

THE CODE OF HARA-KIRI

A WAY OF SATISFYING HONOR AMONG JAPANESE NOBILITY.

Men Who Deliberately Commit Suicide or Get Their Friends to Kill Them—A Sample Case—The New Code of Laws Against It, but It is Still Practiced.

It is generally understood that hara-kiri, or hara-wo-kiri, is the solemn practice of suicide among Japanese noblemen—a practice most deeply rooted in their ideas of honor and faithfulness.

The hara-kiri was first practiced on the battlefield. If the defeated did not wish to fall alive into the hands of the enemy they thrust their swords into their mouths or their breasts or cut their own throats.

My mother, who was a Japanese of rank, often related to me a case of hara-kiri which took place not so many years ago in her own family. The nobleman, occupying a government office, had killed his bitterest enemy and was sentenced to the hara-kiri.

Subordinates called on the prisoner to tell him of the arrival of the witnesses. They brought him robes of hemp on a tray. He donned them quickly and hurried to the reception room of the palace.

Then the duties of the three assistants of the prisoner began. The first brought him the sword on a short legged table, the hilt being wrapped in paper.

Of course all Japanese do not share the opinion of those deputies. In the last change of government when the shogun, completely defeated, had no other alternative than to flee to Yeddo, one of his counselors advised him to have recourse to the hara-kiri as the last means of saving his honor and that of his family.

So much about the essential characteristics of the hara-kiri. The changes which this old national custom has undergone cause the particulars concerning it to be somewhat contradictory.

What They Did. Papa—Have the men been here today my boy? Johnnie—Oh, yes. The printers came and painted, the tinnners tinned and the carpenters—

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A good story of General Sheridan was told me the other day by a Mexican gentleman, an intimate friend of the great northern soldier in his lifetime.

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