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Bibbulmun

Three Fine Customs.

Now there were three fine customs amongst the Bibbulmun which might well be incorporated into our Scout and Guide laws, One of these was the "babbin" or "friend-making" custom, which made many a David and Jonathan friendship between the young Bibbulmun boys and men.

They became "babbin-gur" friends for life. They were usually within the brothers-in-law kinship, the baby sister of one being betrothed to the other. When the babies grew up and became their wives, the men were still "babbin-gur"; while the women would become "ko-bong-gur" to each other, dividing their

food fairly and generously with each other, hunting together, exchanging little goods as possessions, guarding each other from injury and dwelling near each other in friendship and safety, until their death, the death of one often being followed by the death of his "babbin" from grief.

A most pathetic instance of this pledged friendship came before me in the 1900's. Two young "babbin-gur" were often to be met with in the district between Busselton and the Palinup and other rivers flowing into the Southern Sea. Their young betrothed wives had fallen to the lure of civilisation, and the law of the white man was powerless in the matter, or perhaps the young "babbin-gur" did not wish to take and keep their lawful wives by force, the wife being the sister of his "babbin". So they wandered round and about their familiar areas, working for the white man when work was to be had. Sometimes the white man had work for one only and then the other rested nearby, or was abused by the white man and told to find work somewhere else. If he became over abusive the young worker quietly dropped his tools and the "babbin-gur" moved on again, their circle, ever narrowing through the white man's unconscious encroachment.

Then a day came when the younger of the two lay down. By the Palinup River he died and his friend dug his grave beside the river and buried his "babbin" there and mourned for him without ceasing. He did not light the usual corpse fire (beemb) between the grave and his little shelter. How could he fear the "Kaa'nya" (spirit or soul of the newly dead) of his friend whom he so loved?

The two young men had become alike in face and temperament during their long close friendship into which it might be said their very souls were merged, so that it seemed to be a part of himself that was buried with his beloved "babbin".

For a very little while he wandered and crept round and about the area where mayhap the spirit of his friend was also lingering and waiting for him. Then one day, beside the same Palinup River that had been part of his ~~own~~ group area, the forlorn "babbin" laid himself down. Most surely the spirit of his loved friend came to him in his last moments, and the two young souls joyfully went their way through the great sea on whose farthest shore lay Kuran-nup, the heaven of all Bibbulmun.

"Koobong-gur" and "manja-bo-ming" were two other customs of "pledged friendships" which made for tranquility among the various family groups. Each had their own special ceremonies and subsequent responsibilities which together made the Bibbulmun race the most homogeneous people in the whole continent.

There were many little gestures, signs, motions of the hands and fingers, etc., attendant on all these ceremonies of the Bibbulmun groups, and it would be well worth while for young West Australian scouts to look up some of the old South-West Bibbulmun remnants in camp or reserve and approach them tactfully and kindly, as scouts most surely will, and ask them to tell them and show them how to become "babbin-gur" and watch the movements of hands and fingers and ask what each movement denotes. Two young scouts could learn from some old man who had been made "babbin" in his youth the procedure followed in the old friendship-making ceremonies and could then learn by object lesson the very fine custom that had made the Bibbulmun such a fine law-abiding race, and pass the custom on through the scout world.

Arrivals at Yuria, October 30th.

Women : Inyuin, Koogurda (Yuldia gabbi),
Injaanbi - Dhocana or Jooana
Winyinga and Nangarongu (Ruby), Oonderinga gabbi
Yoonjin - jooana gabbi
Nyoodhonga - Wanda gabbi

Goording or Eebunga, ~~Dah Kalbari's~~ woman,

Tha^hduriri and Kalbari

Bidura

Biradhugeoroo

Jindi

Kaangurda

*Yuria 45 Miles from
Lawson Bay. In camp
beside Yuria water*

Jimindi of Injibirdi, Joondun, Wailguri of Burdana, Guyama, m.,
Gungunya, m., Woggilyiri, m., Ngoomilya, Kundhain, f., Wijala, f.,
Koondhain's gijja, Kanbudharra, m., her~~xxx~~mai, Jiburn, boy,
Murdigeora, boy.

Biarn killed ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{and also divided} ~~her~~ munga baby at Bookabi. Ngandara (Koondain's son) its father.

Jurdabi killed her baby by Kolona Tom at White Well

Thanguni killed 3 half-caste babies and ate 1, possibly the 3.

