

Namakura Gatana

Namakura Gatana (なまくら刀) or *Hanawa Hekonai meitō no maki* (塙内名刀之巻) is a short Japanese animated film produced by Jun'ichi Kōuchi in 1917. It was found in an antique shop in Osaka in March 2008.^{[2][3]} This film is a 4-minute silent short that tells a history about a samurai's foolish purchase of a dull-edged sword. It was released on June 30, 1917.

Plot

Namakura Gatana (translated into "dull-edged-sword") is a short comedy about a dim-witted samurai and his worn down sword which turns completely useless as he tries to fight even the weakest opponents. The samurai, trying to figure out why his old sword won't cut anyone he strikes, tries desperately to attack random townspeople who defend themselves and knock him out.

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External links

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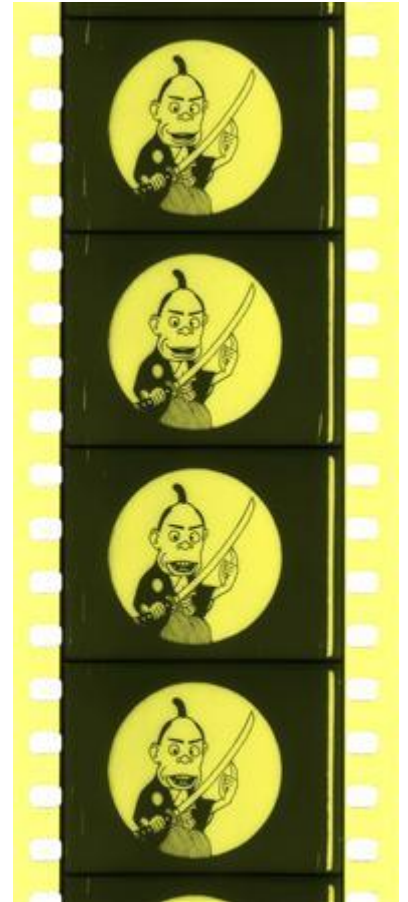


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Anime film

Released June 30, 1917

Runtime 4 minutes^[1]



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『なまくら刀』

Toy filmstrip of *Namakura Gatana* (なまくら刀), originally *Hanawa Hekonai meitō no maki* (塙凹内名刀之巻, 1917), a formerly lost film by Japanese animator Jun'ichi Kōuchi

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