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No. 5.

Obverse



Tsuba *of a Tsuba*

Metal *Silver*

School or Style *...*

Maker's Name *Harushima -
Kotomasa*

Reverse



Date *1st quarter of 19th Century*

Subject of Decoration

Obverse:— } *Plum Blossom - *ume japonica*.*

Reverse:—

Note:— *ume japonica* emblem of patience, happiness and longevity because plum flowered on the tree in snowy weather. Associated with Michigane famous patriot who when in exile in Kyushu, thought of his tree in Kyoto; whereupon a red bird flying and was planted near his home. He has been deified under the title of Temangu or Tenjin Sama.

See no. 2668 in *Naughton*. Plate *LXXV*.