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LITERATURE

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE JAPANESE DURING THE EARLY MEIJI PERIOD ON HEARING FOREIGNERS SAY 'COME' WHEN THEY CALLED THEIR DOGS, MISTAKENLY TOOK THIS TO MEAN 'DOG' AND APPLIED THE WORD 'KAME' TO ALL WESTERN

BREEDS.

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