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OF

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If you woke up to-morrow in Japan or China, just how would you shift for yourself, and how much would you understand of everything you saw? The full strangeness of life in the Far East is conveyed by Mr. Pyke in this vivid and intimate book of travel. His writing is subtly evocative, and in a few words he conjures up a complete picture of the Monastery of Secluded Light with its blue-robed pilgrims, of a sordid street in Shanghai, or of the exquisite Japanese countryside. He is as informative as he is descriptive though, and gives the reader much food for thought in his account of the gradual penetration of Western ideas and culture into the almost mediaeval and feudal civilization of China and Japan.

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A VIEW OF SOOCHOW

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