”丛书。总部设在英国伦敦,在美国纽约、法国巴黎都设有分部的拉菲尔公司,以编辑出版儿童礼品书而著名。一个世纪之前,拉菲尔公司陆续出版了一套专门为男孩和女孩阅读打造的精品图书,即风靡世界的“拉菲尔儿童礼品书屋”丛书(The Raphael House Library of Gift Books for Boys and Girls)。该丛书有数十种之多,系英文原版精装。内容有精选英国、意大利、日本、俄罗斯、印度、法国、罗马尼亚等国家的传说故事;有《伊索寓言》、《一千零一夜的故事》、《朗费罗童话》等儿童文学名著;有《莎士比亚戏剧故事》、《司各特小说故事》、《丁尼生儿童故事》、《狄更斯小说故事》、《圣经童话》等世界文学名著的改写本。这些故事,都配满版插图10至12幅,黑白插图80幅左右,增加了图书的观赏价值和读者的阅读品味。

这套由拉菲尔公司精心打造的儿童礼品书,一经问世,便受到世界上千千万万个小读者的欢迎。遗憾的是,这套丛书从来没有以中译本的形式介绍到中国。随着岁月的流逝,英文原版也日渐稀少,坊间难以寻觅。为了展示一个世纪之前出版的,在西方英语世界流传甚广的珍本典籍,我们决定把存世稀少的“拉菲尔儿童礼品书屋”中的“Children's story from ...”系列丛书完整地翻译介绍给中国读者。上海科学技术文献出版社以英汉双语的形式,完全保留了原版图书的纯正英文和精美插图,读者可以领略原版精品图书的风采。

我们相信,这套曾经拨动着世界上一代又一代读者的心灵,影响了人们的情感、性格、精神与灵魂的经典读本,同样会受到中国读者的欢迎。



日本——太阳的故乡

THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

Japan,那儿的居民叫她日本,意思就是太阳的故乡。她是一朵东方之花,一朵雍容华贵的花儿;菊花是她的象征。这片土地风景如画,而有些地方雄伟壮丽,有着嶙峋多石的山峦,广袤无际的森林。那里的人们保持着古朴的传统习惯,穿着古色古香的和服。男人们坚强勇敢,女人们妩媚迷人,孩子们活泼可爱。她的艺术绚丽多彩。

而她的文学则包罗了所有这一切的优点。在日本,书是用日文或汉文写的。汉文常用于历史和科学,以及所有严肃的科目,而



日本——太阳的故乡



JAPAN, called by its inhabitants Nihon, or Nippon, which means "sun-origin," is the flower of the East, and a very exquisite flower too; its emblem is the chrysanthemum. The country is picturesque, and in parts magnificent, with its rugged mountains and vast forests. Its people are quaint in custom and costume, the men are strong and brave, the women charming, and the children lovely. Its art is full of colour.

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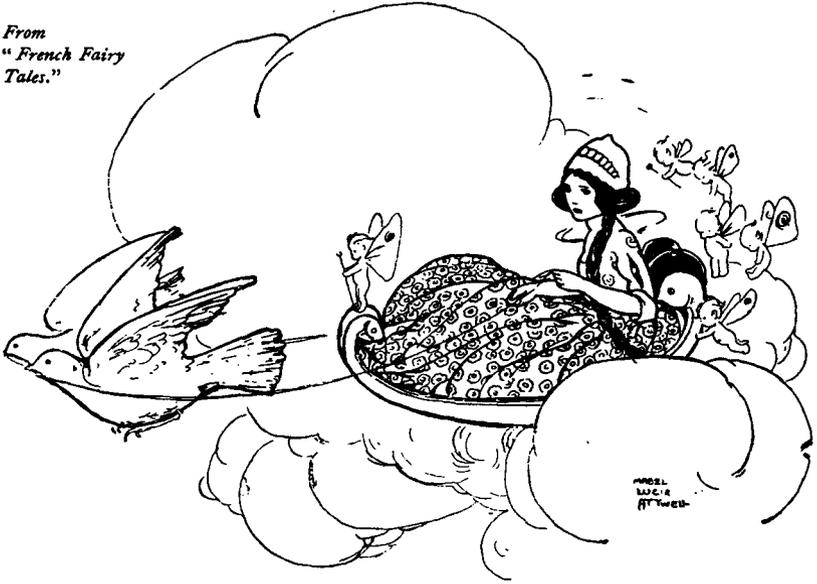
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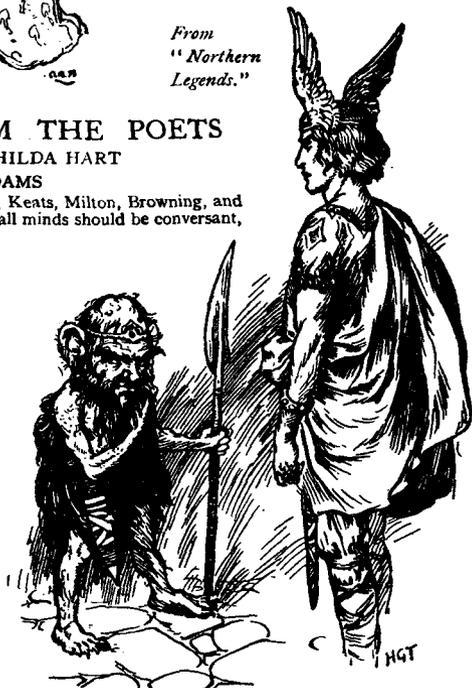
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