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Smith's "Skin-furrows of the Hand". Nature 1880. V. XXII 604

Peculiarities of the Japanese hand ??

A sheet of thin glass run very smoothly with printers ink (thinnest brand on sale)  
uses:

"When bloody finger prints or impressions exist they may lead to the scientific identification of criminals — 2nd case In one group finger-marks revealed who had been drinking some rectified spirit. The pattern was unique & forwarded I had previously obtained a copy of it. In another case the sooty prints finger marks of a person climbing a white wall were of great use as negative evidence.

If unknown previously heretofore would enable an expert to determine the releases....

Chances — can get no authenticated facts

There can be no doubt as to the advantages of having, besides their photographs a nature-copy of the too-often-unchangeable finger-furrows of individual criminals

Solomon's Note [Some very interesting examples of nature-printed finger-likes accompanied this letter. Ed.]

