

Notebook 11b

(Billings' Information)

BROOME DISTRICT

Several items dealing with general customs.

(All other items have been classified.)

If Billinge's mother died, he wouldn't eat wyooloo,
beeringyangooroo, walga walga, jeerawal, noonganburrit,
barrooloo, bingamerree, lammedee, kooromonning (black fish),
tchoorbungur, all fish.

Minnow a Beeballagana Banaka (our tchammo) had some 20 wives. (In the pindana, eastward of Weeraginmarree). He was Pindana womba, and used to catch plenty langoor, parrjaning, winninee, and distributed it amongst the prospective fathers-in-law who gave him one daughter after another.

Malja joonderangooroo, karmallinjoonoo, and 17 others, each one as she came, put moogurdal on Minnow, so that his arms, thighs, breast and shoulders were covered with the scars made by the women.

(This little item is S.W. :-

Moogangin - Laurie's native name. He is geej borungur
and tamar borungur.)

Boorong and Paljeri are mothers and sons, and Banaka and Kaimera
are mothers and sons.

Boorong and Kaimera are fathers and sons, Banaka and Paljeri
are fathers and sons.

Kaimera and Banaka are Nagarnook, Ballaruk

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paljeri and Boorong are Didarruk, Tondarup

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Koomballee - namesake. A namesake gets all the belts and
everything for jammunungur. He calls him mallundee which
answers to babbin.

When they throw the boy up in the air it is at the balgai stage,
then he becomes ballelee, then after a time he is made jammun-
ungur, after that, gambil, boongana, mambungan or bilburra.

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Loolja loolja - act of throwing the balgai boy in the air.
Walloongarree, the circle - ballelee.

Yeeral - abducting a young unmarried girl. The taaloor who takes the girl can't be hurt, nor made to give her back. He goes to her camp when all the young men are away hunting and he takes the young woman in front of her people, her mothers, fathers, etc., who can do nothing but cry.

Wabbingan and Billinge speaking

Koolarrabulloo yungar (womba)

Jajjalabooroo - Jajjala is Billinge's father's place between
Willie Creek and Broome.

Nyeerwa - mya

Nulla is called wannal

Message stick - grongada

Beedawong boy, balgy

Name of tribe - Waddeabul, towards Beagle Bay.

Nyungarree, near Fitzroy Station.

Koolarrabulloo near Broome (Wabbingan and Billinge)

Warramulla, Condon Road.

Old influential men, dalloorgurra, talloorgurra

Points of the compass

North, Kooneean

South, Yalmban

East, Baanoo, Baaneeabbul

West, Koolarra,

Loorumba - wommoooloo

Ngoormbal - Willie Creek wangee

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Noorloo - tribe of Sandy

Tchookan - name of talk (dialect)

A Gascoyne man named Daner (?), a Paljeri, married a Eucla (Boorong) woman, and they saw an eclipse in Perth, and the Paljeri said to his friends at Claremont, "Some one get bad," He soon died, and the woman was killed Coolgardie way. She was called Coolgardie Nellie. She had first married a Port Darwin Banaka, "George", and he died at Claremont.

Joogarree, Roebourne word synonymous with palma; Yawera calls Billingee joogarree and he calls her joogarree. She would call me ?

Joogarree is also the name given to the namesake of a dead man.

Pleiades come up barrgana time.

Neeralboo, well up; lallum, going down.

Karrngurra = whooping cough. They heated their hands and applied them to their throat.

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Jajjala booroo is equivalent to weejala maialee (Roebourne word for where a person belongs to.

Kallower - the name Billingeer has given me.

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I would call Arnold and Billingeer bibbinya.

Ask Yoolyeeman re Darramurra.

Wejuk and wej borungur and waljuk.

Wilgee

Hair string

Belt

Armbands of hair and feather decorations

Goolambiddee and the gooyambiddee dance.

Crying out if nose is pierced or at circumcision.

Deereea and the Yabbaroo song.

