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AN OLD EASTERN CUSTOM - Male god taken to
visit female idol on "Festival of the Miya".

-Japan-

Picture:- An old Japanese custom which has never before
been photographed ! This festival of the Miya takes place
once every five years, and is one of the most curious of
the mysterious East. This is the male god who lives on
the West--

--shore. He is on his way to meet the female god, for --

--on this meeting depends the fruitfulness of the harvest
for the next five--⁷⁰

--years. The lady lives in the East, so the bridegroom is--

--drawn across the water in his temple on wheels. The best
man--

--in a wedding like this has got his hands full.

But it is easy for him to keep cool, half under water !

The blushing bride comes half-way to--

--meet her groom and everyone turns out--

--to visit the bridal chamber. It is a great honour to
be an attendant in--

--this wedding party. Something to brag about for the
next five years ! And now--

--we will retire, and wish them a plentiful harvest !