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Fannams, but ſome Times is the *Agio* two *Douddas*. Some Times three and ſome Times four *Douddas* and thus further. *M.* But, How many *Douddas* makes one *Fannam*? *M.* Sir, one *Fannam* makes eight *Douddas*.

The nineteenth Dialogue.

A Gentleman talkes with a Gentou-*Man about their Wedding-feaſt.*

Engl. Gent. Much Joy t' ye! *Gentou-M.* I am Your moſt humble Servant, Sir. *E.* Has not been a Weddingfeaſt in Your Houſe laſt Week? *G.* Yes, Sir. *E.* For whom was the Wedlock in Your Houſe, for Your ſelf or for ſome Body elſe? *G.* Sir, It was not for me, but the Wedlock was done for my Brother. *E.* How many Years old is Your Brother? *G.* Sir, He is advanced to the Age of fifteen Years. *E.* How many Years has the Bride? *G.* Sir, She has but twelve Years. *E.* What has been the Expence of the Weddingfeaſt? *G.* Sir, The Expence will come up to nine hundred *Pagodas*. *E.* Oh! Oh! So great an Expence! For what have you made ſo much Expence? *G.* When we make a Wedlock, we muſt needs entertain all the *Bramanes* in the Town.

E. For how many *Bramanes* did You give a Meal? *G.* Sir, I made a Meal for five thousand *Bramanes* five Days together. *E.* What Sort of Victuals did You give them? What was their Mess & *Corry*? *G.* Mad-Apples, bitter Fruits, young Figs, Carots, *Same Beets*, Kursara-bulbous plants, Nikkubar-Knolls, Rampions, Goards, Chitterlings, stuffing-Horns, Cucumbers, Peases, French-Beans, Bencouli-Thorn, Berries, round Berries, round bitter Berries, Cole-Cabbage, and besides these Pap, Pepper-Potage, Rice-pap with Butter, Salt-Cakes, Suggar-Cakes, Suggar-Bowls, Suggar-Tarts, Cream and Pot-Herbs. *E.* How! Is this Your Duty to give 'em so many Dishes of *Corry*? *G.* Yes, So it behoves me to do. *E.* But, I believe, they can't eat all these different Sorts of *Corry*. *G.* Sir, We are wont to dress all the Sorts of Victuals, every Body of them may eat at his own Choise and Pleasure. *E.* Did You not give an Entertainment for other People too, besides these *Bramanes*? *G.* Sir, There must be given a Meal for the Poor as well as for my own Relation. *E.* How many poor People did You entertain? *G.* Sir, I can't just tell their Number, as many as do come, so many I must entertain. *E.* But is it not possible, to give me near the Account of their Number? *G.* Sir, I have been obliged to give Victuals to about ten thousand

poor

poor People. *E.* But how many Days did You give 'em Victuals? *G.* Sir, We must of Necessity give 'em five Days together. *E.* What Sort of Meat did You give to them? *G.* Milk-pap, and a Dish of boiled Rice. *E.* Well come on! What Expence had You more? *G.* Sir, There will be an Expence every where in the Town. *E.* How will that be? *G.* Sir, There is required a good Deal of Expence for Torches, Oil and Rockets. *E.* Of how many Sorts are these Rockets? *G.* Sir, There are Sky-Rockets, Tailweedling-Sky-Rockets, Flowr-casting-Fire-Work, Star-Rockets, knick-cracking-Crackers, Fire-belching Tree, Bone-Fire-Tree, Match of Brimstone-Light, Match of Stars, little Flower-Rockets, Star-casters; All these we must buy. *E.* What is the Price of Sky-Rockets? *G.* Sir, They do sell four hundred Sky-Rockets for one *Pagoda;* fifty Flower-Casters for one *Pagoda*; two hundred Star-Rockets for one *Pagoda*; twelve knick-cracking-Crackers for one *Pagoda*; hundred fire-belching Trees for one *Pagoda*; two Bone-Fire-Trees for one *Pagoda*; eight *Viss* Match of Brimstone-Light for one *Pagoda*; nine *Viss* Match of Stars for one *Pagoda*; and fifty Star-Casters for one *Pagoda.* *E.* How many Torch-Bearer do you keep at the solemn March of the Weddingfeast? *G.* Sir, I believe we must keep seven hundred. *E.* But

what do you pay them? *G.* To every one two *Douddas*. *E.* Have You not Occaſion for the Muſicians? *G.* Yes, by all Means. *E.* How much muſt You pay them, or what is their Fees? *G.* For every Set of them half a *Pagoda*. *E.* Pray, Tell me their Names. *G.* Sir, There is a Shalm-Pipe, and its Baſs, two large drumming Barrels, one leſser drumming Barrel, a Gittar, one tingling Orb and a Taberd. *E.* When You march all round the Town, do you ride upon the Elephant, or Horſes, or *Pallaquin*, or upon Camels? *G.* Sir, Every Body does as he pleaſes. Some People only will lay kettle *Drums* upon Elephants or Camel, but the reſt or moſt all the People will come riding in *Pallaquin* or on Horſe-Back. *E.* Maſter, You have paſſed round the Town, have You not got a good Profit by receiving every where Preſents? *G.* Sir, The Friends make ſome Gifts, every one as he pleaſes. *E.* But what dou Yo think? Will the Expence, You made for the Weddingfeaſt, be larger or the Profit, You receiv'd thereby? *G.* Sir, When I caſt up the Account, the Expence and the Profit will be almoſt the ſame.

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