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Artillery apart, the Japanese were more intelligently and effectively equipped for defensive and offensive purposes. Their armor, though heavy, did not form one piece. The brassarts and skirts were suspended loosely from the shoulders and waist, and even the hauberk was not solid, the general system being a ?exible combination of metal plates and links. On horseback the bus/zi s feet were partly protected by heavy metal stirrups shaped like a high-low boot with the sides pared away. The bows, from to 7 feet long, were of great strength, and nearly every warrior, whether mounted or on foot, carried one, - skil in archery being the samurai s proudest achievement next to dexterous swordsmanship. Of the Japanese sword it is scarcely necessary to speak. Already at the time of which we write it had become the splendidly keen, deadly weapon now famed throughout the world, and its superiority to the light, poorly tempered Chinese blade was as marked as the superiority of a modern ri?e to a mediaeval arquebus. Something similar may...



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