

Her. There a child beaten almost to death by a cruel step-mother, and
So we might go on with round.

THE OPIUM REFUGE.

But we have still the Opium Refuge to visit. This is a small block
Of four rooms, within its own high wall, where patients can be confined
While breaking off the habit. Lately, however, we have had very few
Of such patients coming. Principally because the Japanese authorities

Put as much difficulty as they can in the way of a man wishing to give
Up his opium, for fear of the revenue they will thus lose. Owing to the
Shortage of these patients and the great pressure put on us by the crowds
Of others coming, we have had to use these rooms as paying wards, and
Yet take into them the few we have desiring to break off the opium habit.
Here is an interesting case in the first room, a Japanese woman who has
Acquired the morphia habit. She has proved a very troublesome patient.
Half crazy for want of the drug. She refused to touch any food, and for

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