

it, because you must kill it, otherwise it will bite someone else.

So a stick becomes

part mm of ones daily garb for a male person..

Fights took place not only amongst

boys, which could be provvoked very easily indeed, because it was really a kind of game, between friends, who would pick up sticks and start beating one another, very EEKEXK ferociously, as if they were beating each other, in fact, â\200\224 a game. But fer young men of

20 or more to bx beat up people, then it is a serious affair and when it happens, there are serious injur .s and people get kiiaï-\201 killed.

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Iremember quite a number of these in which I was involved.

()ne of them was let me say, a game fight.

It started with a boy who was our neighbour.

His parents were recent inniï-\202grants into our area, Ganavu was his name.

th by any means the most beautiful person I haad seed seen!

His whole features were

those of a tough, unsmiling Chap fbr whom life seemed to be nothing but strict business.

One day I provoked him into a fight.

Five minutes after we had started, I was

beginning to realise I had made a disastrous mistake!

He didn't seem to feel my blows,

but his were stinging.

He was strong and every blow that I couldn't stop landed on me

and I felt it.

In the meantime he didn't seem to react to any of my blows which went past his defenses.

In the end I just lowered my sticks and stopped.

At that point

he could have continued, but he realised that I was calling it a day.

I had had enough!

I never touched him again! But exactly because he had lashed me so very hard I was not, to say the least, very fond of Ganavu.

Other contests went reasonably well. I developed confidence, and I commanded some respect, at least the boys would not be quick to provoke me into this game fight.

But one day, we were

at school, and when we were at school we sometimes knew that there was going to be a fight

that day.

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So I had gone to school with my sticks,

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meet a group from one of the areas.

In the afternoon after school I went

to pick up my sticks and my side grouped up and we went to the arena of the fight.

The opposing

group was there in the vicinity, so we formed a line, took positions, I was number 2 from the

right and there were possibly about 20 of us.

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and walked ahead of his line approaching us, and as he did so, he was looking up and down our

line as if to choose his victim. and I said to the boy on my right,

"Do you see this chap?,

what is he relying on?".

He was coming alone, leaving his group behind and coming up

very contemptuously.

This was very interesting.

And we say "what's the matter with this man?,

what is he relying on?".

He came, straight up to me, and raised his stick to strike at me. This

time I was still confused about who this man was, what he was.

Why was he so sure?

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raised his arm to strike.

I retreated!

I stepped back and he charged, I turned and our line

broke on our right flank! and the whole lot of us started fleeing - before we had made

contact. They gave a brief chase so we regrouped and no one could explain what had happened.

All my pen peers had been watching this chap and wondering what he had.

What was he, was he

a human being?

And the whole thing was amusing, because he couldn't have been anything,

but just one of the other side, and what were we running away from?

So we regrouped and

returned to the fight.

But by that time our opponents had dispersed and we never met them

again, except of course we would meet in the classroom, and make jokes about it all.

This game with sticks was in later life to win for me one of the greatest friends I have had.

That will come later.

Bigger boys, some of fwhom had been to work in the plantations, mines young men, really who were now back at home, were generally in two groups:

those who had been affected some-

what by, let me say those who had either seen a bit of schoolz had left school at grade one

grade two level, gone to work, otherwise came from what I'd call Christian homes, except during the periods

such as harvesting or ploughing,, we'd be meeting in groups.

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never calling her by name, but more often than not, we prefixed the word MOther, which means that the child is a member of a very wide family, extending beyond ones parents and brothers and sisters.

That is why I was once stunned when I went into a dance hall

in Orlando, Johannesburg, in the middle of the 1930s and found there people of middle age and young men and women, but also there was a child, couldn't have been more than 10 years

old, who was also dancing around there, not taking notice of anybody.

It struck me as

strange that she didn't feel she was in the company of elderly people, and should be reserved and controlled in her manners.

She treated everybody as an equal.

It stuck in

my mind, and then of course I was soon to become used to that kind of thing in that situation, but going back to the countryside after that, and holidays and so on, one would find you are in something that approximates to the conditions in which you grew up, respect, for those older than yourself.

And so back to tending calves and spending the afternoons with the bigger boys, herding, later

'the task falls on your shoulders as you get bigger and it fell on my shoulders, but I enjoyed it, I liked it.

I liked to take our cattle to lush grazing areas and the grass was

really good and they would enjoy it. I could see this by the way they would: grab at it.

