

"Flowers seem intended for the solace of ordinary humanity; children love them; quiet, tender, cultivated, ordinary people love them as they grow; luxurious and disorderly people rejoice in them gathered."

— John Ruskin

Japanese flower arrangement is essentially artistic and is known as *furijū* which means a life of renunciation. Flower arrangement is considered as *furijū* because it means the love of the peace of nature. When *furijū* is used to describe household goods, it means that those objects are delicately crooked, antiquated, and frail. If the flower is too pretty, it makes one desire it as his own possession, but if the flower is deformed, no one will desire it. Therefore, that feeling of covetousness is not present and the peace which comes to light is the beauty of *furijū*.

Flower arrangement is an important subject in the education of a Japanese woman of high rank. However, it is a favorite pastime of men of

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PROVERBS 10:31

The mouth of the
just bringeth forth
wisdom: but the froward
tongue shall be cut out.