(White man father)

Inyin killed several girl babies. *Inyin ate her babies except Bobburda (9) who was a Koorubba*

Kadadhuna, Jarda's mother, killed several munga, no food for them

Bungal (Eva) procures abortion whenever she finds herself pregnant.

In October, 1915, she went to Kolona for this purpose and got rid

of the foetus of a boy baby. She also procured abortion in Eucla and again during 1916. *She jumped off high waggon load till the foetus was loose & so killed the babies*

Dhubini brother to Koondarri or Yoonjeri.

Mingara, Dhugurr plains between Y-cooria and Moonaba.

Wau-uru - Yalliyalla

Working at Greene's

Ubladana, Gungunya

Gave clothing (my bags from Lady Symon) to : (1915)

Nalbin, f., Yuji, her daughter, Windilya, another daughter,

Kundhaing, Dau's ~~murdura~~, Burilya, Marlburning's ~~murdura~~,

*murdura
murdura
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all names
for wife
woman*

Muju or Dharda or Jarda (majji dead), Daisy, her half caste
child by Miller, Mundilya, Muju's girl, Jundabuing, Nalbin's

majji, once her father, Wiruru, m., Katamina, m., Ngarralea, m.,

New Year's Day, gave clothes to :-

Allongana, f. and her little girl

Inyadura

1 boy

Umaji

Wini

Nyunjin, f.

Injarda

Gungudha

Yalliyalla, m.

Baiarn, f.

Bungal, f.

Mannindi, f.

Maggundi, f.

Kundhaing, f.

Manningu, m.

Gunganga, m.

Unberongu, m.

4 other men

Ura

Jibala

Kalbari and Wijel

Jinyunga - Ettie - one eye, from Mission.

~~Guinjila and Baian both wives of Miller (white man)~~

Punch and Treacle (Wirrgain) have gone east after those women to try and coax them away from the white men. Nora, Punch's woman, is going back to her own man and country. (~~Miller won't give up the women.~~)

Dhundabil has Halbin, Inyadhura and Nalbin's own daughter (by another father) for his ^(wife) ~~murdura~~. (He also had Nalbin's mother).

Natives came for attendance, etc., 31/12/16

Nyurrbinya, m.

Warraing

Manningu

Winngarri

Naljijanu

Nyirdaing

Muljarongu

Wombaji

Jujuna

Gungunga

Walauwuru

Mallainya

Milaga, f.

Dilgalga

Jurdabi

Yurdin

Nyulonga

Kanji (N's baby, burnt)

Aggi (boy, eye bad) (now dead)

Alec, Jurdabi's boy

Jurdabi's baby

Numu (boy)

Inyawa, Yuddia's baby

Ngunyunga

or Jurdail

Dhurdail or Nyara f. Yarrigin's mardurn or martun. ^{wife} Ooldea way.
 Nangala, Sandy's little girl (Scott looking after her) Fowler's Bay
 Jarda, Freddie's sister (at Penong or Bookabi Back Ooldea.
 Nangia " " " " Ooldea
 Yandina (Jack,) Nangia's brother (died at Fowler's Bay)
 Jeltnya, m. Nangia's majji (husband) Ooldea
 Wanmara, f. Igunga's sister. Murgaru, now with stuttering Yarri
 Igunga, f. Mallainya's mardun. Nungari
 Mallainya, m. From W.A. long time ago. (dead)
 Munjinji, m. Gone to Ranges. Murgaru
 Ngabbi, m. " " " W.A. (married to Dinal, half caste)
 Guani, m. Now at Denial Bay Fowlers
 Jurdabi, f. Bima's sister & Jack MacCarthy's mardun. Ooldea way
 Nundana, m. Ooldea way
 Nyinya, "Ivy", Yallurdha's girl. Ooldea
 Jurrjurr, m. (boy) Anajiri's boy "
 Nyuji, f. Ben's martung "
 Mundilya, f. Jarda's child (now dead) "
 Jigabili, m. Nundilya's majji (Nundilya dead of disease) Fowlers
 Jugabili has Ibungga (f) Ja. his woman
 Burdila, f. Ooldea
 Dilgila, f. al. Ooldea "
 Dhabbara, m. (Sandy) (now got Wia) Fowlers
 Dinah (Marralea) from Koonganijjo, W.A.
 Yarri, m. her man, a S.A. man, now got Warrimara.
 Nyadduru, Stuttering Yarri's name "
 Mundhunga or Mundhuga (dead)
 Mulgarongu or Jōs mob Ooldea. dead. his two houses were
 Ngalda trees, big water trees. Dilgala & Boordila

