

The English translation of the commentary is below.

When this fan is spread to the right, it becomes a normal fan, and when it is spread to the left, it breaks apart. Originally, it was made into pieces of a folding fan, and only when it is spread to the right, the paper part of the fan catches on, and it becomes a normal folding fan. In China, this trick is called "Breakaway Fan" in Europe and the United States. It is believed to have been introduced from China in the late Edo period. In the instruction book of the Meiji era, it is written as "torn fan".

The upper plate is a one-sheet print sold at the end of the Edo period. The lower plate is part of a magic book published in Meiji 19.