I made it a point always to scout around for the next place that I could take them to and usually the best grazing areas were in between the cultivated fields.

Nb the herd boys

would not want to approach these areas, because there was a risk of the cattle trespassing, and

I started training my herd for moving through narrow lanes separating cultivated lands, but leading

into open areas which were for the purposes of grazing, untouched.

This took some time to

teach the cattle the cattle how to behave, but indeed they did learn, although there were clever ones who tried to cheat, but we developed a system where they would move properly through a narrow strip of grass onto an open field and confine themselves to the grass.

Now and again some of course, tried to steal and the way they did it showed they were aware of the rules.

A cow would approach the lanes, and I would be standing some 15 feet

inside the field and watching, and the cow would approach a stalk, a mini stalk and carefully

eat all the grass around it very quickly, and move to the next one, and do the same thing

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the stalk intact and quickly move on to the next one, eating very rapidly, then snatched at the

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and dash away as soon as it had done so, because if it didn't, it knew by then that very shortly my stick would be landing on its' nose!

I had done this quite often.

It was

my way of teaching them to leave the millie stalks alone.

It was interesting, the way they

got to understand this and it made me enjoy grazing cattle, and of course the particular satisfaction I had, was when I then returned home after watering them, their tummies would

be bulging and their milk would be in very good condition.

Because of that the cows would

regularly yield more than normal quantities of milk to our delight of course, because the best meal, short of meat, was a sour milk preparation, SOUR MILK MIXED WITH dry powdered maize.

Quite a delicacy, and it was a main thing to look forward to, any day and even during the week

it was something to be treated to this meal,

it's not clear why we enjoyed it so much

but therefore there was an ulterior motive in making sure that I grazed the cattle very well.

During the winter, of course the cattle were free to wander wherever they liked.

There was no question of grazing them or looking after them, beyond rounding them up in the late afternoon and bringing them back to the enclosure for the night and releasing them

in the morning. Also during the

winter,

there wasn't much milking to do, so there was

no question of separating calves from their mothers.

Beyond grazing cattle and participating in

the milking sessions, there were other things for us to learn.

One of the most important of

As with everything else; you learnt on the job.

these was spanning cattle.

no school or lessons, you selected and were told which oxen and cows, usually oxen, to select in spanning and you learnt how to make them fall in line, face the same direction, putting on leather prongs around their heads, around the horns,

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all of them, and then taking one at a time and placing it in position.
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This helps you to

control them, to control their speed in the sense of slowing them down. when they want to rush, of course you can never make them move faster by pulling.

You certainly prevent

them from changing direction.

That was one quick, easy thing to do.

Then the other was

to be the driver of the span,, to hold the whip and wield it correctly and be able to command in such a way as the whole team pulls together and in such a way that where necessary,

the oxen) for example, on the right, would allow those on the left to push forward, and not compete with them - that kind of control of every pair and each of the oxen, it becomes an art and therefore there were good span drivers and bad ones.

This largely

related to ox wagon teams.

The ox wagon was a rarity.

There were few homes which

had a wagon.

It was a symbol of some relative prosperity.

Nb most homes could not afford a

wagon, because they did not in any case have enough oxen to put into a span that would pull wagon you needed - at least 14 oxen â\200\224 7 pairs possibly more if the wagon was to be

loaded as it was..

One of my parents activities was trading in this field of transportation.

Our span of oxen travelled to different parts and was often away from home for considerable

parts of 'the whole month, transporting goods usually miles bags from one town to another,

from one trading store to another from one part of a district to another.

When the ox wagon team was away, from home on transportation work, the herd of the cattle was depleted and if you were herding the cattle, you felt this.

It was also a

matter of pride to head home with a large number of cattle and you liked the notion that your herd of cattle was bigger than that of another home and naturally we

envied, as boys,

those homes like our neighbours, the Mabude family, who had large herds..

Naturally the

Chief of the area had a large herd of cattle and one or two others, but my parents herd was among the larger herds of cattle in the area, which, as I have said, is the reason why we could afford to do transportation work with an ox wagon team and so when the team returned either late in the evening or early in the morning, there was general joy all around.

Those who had been away were glad to be back.

We always regarded it as a

great treat if we were allowed to go on these trips ,

largely jolly riding, performing

they were

just allowed to eat whatever was available, and

this gave PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAY GAMES

and generally enjoy life in the open.

The games varied from rolling the objects down a

hillside and you would stand in a line and throw daggers at the object and if you hit it then

you move to the top place and you would have the first chance of throwing at the next object

as it came rolling down.

