

THE DISCONTENTED.

In a low quarter of the city of Yedo, called Shingawa, there lived a poor...

The sandal maker rubbed his eyes and awoke. He was in a beautiful room, the walls of which were hung with curiously painted scrolls.

When at length the business was concluded, Denkiichi was about to fling off his robes and lie down, as was his wont, half naked, with his pipe between his lips...

It was a long affair, too, and when it was over he exclaimed, with a sigh of relief, "Well, at any rate, now they'll let me have half an hour's peace."

For more than an hour attack and defend, repeat, parry, cut, lunge and dance about until he was nigh drooping with fatigue.

After the fencing came the matter of Chinese nose, and after the master of Chinese the music instructor. A few cups of tea spoiled, so thought Denkiichi, by the infusion of cherry blossoms—somehow refreshed him, and for the first time during the day, he was enabled to get a few minutes of such rest as his stiff talment would allow him.

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