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Cp80: American Folklore
Spring Semester, 1965

Text: Dorson, Richard M., Buying the Wind (Chicago, 1963).

On reserve: Dorson, Richard M., American Folklore.
Thompson, Stith, The Folktale.

In the reference room: Thompson, Stith, Motif-Index of Folk Literature
R398.012/T377
Thompson, Stith, The Types of the Folktale
R016.398/Aa74a.

- I. Feb.²: Aims of the Course
Feb.⁴: Some Definitions. Collecting Folklore.
Reading: BW 1-20; T 3-10, 406-412.
- II. Feb. 9: Indices and Archives.
Reading: T 406-427
Feb. 11: Belief and Superstition.
Reading: BW 27-39, 333-340.
- ✓ III. Feb. 16: Birth and Infancy.
Feb. 18: Death and Forerunners
Reading: BW 63-64.
- IV. Feb. 23: Luck
Feb. 25: Water-Witching
Reading: BW 319-323.
- V. Mar. 2: Plants and Animals
Reading: BW 118-128
Mar. 4: Folk Medicine
Reading: BW 323-332.
DECISION: COLLECTION OR PAPER.
- VI. Mar. 9: Healers and Second Sight.
Reading: BW 261-269, 455-459.
Mar. 11: Witches and Wonder Workers.
Reading: BW 55-62, 111-117, 314-319.
- VII. Mar. 16: Legend: A Definition.
Reading: BW 62-63, 436-441; ~~2~~(recommended) T 234-271
Mar. 18: The Devil in Belief and Legend
- VIII. Mar. 23: MIDTERM PRELIM
Mar. 25: Ghosts and Haunted Houses. PROGRESS REPORT
Reading: BW 191-192, 300-313.

SPRING VACATION

- IX. Apr. 6: Guest Lecturer: Ellen Stekert, Wayne State Univ.
Apr. 8: Legends: Conclusion
Reading: BW 295-299.

- X. Apr.13: Jokes and Anecdotes
Reading: BW 78-94, 129-135, 181-189, 351-358, 442-454
Apr.15: Jokes and Anecdotes.
- XI. Apr.20: The Tall Tale
Reading: BW 347-351; AF 199-243
Apr.22: Tall Tale Heroes
Reading: *BW 21-161
- XII. Apr.27: Characters and Folk-Heroes.
Reading: BW 40-54, 65-77, 512-522.
Apr.29: Characters and Folk-Heroes.
Reading: *BW 163-288
- XIII. May 4: The Märchen .
PAPER DUE.
May 6: The Märchen.
Reading: BW 168-180, 203-212, 246-260, 341-346
423-435.
- XIV. May 11: The Märchen.
Reading: Northeast Folklore IV(1963), 1-70
May 13: North American Indian Folklore
Reading: *BW 289-414.
- XV. May 18: North American Indian Folklore.
May 20: North American Indian Folklore.
Reading: *BW 415-535.

Quizzes: You should expect a quiz on any day for which reading has been assigned. Missed quizzes count as zero; in order to have the zero removed, you must give me a written excuse within a week of the cut.

Readings: Assignments that are starred and underlined follow Dorson's regional plan for the book. You will already have read much of the material in each of these sections when we took up the particular genres along the way. Nevertheless, you should either re-read or (at the least) review this material, and of course you should read carefully Dorson's introductions and the material not previously assigned.

Paper: The paper for this course may be either a first-hand collection of tales and legends or a study based on other people's first-hand collections. Let's consider these separately:

1. A Collection: Turn in a collection of about two dozen items (not counting beliefs and superstitions) of folklore interest, following carefully the mimeographed "Guide for Collecting Folklore and Writing the Report for Cp80: American Folklore." There is only one additional instruction: a third to a half (though it could be more) of your collection must be on some special topic. For example, you might include a dozen variants of ~~the~~ one joke or legend. Or it might be a collection of tales about one specific type of person ("athlete" or "professor" stories). You should have settled on a "special topic" by the March 25

progress report. If there is any aspect of this assignment that you do not understand, please come talk to me about it at your earliest convenience.

2. A Study: Usually a study will involve working with material to be found in the Northeast Folklore Society Archives. You should settle on a topic by March 4. Make an appointment with me before that date for this purpose.

Student: Put this page in place
of page 7 in the "Guide"

Your name

Harriet Farnham-14-

page number in
your collection

(Pulpit Rock)

Title of story. Since title
was supplied by the collector, not
the informant, it's in parentheses.

The Devil preached a sermon to the fish on Pulpit Rock at
Robbinston. The Devil did not like the attitude of the haddock. He
jumped in and caught one with his thumb and finger. To this day the
haddock has dirty marks on each side of its neck where the thumb and
finger touched and marks on its sides where the haddock was
scratched as it was trying to get away.

Where and when
collected

Coll.: Red Beach, Me., Oct. 24, 1960

Name, age, and
address of informant

Inf.: Martin Sullivan⁽³⁰⁾, RFD 1, Calais.

