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"Domo no Matabei" (Matabei the Stammerer)

Kabuki Play.

Written by Chikamatsu-Monzaemon.

To be presented by Nakamura-Kichiemon from
and his troupe in Tokyo Theatre, June 5th to
June, 1946:

Synopsis:

Ukiyo-Matabei, best pupil of the famous painter Tosa-Shogen, had been longing to be given the name of Tosa to certificate his proficiency in painting.

Shogen, however, gave it to Surinosuke, Matabei's fellow pupil, as the prize for having subdued the tiger that stole out of painting.

Matabei was so much discouraged at this that he made up his mind to kill himself.

When he painted a self-portrait as his last work, however, it got animated by virtue of his art and came out of the stone on which he had drawn it.

Thereupon Shogen consented to give him the long-coveted name of Tosa.