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LITERATURE

BAMBOO IS A FEATURE OF THE SCENERY IN ALL PARTS OF JAPAN. IT IS PROLIFIC, GROWING VERY FAST, OFTEN A YARD IN A DAY AND WILL REACH ITS FULL HEIGHT IN A SINGLE SEASON. IT IS HIGHLY PRIZED BY JAPANESE CRAFTSMEN WHO USE AN EXTENSIVE VOCABULARY TO IDENTIFY SPECIES AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS. IT IS USED EXTENSIVELY IN CONSTRUCTION AND THE MAKING OF UTENSILS AND FINE OBJECTS. MOST NETSUKE ARE CARVED FROM THE ROOT OR RHIZOME, AND THE UNDERGROUND PORTION OF THE STEM, WHICH ARE SOLID. TREASURED BY COLLECTORS FOR ITS NATURAL APPEARANCE, BAMBOO AS A SMOOTH, DURABLE AND COMPACT MATERIAL IS PERFECT FOR A FUNCTIONAL NETSUKE. APPEARING FREQUENTLY IN JAPANESE PAINTINGS AND LITERATURE, BAMBOO IS SYMBOLIC OF FIDELITY AND LONGEVITY.