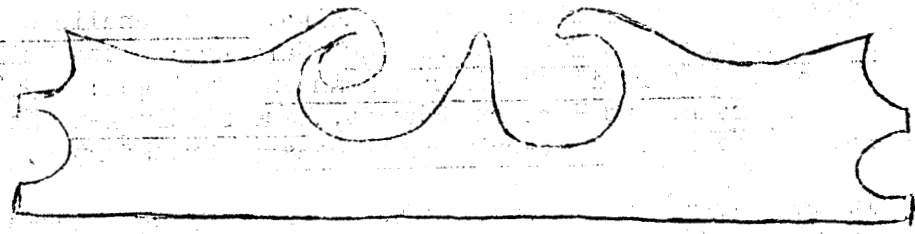


NOTES AND QUERIES

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

opportunity to know what one another is doing in the way of research work related to Asian folklore. I expect to complete this list within approximately six months, at which time I shall provide each contributor with a copy (a donation of 25¢ would be appreciated to defray the costs which are involved). If you are interested, please answer the questions below:

1. Area(s) of interest (viz., East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and/or West Asia, including the country (-ies) of your study);
2. Your name;
3. Your address, both temporary and permanent, including your telephone number(s); and,
4. Your research or academic speciality(-ies).

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#### FOLKLORE VS. FAKELORE--AGAIN AND AGAIN

In the Folklore Forum for January 1973\* Keith Cunningham writes about a recurrence of the fakelore issue surfacing in the nation's newspapers in the fall of 1972. He refers to a piece devoted to the subject by Russell Kirk in his syndicated column "To the Point," in an Orlando, Florida, paper, and to an editorial printed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch of August 13 on the same general theme, but credited to the Wall Street Journal. But he could not locate such an article in that paper, and asked the readers of the Forum if such an article had appeared.

Yes, it was printed on August 2, and I received more feedback from it than from any previous airing of the fakelore question. On August 13 I happened to be in a lawyer's office in Bloomington and was introduced to an attorney who said, "Oh yes, I was reading about you yesterday," located the item, tore it out and gave it to me. For several months

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\* 6:1, pp. 44-45: "Folklore vs. Fakelore--Again."