NOTES AND QUERIES

A QUERY: THE BROKEN ARCH

Recently, at an estate auction in an outlying community of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a cord bed was being displayed for sale. The bed was a yellow poplar four poster with a cannonball design and the headboard had been carved into a broken arch. One of the knobs was missing from the top of the arch.

The Broken Arch

I questioned a member of the immediate family about the missing knob and was told that according to his grandfather, the knob had been knocked off intentionally to designate the man's side of the bed. Further questioning yielded only that neither he nor his father, to his knowledge, had ever seen the knob. He did not know the age of the bed or who had made it. He did say that it had belonged to his grandfather all his life and then to his father.

Anyone having information on the man's side of the bed being designated by the broken arch, please contact:

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
(Attention Asian Folklorists)

I am endeavoring to compile a list of individuals, who, like myself, are interested in Asian folklore. The purpose of such a list is twofold: first, to improve communication between us, and second, to afford us the