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**LITERATURE**

THE HUNTING HANGER WAS ALSO A STATUS SYMBOL. SOMETIMES THEIR IVORY OR AGATE HANDLES WOULD BE RICHLY EMBELLISHED WITH JEWELS PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN SETS OF ENGRAVED STEEL HUNTING ACCESSORIES AND WORN AT THE BELT BY EUROPEAN PRINCES. HUNTING AND FORESTRY OFFICIALS COULD BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE DESIGN OF THEIR HUNTING SWORDS AND THEIR MANNER OF WEARING THEM. SWORDS WITH CROSS GUARDS AND SLIGHTLY CURVED BLADES WERE USED BY HUNTERS OF LOWER GAME WHOSE TASK IT WAS TO CUT UP THE CARCASSES.

TODAY HUNTING HAS NOT LOST ITS CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, ALTHOUGH IT HAS, OVER THE COURSE OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY, LOST ITS VITAL ROLE IN HUMAN SURVIVAL.

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