

Heyei Jinja festivals.

\$ April 13th

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Beside the customary offerings, dolls and other toys are presented.

5 P.M. At the Ubu ya jinja (ubu-birth, ya-chamber) offerings of sake

7 P.M.--9 P.M.--Festival according to ancient rites commemorating the birth of Ikazuchi. Takes place at the Otabisho where the spirits of his father and mother have been placed. The six guardians of each car are in ancient costume and a peculiar feature of this ceremony is the rocking back and forth of the sacred cars, which lasts an hour.

This is followed by the Lion's Dance performed in front of each of the four Mikoshi. At a given signal the four cars are dropped to the ground, lifted to the shoulders of the young men and a race is run to the nearby torii. The car arriving first takes precedence in the procession back to the main shrine. The scene is lighted by fire wood piled into iron holders and by pine torches. A unique festival well worth seeing.

Hevet Jinta Festival.

April 18th

4 P.M.-- Offerings presented from the Hevet shrine in Kyoto.

Beside the customary offerings, dolls and other toys are presented.

5 P.M. At the Ubu Ya Jinta (Ubu-birth, ya-chamber) offerings of sake

7 P.M.-- 9 P.M.-- Festival according to ancient rites commemorating

the birth of Ikazuchi. Takes place at the Otashiro where the spirits

of his father and mother have been placed. The six guardians of each

car are in ancient costume and a peculiar feature of this ceremony is

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