

**CURIOUS CUSTOMS OF ASSAM**

Not the Least Peculiar Among Them Is That Known as Doing "Genna."

Among the inhabitants of Assam there are curious customs described by a recent traveler: "The local nobleman who had consented to help the cook in return for his food plus pay had complained in the morning of a stomach ache, the result, probably, of a too liberal diet at my expense. I had dosed him with strong ginger, but evening found him still in pain, and he refused to take more. He expected one dose to effect a magic cure, and if it did not he considered the medicine was not worth taking a second time. An evil spirit had got hold of him, he confided to me, and the only sure remedy was to propitiate it by sacrificing a white fowl. To do so with full ceremonial three whole days apart from the world were necessary, and therefore he had to tender his resignation."

"He came to see me a few weeks ago in Sadiya, and was much hurt at my mildly suggesting that 'the evil one' had been a surfeit of pork. The custom of shutting one's self off from contact with one's fellows is common all along this frontier, on such occasions as a birth, a death, sickness or some other unusual occurrence. It is called doing 'genna,' and takes place whenever the slightest ground can be found for it."

"There is a story of a certain well-known frontier officer being refused admittance to a house where usually he was an honored guest. On asking the reason, he was told that the household was doing 'genna,' as the family's female dog had just produced pups."

**HAD CHOICE BETWEEN EVILS**

Bachelor Could Not Save Rug and Be in Time for the Theater—Still Has the Rug.

A theater party waited half an hour the other evening for one belated individual, who arrived breathless and profusely apologetic. Apologies entailed explanations, and explanations revealed some of the exigencies, as well the humor, of bachelor make-shifts.

In this case the gentleman who was tardy found it imperative to economize space. Necessity made his opera hat share a closet shelf with the Tarragon vinegar and the olive oil used at occasional evening spreads. One could multiply proverbs in telling the tale, for in his haste to be on time the vinegar and the oil came down unexpectedly with the opera hat, and deposited their contents upon his latest acquisition, the Sherwan rug he had just treated himself to.

It was ruin the rug or be late to the party, so, up came the rug, on went the water in the bathtub, and to scrubbing fell he. The rug was saved, and the theater party enjoyed the laugh they had over the tale.

**Good Letter Writing.**

"Authors, my altogether dear woman, can't write letters. At best they squeeze out an essay now and then." James Russell wrote to this effect precisely 40 years ago in addressing Miss Norton, and he added: "They are thinking of their punctuation, of crossing their t's and dotting their i's, and cannot altogether forget themselves in their correspondent, which I take to be the true recipe." The assertion of fact is true enough; the author is seldom a good letter writer. He is apt to be like Dr. Holmes, only "a very good correspondent as a reader of letters." But with Lowell's explanatory principle one is tempted to quarrel. The best letter writer does not forget himself in his correspondent; he leaves it to his correspondent to do the forgetting.

**We Make Ourselves.**

In the east, writes Frances Campbell, I have heard a woman say: "Oh, I cannot do that; I would be born next time a hunchback!" That may not be true. On the other hand, he would be bold who would say it could not be so—for even in this life we make ourselves. The miser, the evil speaker, the drunkard and glutton, and those who deny the claims of humanity, those who ignore the poor, the suffering, the outcast—see how they have made themselves!

Furtive eyes, hard mouths, unlovely jaws, forbidding countenances. They have no love, so no love is theirs. The false, the wholly mean, the unreal have no beauty; theirs is the hard and stony afterward, for even here we have a choice of ways. We can make ourselves as we will, beautiful or otherwise.—Home Chat.

**A Musical Burglar.**

An ingenious burglar was recently committed in a fashionable jeweler's shop in Vienna, the thief having entered by a hole he had made in the ceiling while playing the flute. The flat above was let in lodgings, and the landlady informed the police, when the burglar was discovered, that she had let a small room to a well-dressed young man, who played the flute all Sunday morn'g and afternoon. In the evening he went out and did not return. A jemmy and other burglar's implements were found in his luggage, and the man must have made the hole in the floor with one hand while he played the flute, in order to drown the noise, with the other.

**Insufficient Data.**

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 Blobbs—I don't know, I've only known him about nine years.

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ASSETS	
First Mortgages on Real Estate	\$122,300.00
Deposited with Insurance Departments	2,000.00
Deposited in Banks	51,044.88
Accrued Interest	4,220.25
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,074.13</b>
LIABILITIES	
Losses Due and Unpaid	None
Losses Adjusted, but not due	None
Losses in Process of Adjustment	\$5,000.00
Losses Reported Probable	0
Liability	26,370.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,370.00</b>
Amount paid to members in 1909	\$170,029.93
Total paid in losses since organization	\$1,988,018.19
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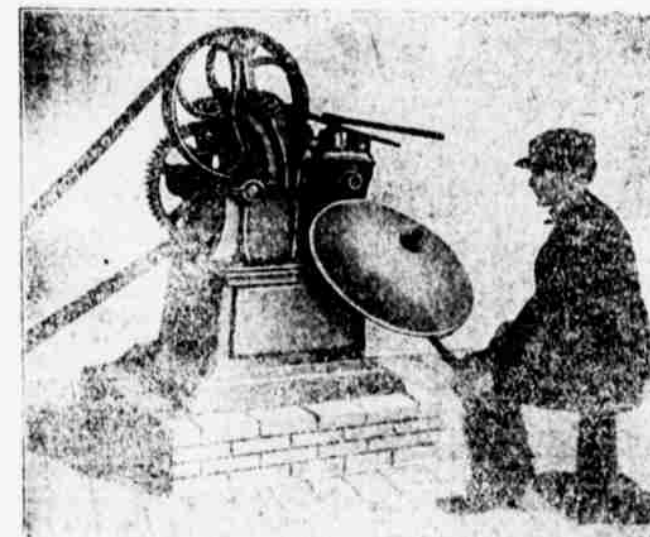
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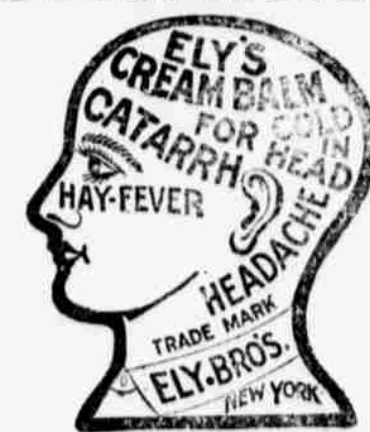


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