Nganjelu, m. Coldea (came with Punch)
Yarrajuna is Jindu's father
Baian^{or Ba; a; a; a} is Anajiri's daughter (She killed her baby. She has now a half caste baby)
Anajiri is Inyadura's daughter. *Inyadura was at Coldea & Inyadura had her as his woman*
Wongarri is Inyadura's brother
Binnilya (Emma), half caste woman
Wingarri or Katamina has 2 women, Milaga and Nyulanga
Mombi, m., stole a gauera, carried her on his back for a long distance. *was very glad to sell her for a shilly*
Biaera, m., (Wongalma?)
Willie Tiny, Mombi and Bidara's half caste brother is now with Gurney.
Burdila and Dilgila are Joe's wives. (Joe has only Dilgila now) *Joe dead*
Jinny ("Yangian" or Anbingga), Octoman's woman, whom he abandoned when he married a white woman. She has now got Kolona Tom.
Nungala, little Emma (half caste)
Nora (Kalgoorlie)
Young Punch, about "90" W. of Eucla
Ngurawundi's boy
Mulgarongu, Murgaru man (Joe) *dead*
or
Muljarongu (Anajiri's man) (Now he has Dilgila) *also Burdila, also Anajiri*
Marlburning, m.
Mādu or Matu (Dinah) has run away from an Afghan ~~sister~~ to Maminde. (Now Ngabbari's woman) *Mamininde*
Mulgarongu - Dilgila's majji (Joe) *dead*
Munmaiiji, Dicky, Lucy's son. *Carlo*
Ettie - Jinyunga, Moonlight's woman, also Ugumarri. Moonlight took *Joji*, a little girl, to wife. Now she is dying of disease at Kalgoorlie (1918). (1920 - she recovered and is now at Tarcoola).

26 in all at Pentumba for Christmas cheer.

6 lbs lollies

50 lb. flour

2 lbs. tea

12lbs. sugar

1 lb. tobacco

11 pipes

Over 50 to distribute clothing amongst.

Fed about 40 people at Christmas.

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[bar] als won-ngari.

14th January. Gave Moonlight : 18 lbs flour
1 stick tobacco
3 lbs sugar

18th " 3 lbs sugar
1 stick tobacco

21st " 2 lbs flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea

20th March 50 lbs flour
12 sticks tobacco
20 lbs sugar
3 lbs tea
6 pipes

Big Charlie gave his woman a bait and killed her. Then he shot
Eva in the arm and fled beyond Eucla. Eva is his yumeri.
Eurdilya is with Miller (white man)

Inyalonga at Bookabi with another Miller.

Minya kaan - uncle or mother's brother.

Joanna is George Day's woman (died of disease)

Walja = eaglehawk

Munngarri yumeri, woman

Ilgabiri, vulvatomy

Weeliji - man who never had intercourse.

Marrlbu, parasite

Milyiling " (mistletoe of sandalwood)

Anbinga or Yangian - Jinny (Octoman or Yanbinga)

Nyu'inga, m., Murgaru. *Murgaru water, north of 5, Plain (Kullaba*

Yuria nunga, north of Yulliani. *Yuria 45 miles from Fowlers Bay*

Kundili, father's sister, "aunt"

Milaga and Munjinya = own sister and brother *both seen*

Nyiyi's wia Wanmara and Igunga, all sisters

Wanmara is with a white man. (She has now got Nyaddura, "Stutter-
ing Sam")

Mrs. Smart has got Nyara's child Ruby. *custo* (Ruby has now gone to
State School, Adelaide)

Thangarri's Maggie is a lovely child. *custo* (She has gone to Adelaide,
October, 1915)

Nungala and Binnilya, big and little "Emma".

Yanbinga or Injangu, Octoman's Jinny. Iberi or Wongarri - Moonlight's
name.

Ogomarri or Yugumarri or Jinyunga, Moonlight's woman (He has now
repudiated her and taken Ooji), and Myrtle, from Mission with
Moonlight's mob.

Wonggarri has now got Uji, Nyalbin's girl and she is dying of
disease at Kalgoorlie.

Ogomarri - Ettie - Moonlight's woman.

