

"KAWAHARI" = Strain the leather
> This is the last operation of SHIRO NAMESHI GAWA.
> Strain the leather with rope and stakes.
> This is not only the final dry work but also stretch the leather.
> The leather is strained flesh side up.
> This work should be finished till the leather dry.
> Then, leave and dry it about 2 hours.
> Now, the HIMEJI(*) SHIRO NAMESHI GAWA is benefited by the labor of
the
> sunshine and the stream of ICHIKAWA-river, become not only soft but
also
> strong and flexible.
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> (*) HIMEJI is the name of a place and really famous castle town -
google
> it and visit the castle and this tanner! ;-) The last tanner have
> difficulty in find successor. Foreigner available! (but he cannot
speak
> English! So I will introduce you!)
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