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LITERATURE

'HAMAGURI' SEAWATER VENUS CLAMS ARE FOUND IN THE COASTAL WATERS OF JAPAN, KOREA AND CHINA AND ARE SAID TO TASTE BEST DURING THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON. BECAUSE THE SHELLS ARE A JOINED PAIR, THEY SYMBOLISE

MARTIAL HARMONY AND SO CLAM SOUP IS OFTEN SERVED AT WEDDINGS. HOWEVER THE CLAM IS ALSO SAID TO BE A SALACIOUS SYMBOL AS IT RESEMBLES WOMEN'S GENITALIA.

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