Quite an interesting game, of a kind of marksman ship, not unlike

a rural version of the arrow and bow which is used to shoot at a disc.

Otherwise we made clay

objects, clay wagons, clay cattle and then we bound them together so that they moved

like a span of real oxen .

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other little games like that, which we invented to keep us

going during the afternoon.

In the morning the cattle are grazing near the cultivated fields,

and you have to concentrate to make sure that they don't trespass into a neighbouring field.

If they did, then you can expect to be punished by any elderly person who would be

passing by and see the cattle dive into the field and eating up the maize or the corn,

whatever it might be.

There was no rule that you can't punish any but your own child.

This was a community responsibility.

Any grown up man had, not only a right, but a duty

to make sure that boys herding cattle did their job properly.

Once or twice I had to flee

from a stranger, because the cattle that I was herding had strayed into field at one end, and

he chased me for quite a distance!

At some point he gave up and I was saved from what would

have been quite a severe beating.

Other boys were not so lucky.

This was an interesting

practice.

Responsibility for the proper conduct of children , was not confined to their parents only.

When they misbehaved, they misbehaved as against the community. And a senior member of the community was expected to do something about it.

That helped to keep us in

Check.

To give us a sense of obligation, not just to our parents, but to the community at large.

What assisted boys to respond to action by people who would otherwise be strangers, outside their

immediately circle, was that you were taught to respect age.

Anyone older than yourself you referred

to as brother if he was the same age as your own brothers,

sister, if she was the age of your

brothers or sisters

and when a man was about the age of your father, you referred to him as

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you would say Father Jack, Father Marlowe, whatever, and for the women it was the same,

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It was not very popular..

But it had to be done, and those who failed to do this of course, found they had ploughed in vain, the yield was very poor.

What assisted in our case

was that we were altogether a very big family and all the houses combined, not only in the plough

ing, but also in the weeding process.

With fairly big fields, the neighbours were invited to come on a particular day for a whole day's weeding.

We would have beer and other drinks would be provided.

We would perhaps slaughter a goat or a sheep.

These were thrilling because there

were so many people involved.

We moved from work on a particular home's field to the next

one, and with this kind of giant action this facilitated the task and made it less strenuous.

What was being planted was mainly maize, but also

sourvan(?)

As Autumn

approached, and the seeds ripened, the sourvan became the target of invasions by birds.

Hundreds of birds would settle and feed and eat up the seeds.

Therefore it was necessary

for somebody, and I took part in this quite a lot, to go to the fields at dawn, corn fields,, so that by the time the birds start flying around you there to prevent them

settling on the field.

To do this you had to build a stand, a little hut made of grass, first

of all in which to take shelter, should it rain, and then a stand which gave you a full view of

the whole field, and if you saw the birds

landing in any part of the field, you were armed with

a 5ft to 6ft flexible tool, and you mounted at the thinner end a piece of clay which

you had to have, you mould your clay around the bottom of the stick and then you perform a striking

act with this tool and that would release an amount of clay that would fly to the spot where

the birds were and land there and frighten them away.

It took a bit of concentration, but it

was also useless, you would have to stand the whole day there and see what to do about me
als,

because as long as the birds were there you had to be there.

If you left you would find

that half the field had been eaten up by the birds!

And yet you enjoyed the act of shooting

at them, as it were with this flexible stick.

That was not so much the case with Maize.

Then of course when the winter came the harvesting began, and again our family did this o
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our own, or we joined together in teams, until the harvesting was finished.

Of course the

cattle would be kept in check, and not allowed to enter the fields, not even those fields
where

the harvesting had been done and completed.

The reason was that the cattle would be released

on a day declared by the chief.

When everybody had finished so that all the cattle, you

were not allowed to move them into your own field where you had finished,.

Other peoples

cattle had to have access to your fields, so there was a day to go, after all the

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CASSETTE 2

Domestic and Other Activities

Holy Cross, 1929, was the beginning of a new era.

The end of a chapter.

Looking back to

the beginning of that chapter,

it is striking how little activity, gainful activity there was.

These young boys, possibly at the age of three or four, We had started our duties by herding

calves.

Every night the cattle which were a most dominant factor in society, were separated from

the calves.

The cattle went into a relatively large enclosure, known as a Cattle Kraal, and the calves were separated out and put into a smaller enclosure adjacent to the bigger one.