Karbai and Bādu dhurnga, girls and boys in Ettie's country.

Kanga Sing, the name of the Afghan who is after Dinah (Maadu).

He is not Afghan but Punjabi. *Maadu* picked up Guyami, Thanguni's
man, went with him to Penong and now has another majji, from the
German mission. *She came to Mea. Doolca with Nabbari.*

Yuria nunga straight east from Coldea, Kugurda at Coldea.

Murguru mob Wilurdi from Kugurda.

Yulbara, coast mob.

Bunngana, Dhandurerah, Yulbaru, Big Charlie's three names.

Jurdadha on Tarcoola road - was meea nunga.

Pinguna?

Jurdabil is Betsy's man (Nalbin) *Nalbin name. Jurdabil dead*

Ooaji is Nalbin's child (killed and ~~cooked~~)

Thanguni killed and cooked her own ~~girl~~ ^{child} at Koorabi and gave most of it to Wonggamurna, its brother. *7 miles from Lowestoft*

Guyina is now Thanguna's man. (Has run away from her and come back again.) *Gu'yama died at Coldea Camp just before I left Coldea*

Nandi, a crippled man, ^{*Mulgarong's brother*} from Bookabi to Penong to the Koonjirba Mission. He caught and killed a carpet snake on the way, wound

it round his neck and in this manner came to ~~Kumbiba~~. *Perman Mission*

There is one deaf man - Charlie *Calcedo Germans Koonibba*

Nellie Grey had 10 children, 5 half caste, 5 full blooded.

She had one nunga ~~xxx~~ majji, one half caste majji.

Jilya, mallee tree, tree (generic) *Jilya is only corruption of tree there is no generic name for tree*

Aggi or Nunu - young Jimmy

Jurdabi's boy (dead) I believe at Coldea, Jurdabi has a half caste baby. ~~Jurdabi (Adelaide convict and owner of Bullbarber)~~

~~father~~. He has given Jurdabi money to take her and his baby to

Kalgoorlie. Nyurrbinya, herman, was hunted off some time before.

Binjirin Binjirin now has Jurdabi. *I must not leave any word as to what were her relations of white men camp keeper*

Some of the Mob at Pintimba

Wiruru, m. Adhunga, f. *Adhung'ga dead*
 Kaabain, f. (Dangul - majji, half caste baby, Ici)
 Ogomari, Ettie Wongarri, Ibari, *(Moonlight)*
 Jego or Munjiri, m. (Manninga, f. majji)
 Amelat (Hamlet), Ngarlgain, m. (Moonlight's father) Inia - majji
 Nagginya, Billy Willis, Muldi majji. *(husband "majji")*
 Binjari - George (Naljia's majji)
 Yungman Jinny (Mamundi, majji)
 Alec, half caste man Guyana, Dinah's majji. Thanguna *- both dead*
 Dabbigili ("Darby Kelly"), Kurgabi, m.
 Ibunga, f. (Myrtle)
 Murdi, f. Myrtle, f. Malbinga
 Manindi, f.

 Burnadharra, f. was at Narat, now at Yalata.

Walter, Nyuinya, m. his mother Nun-ngia, his father Jiltnya.

"Whiskey" Aldijuna, Nyara's brother

"Mick" their mother's brother just gone with Allu to Eucla (10/3/15)

Winnima
 Winuma, m. Yuldia or West, has now got Ugumarri

Dhamba or Dhainba - Anajiri's majji - Yuldia (now dead)

Boys :- Nyinyining, Anajiri's kijju *gijja (elms)*

Kumuna " "

Bararu, f. " "

Kunguna, m. " "

Anajiri has now got Muldharongk, She gave him up for another man.

Burilya, Harry Miller's mother.

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Dhabigeli or Thabbigilli (Darby Kelly?), Myrtle's man
Kobbagi, drink. Kogga nguri, drunk

Lakes of glistening white salt or grey salt mud.

Unberongunu is ill at the camp. He is a Mission native and has
Dinah's sister, Mannindi. (October - Unberongu is now back and
appears all right again, but Mannindi is still diseased.)

I cured Unberongu of gonorrhoea.

All that are left of the Yuria mob :-

Bingin (Minjia's own boggali) *dead*

Yungman (Jimmy) *dead*

Glen (Jimmy's own sister) *dead*

Minju, m. *dead*

Wongari, m. *dead*

Munga, m. (now dead)