

The Holidays

We had the long pleasant summer vacation having continued from 16th of July till 30th of August. At writing this time, I was not only delighted with the idea of going home to visit my parents, but I was very glad to see my uncle at Osaka. Now my visit paid to Osaka, the last month, enables me to write you a few lines upon the subject. About the day-break on the second day of last month, as the sun was rising from the brushing horizon, with its golden rays, shining brightly over the immense waves of the sea, I sailed from the Bay of Tokio in a steamboat. It was a very splendid and large one, and as there was no wind, the broad blue ocean was calm and beautiful. I thought, the fine large ship is very pleasant and convenient to carry us from one place to another. At last, I arrived at Osaka, and took Jimriksha to my uncle's house. A few hours' riding brought me to the street where he lives. I stayed here ~~the~~ two or three days, and visited everywhere with him, such as castle, palace, public building, magnificent edifice, and other interesting place ^{for} of amusement. At length I took leave of him, and with ^{the} day morning I sailed for Tokio. But on the way I met with a

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a very severe storm. It was so severe that the sea became quite rough and great waves dashed against the ship, into pieces. I was so sick that I could not eat anything nor get up from my bed. But, at length I safely returned to Tokio.

Please excuse me my bad writing and absurd composition. I wrote this in a very great hurry, my writing is, therefore, very bad today especially.

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