In the

morning the bigger

boys took out the cattle and drove them away for grazing.

They would be

away until early afternoon for grazing.

In the meantime, the young boys took out the calves.

And allowed them to graze around the home, to be put back into their enclosure as the cattle

were approaching home, returning from the grazing fields, for milking. During the milking

session, which would be done by one of the older boys, or an Uncle,

or indeed my Father would

Then our task during the milking was to let out each calf, and during the milking we would stand

around keeping the calf away from sucking while the milking would be going on.

There was

consideration for the calf,

it was allowed, first of all, to suckle, and then removed.

The

milking would then go on, but before the cow had been completely drained of the milk, the milking would stop to enable the calf to feed further from its mother's teat. This was a

so hool too, because it was seen as a act of irresponsibilty to allow the calf to reach t
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mothers teat to compete with the milkman.

It was, it invited very severe rebuke5so one had to

concentrate and make sure that you performed

your duty properly, while the milkman did his-

Some cows, naturally had plenty of milk to yield, others notâ\200\235 so much, but the gr
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Then we would expect to have sour milk. A Sour milk preparation.

we would have a sour milk preparation for our supper that day.

This was next to meat, a

delicacy.

As boys we always looked forward to a great event in life, daily life, which was when

you were going to have a sour milk supper.

Sometimes there were Goat and Sheep to look after,

but this was largely the responsibility of the larger boys.

In the afternoons the calves were

now mixing with thher mothers and allowed to until the evening, therefore as young boys w
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would join our elders in looking after cattle.

This was a relaxed part of the grazing.

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e river or water,

little tasks appropriate to our age, and I went on these from a fairly early age, and by the time I was big enough to be myself a ox wagon driver, my fathers herd had been reduced appreciably.

The wagon and the business it was involved in was no longer an attractive proposition.

He had been caught up by accumulated debts and had to sell quite a number of

our oxen, but before that.I had been on at least 2 trips which kept us away from home for about

3 weeks and enabled me to get to know a number of places I had seen for the first time.â\200\230 Apart

from the continuing joy of being on real wagon, where we stopped to outspan offered us yet another

pleasant experience.

Here you cocked in the open and if thetmnwmr was bad, the wagons sail

was put over the wagon and you were inside, sheltered from the elements and having food cooked

and enjoying it in these new surroundings and conditions.

we also slept there which was

great fun,

It was naturally of course, necessary to keep an eye on the span of oxen for the night when they were brought in, and tied onto the yoke positions and slept there.

There were

very often difficulties and sometimes dangers when it was raining, the roads were slippery and

the wagons was winding its way up or down a slope.

Invariably in those conditions, it was

noessary for there to be someone in front controlling the leading oxen that pair.

While the driverâ\200\234

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or another with a very well trained team, because you didn't have to be on a particular side to

make the oxen move in the

opposite direction.

Either one or two oxen who had to hold positions,

sometimes against the whole team.

But by the skillful use of this whip, he made the team come

closer to him or move further from him..

He made the group in the middle move.

SIDE TWO

The whole team was pulling together and we'd select for the fourth rein, those that understood

that position and kept the line taut.

It was, as sometimes happens, that the wagon got stuck,

If you were merely an observer, and not driving the team, the struggle to pull it out held a

great fascination, because in response to the driver's call, then the oxen pulled and they struggled, all of them, and they struggled, pulled, yielding this way and moving this way and

the other way and then after some time, when you thought they were possibly getting tired,

you would call on them to stop and they stopped.

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and in between ploughed fields, and that was where we daily went out to hunt for mice.

Not so much because we were starving, it was a game, it was a hunting game.

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a little too exciting for ones liking. NBXXNXWNKXXNKXX The practice was that

one group of boys

would form a skirmish line and move slowly forward singing some tune and beating the grass

so that the mice would run away in the direction that the boys were moving .

In the meantime,

a little further on,, another group had placed themselves each at the mouse's track which

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the mice would take, because as they move around they had their own system of roads,

and you would position yourselfâ\200\230with your bow and arrow and wait for the mice to emerge, and

then pull and let go.

Sometimes the mouse was so big that you had to scream and run away!

But worse still, what appeared was not a mouse, but a snake, which changed the whole scene

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and made the game less, mri

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The other activity in which we engaged ourselves as boys was, of course,

hunting birds.

we moved around with short sticks about 1-2ft long, but with a head.

A stick

with a head, which helped to propel it when we threw it and this is what we used for hunting.

