

The Wistaria

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Continued From Last Sunday

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Lord Satsuma sought Keiki out in the interior of the fortress. There was an evident perturbation and embarrassment manifest in his bearing. Keiki, alarmed lest some accident should have endangered one of the projects of the labor of years, started upon sight of his hereditary friend.

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SMALL portion of the night had been spent by the Prince in that sleep, troubled by nervous starts and awakenings, which was now his only repose, when there was a sound of disorder in the great inclosure without the fortress.

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THE TINY BLADE OF THE YOUTH SLIPPED DOWN KEIKI'S GUARD

Half an hour later the old Lord Satsuma stood before Keiki in alarm. "My daughter is not to be found," he cried.

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showed that such things had been the forerunners of wars of aggression, wars for the acquisition of territory. No man might know what the extent of the latter demanded. They were a distinct peril to the whole of Dai Nippon. Yet what was to be done with regard to the shogunate? Iyesada was dealing with these foreigners, making treaties, without the sanction of his imperial master, the Mikado.

Think Every Day

Monday. No man has a poorer outlook than he who is on the lookout for himself only. Tuesday. Friendships sown in youth furnish the sweetest fruits for old age.