

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

### CUSTOMS CONNECTED WITH SEA FISHING.

- (1) It is bad luck for a fisherman, on going out to fish early in the morning, to meet a one-eyed man. Should this occur no fisherman would proceed to sea.
- (2) It is bad luck for a fisherman to pick a fish up by its tail, for this is sure to bring very bad luck.
- (3) The owner of a "uzio" fish trap always places a small offering of food so that the spirits will bring plenty of fish into the trap.

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**NANDI BEAR AGAIN.** The Game Warden received the following letter from Mr. H. K. Fell, Gallway, P.O. Kitale, dated 29th September, 1941, and forwarded it to be published in the Journal:—

"I received the *Field* of May 31st, just the other day. On seeing the picture of the pug marks of the Kerit or Chemosit, I showed it to a Nandi that I have working for me. He said: 'Yes, I have seen one.' So I asked him to tell me all about it, and this is what he told me.

"A Wanderobo had shot one with a poisoned arrow, just about where Captain Hislop reports having seen one. The Wanderobo told my Nandi, that he had known this one for sometime, as it had been in the habit of coming out into the road nearly every day at about 4 o'clock. This day he saw it, so climbed a near-by tree and waited for it to come close and he fired his poisoned arrow at it; hitting it. On being hit, it went into the forest and then came out again, trying to get the wind of him, then went back into the forest a little way and died. It was just shortly afterwards that my Nandi friends with others saw it.

"The description of it, as he gives it to me, is as follows:—

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| Size                   | ... | ... | Like a Great Dane dog.                               |
| Forehead               | ... | ... | Like a man (short-haired).                           |
| Ears                   | ... | ... | Smaller than a hyaena and round.                     |
| Nose                   | ... | ... | Long like a dog, but not heavy.                      |
| Eyeteeth               | ... | ... | Longer and bigger than lion.                         |
| Shape                  | ... | ... | Like a hyaena with longer legs (heavy forequarters). |
| Hair                   | ... | ... | Long, black, soft.                                   |
| Mane                   | ... | ... | All the way down its back, also had a shaggy beard.  |
| Tail                   | ... | ... | Like a donkey.                                       |
| Feet                   | ... | ... | Not very big.  |
| Claws                  | ... | ... | Like a dog, but the size of an antbear.              |
| Sits up like a monkey. |     |     |  |

"I am sending this along to you although it happened some years ago, thinking it may be of some interest to you."