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YOKOHAMA, July 3. 1882.

SIR,

We have the honour of bringing to your notice the very important question of the fraudulent imitation by Japanese of foreign trade marks, which as regards piece goods is likely to become a very serious matter to Importers. We have had several cases brought to our notice of certain trade marks duly registered by us in England being either copied by Japanese, or taken from our own goods and placed upon goods of a different or inferior kind, but have been unsuccessful in being able to procure actual specimens of the goods upon which the fraud has been committed. In one case however we have been fortunate enough to procure ample proof, and if at any time you require them, shall be glad to send you a piece of the goods upon which the fraudulent chop has been placed. We have also a certificate from the Japanese from whom the goods were purchased of the receipt of the money for the piece. Not only are *we* ourselves sufferers by such imitations, but the Japanese merchant, to whom we sold the goods, states that it will so damage the reputation of the chop as to possibly prevent a continuance of business in it. We trust that it will be possible to obtain for registered trade marks in this country the protection which is afforded them in England.

(Signed)

We are &c.

Cornes & Co.

Sir Harry Parkes, K. C. B., G. C. M. G.

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