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Myal m. Nogonyuk
Jirrabun, f. Didarruk

Woonar m. Didarruk
Belyer, m. "
Wooreep, m. "

Jeejilup (Blackwood district, Woonar's birthplace)

Boologup hill (Lighthouse Hill) is winytech

Taambanup

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Jardajib is Paljeri
Mother Boorong
Father Banaka
Mother's mother Kymera
Mother's father Paljeri
Father's mother Kymera
Father's father Paljeri

Wongalong - young man about Jammunungur or Boongana time.

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Magkoolan

Must the tharloo give her hair to her son-in-law to make him a

waistbelt? (See Sp. & G. P. 40)

No, not in Billingeer's tribe.

Has Billingeer heard the word nupa?

Nupa is jandoo.

Is noopa equivalent to yagoo?

Can a man speak to and see his younger sister? If not, why not?

Suppose a man had a woman who wasn't his wife, what would that

be called? Suppose she was Banaka too, what would that be called?

Is there no other name than yagoo for me to call my brothers-in-law?

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Lanbirr - birthmark

Lanbirr jinna

Ningalmoo, the country of your relations.

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Should it happen that a Banaka woman of Billinge's marrying division had a cave as her totem, it did not prevent their marriage.

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Tchooragoorong' magic snake

Koorabbura - magic stick (short)

Koorong'ada, longer magic stick

Jooga, mud eel (Leeberr's "familiar")

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Tell me the story of Lengo and Tchallingmer and the lanjee.

Lalga boola = weak brains

Ask Billinge if the tchooreo jalnga owned the boeroo where the jandoo made the snake.

Ask Billinge if women can eat the wallee that the weerrganjoo brings. No.

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Must ask Billinge if they ate fish at Weerrganjoo time. (No, langoor) Farrjanning.

Ask Billinge if when Leeberr was buried there were any jalnga ceremonies.

Ask Yoolyeen if totems descend from father and mother. (Jalnga come from eebala).

Who gave Leeberr all the jalnga? yamminga?

See Sp. and Gillen P. 148 re spirit children; it does not agree with Billinge's statement that the spirit child may be another moiety than its father.

4 kinds of carpet snake : balleedee, banningboeroo, ngoomba, joondajoonda.

Billinge's Faljeri uncle sang for opossum, his father (Kaimera) sang for fish.

Have the mother and father of the balgy any special names given

Balleedee, any ceremonies? No.

What does Billinge call a man covered all over with mud or karrmul, emu hunting and when else?

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Malay words

dē'da baggoosh, no good

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Billinge says gilal'la is the name given to a native leaf like a turnip, dried in the sun and slightly cooked in the ashes and then chewed. It creates a curious sensation, stupifies and drunks the chewers.

Boolgeo, Roebourne name for gilalla

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Wanna

Yarra = shield

Tell me about their stone axes and hammers and other weapons and utensils. Tell me all about the jajee. What meats would Walbarring abstain from if his father died, his mother, sister, brother, uncle, etc.

Billingee

Jaaloo, like a jalnga, another Roebourne word for jalnga.

Jack Withnell calls jaaloo tarlow.

Winytch (south) Doolgoo - Coolgardee and Eastern word for winytch.

burna ngarree, Tableland word for kalleegooroo.

Biggardyn ngooroo - Broome word for winytch

Nyambee - quivering of the limbs, no signification

See Jack Withnell

Jallingmur, the pelican, is the jalnga of the Kymera and Boorong.

The crane, joolbarda ngarrin, is the jalnga of the Paljeri and Banaka.

Beejee, a sick helpless woman

kwattee yennin

wa, kubbyn

burda wa, he might come

Woonel is the baby's name, the kargyn (hawk) stood and woon woon jinnung = looked back.

Lizzie's baby's name, Kargain (hawk) is his oobarree. The hawk looking round korgain, kor'jinnung.

Boggalee, the De Grey and Mundabullangen word for kambil

Nyoorleep, pubic tassel (Roebourne?)