A flock of birds would come flying past, and you would throw your stick into their midst, and more often than not you would hit 2 of them or at least one, but sometimes you would throw at an individual bird, and if you are lucky, you hit it.

This was a great achievement,

and anyone who succeeded in doing this was envied by the others, and you went back home in

the afternoon with your birds hanging down from your belt on the side, so that ANYONE

seeing you would see that you were a very good marksman and of course we roast them and eat

them, but the fun was not in the roasting and eating, but in the success of the hunting. For the rest, we occupied ourselves as other boys would, sitting around, playing with sticks, and sometimes having fights, organised fights involving our area and boys from another area which was quite an activity. For this purpose, we needed sticks, not one - at least two, generally three, but it was virtually a rule of society that a man, boy, never goes around without a stick.

If you have two it's because you expect a fight, if you have three, then you know there will be a fight.

But at least you must have a stick.

It was so that if you were going past a kraal and the dogs rush at you, you can defend yourselves against the dogs.

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You could almost read a sense of satisfaction on the part of the oxen as they then move on after this battle.

The cattle were of course Vital i-\202or the cultivatwcmx of the fields.

In rare cases people used donkeys, and ooassionally I have heard of areas where mules wer e used.

But every field, except small patches, of land were fields where you grew maize or corn, and

invariably cultivated by the use of a span of cattle generally oxen, sometimes supplement ed by

a cow or two.

They were pulling a plough;With the more well off people, it would be teams of two or four oxen each pulling a plough.

In our case of course we had enough oxen,

we invariably

had two or three ploughs and used these to plough our fields.

It was also a practice, and

certainly a practice of my parents, that

those homesteads that did not have enough cattle,

to form a ploughing teamâ\200\234 would be assisted.

So we would plough not only our fields, but also

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i-\202onm of assistance.

There was need.

Generally the ploughing would be done in the morning,

and by midday or early afternoon, the people are back from the fields.

Not so mush because

they were tired, but because the cattle had to have time to graze in readiness for the ne xt day.

Uhderrj Pressure, the ploughing went on in the morning and in the afternoon, using differe nt

teams.

I became initiated into this kind of operation firstly,

leading the oxen: I would

walk in front holding onto

this strop,

then conducting the team, and ultimately, at

quite a young age, I began to tackle the plough under the guidance of my father.

This thing

would be tossing me left and right, and he would be close by to hold it for me until I was

able to control it.

Then I became very good, especially in maintaining a straight line

instead of allowing the plough to swing left and right, thereby tracing a zigzag line.

I therefore soon took over as the chief Ploughsman, and I was doing it not only for our home but

for others as well.

Naturally,

if my brothers were around, we joined together.

This was a

busy time in rural life.

After the seeds germinated, and the wheat came up, then there was

the second operation, of weeding with hoes.

A slow process, usually done in the intense heat.

At first we did not have the practice of using planters, which meant we could find a way of removing

the weeds, perhaps by using the plough, or something like that.

The seeds were simply broadcast

cast across the field, and so in weeding you had to go around each plant, each stalk, with your

others had finished when permission was given for the cattle, then of course there's the horses and everything, could be released into the fields.

Quite a feast for the cattle.

And also it meant that the head boys could go on a partial holiday.

we did not, however,

again as groups, or individuals, we went through the harvest of many fields, looking for cobs which may have been left there and picking them up and we made quite a business out of this,

because we did indeed find that harvesting had not been, in many instances, thorough.

And we could feel a fall guaranteeing? with maize picked up in this manner.

But then what were we to do with the maize grains?

In the winter the practice was, for

some families,

to batter these maize in, to decomb them, to put them fall guarantees and

take them to the trading store, and in return you are given sugar, or whatever you ask for.

As the value of your maize.

The value was determined by the trader.

I recall that in our

case you would get for a full guarantee of maize, a cup, of tea and saucer which you were

glad to buy for your parents or a small parcel of sugar, which again you were glad to take to

your parents. This could mean two days work.

It was a kind of earning which we didn't always

have the opportunity of enjoying.

But of course, the

people brought loads to the trader and he

bought their maize, and in mid winter or the beginning of spring, when food had run out,

the people returned to the trader to buy back what they had given him, at enormous prices this

time.

NB SO WERE THE TRADERS REGARDED AS EXPLOITERS, OR WAS THIS KIND OF THING ACCEPTED

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that the trader sent it to other areas. NB.

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