C

Type of transcript
See page 3 for this.
Here it means "Informant's
content, but my words"

Note: Mr. Sullivan did not believe the story; said it was "just a
yarn he'd heard," but he'd often told the story to his children.
He wasn't sure that this is how Pulpit Rock got its name, but
that's where the story is supposed to have taken place.

This is Motif A 2217.3.2 Marks on certain fish from Devil's fingerprints.

Put anything in the notes that bear on
informant's attitudes. Also include here any
comments he might have made on the story.
And any comparative material you can give.

0012

Informant: Darie L. Downing, Smithfield,
Me., 45

Belief: It is good luck to hang a
horseshoe over your door but
it must be hung with the open
end up so the luck will not
fall out.

Background: She has heard this but does
not believe it.

Collector: Patricia J. Curtis
Blue Hill, Me.

Date: Feb. 13, 1967

0017.

Informant: David L. Downing, Smithfield,
Me., 45

Belief: A mustard seed is good luck.

Background: She doesn't really
believe it.

Collector: Patricia J. Curtis
Blue Hill, Me.

Date: Feb. 13, 1967

0018

Informant: Doris A. Downing, Smithfield,
Me., 45

Belief: Virginia Lucky Stones - Stones
found in Va. in the shape of
a cross are supposed to bring
luck.

Background: She got this from her mother.
She doesn't believe it.

Collector: Patricia J. Curtis
Blue Hill, Me.

Date: Feb 13, 1967

0024

Informant: Doris Downing, Box 35, Smithfield, Me.,
45

Belief: It is good luck to eat herring on
New Year's Eve.

Background: She doesn't believe it but does
it every year to be safe.

Collector: Patricia J. Curtis
Blue Hill, Me.

Date: February 13, 1967

0029

Informant: Doris L. Downing, Smithfield, Me.
45

Belief: If the first person who crosses
your threshold after midnight is
a dark man you will have good
luck. (first footing)

Background: She got this from her mother
who said it was an old Scotch
belief.

Collector: Patricia Curtis
Blue Hill, Me.

Date: Feb. 13, 1967

0033

Informant: Doris L. Downing, Smithfield,
Maine, 45

Belief: It is good luck to look at
The back of a hay wagon.

Background: She got this from her
mother-in-law. She does not
believe it herself.

Collector: Patricia J. Curtis
Blue Hill, Maine

Date: Feb. 13, 1967

0084

INFORMANT: Sev and Elsie Tucker, Blue Hill, Me. late
40s

BELIEF: Looking at a new moon through a glass or
window is bad luck.

BACKGROUND: I wonder what gay blade~~ff~~ first convinced
his lass of this???????

Collector: Gayle Durnbaugh
Box 343
Blue Hill, Me.

March 10. 1967

0087

Informant: Linwood Leighton, Blue Hill, Maine, 75.

Belief: See a new moon through a glass,
you'll have bad luck as long as
it lasts.

Background: He used to believe this, but
has seen this through car window
so often - he no longer does.

Collector: Barbara Gray
Blue Hill, Maine

Date: March 9, 1967

0090
Informant: Linwood Leighton, Blue Hill, 75.

Belief: See a pin and pick it up (or
let it lay)
You will have bad luck all
day.

Background: Heard it from his father, but
he doesn't believe it.

Collector: Barbara Gray
Blue Hill, Maine.

Date: March 9, 1967

0112

Barbara McKay - 162 College Ave. Orono 24

Wear something with a horse shoe
in upright position (belt buckle,
Western shirt, stock pin) for good
luck in riding.

many people follow.
She wears when she shows.

Anita Hassell
Wayne, Me.
Feb. 15, 1967

0116

Barbara McKay - 162 College Ave., Orono - 24

A florist won't cut the stems of long-stemmed roses if he runs out of short stemmed ~~p~~ because it's unlucky.

learned in florist shop
from Presque Isle
followed

Anita Hassell
Wayne, Me.
Feb. 15, 1967

0117

Informant: Barbara McKay - 162 College Ave. Orono

Belief: A luck charm is put in every
wrist corsage to bring good
luck and ward off evil spirits

Background: learned working in florist shop
Follows by tradition.
Doesn't really believe.

Anita Hassell
Wayne, Me.
Feb. 15, 1967

0118

Informant; self - Age 26

Belief: It is unlucky to hang a horseshoe upside down as the luck will run out. However, it is lucky to hang one up. U

Background: I probably first heard it in Maryland as a child.

I don't really believe it, but do or would follow it probably - have in the past.

Anita Hassell

Wayne, Me.

Feb. 14, 1967

Self- 26

If you leave house but forget something & return for it, you should sit down & count to ten before leaving again. Or Unlucky or break friendship.

From aunt who practiced always. I do it when I think of it, but not always. In spurts.

Anita Hassell

Wayne, Me.

Feb. 14, 1967

0138

Informant: Roueana Violette, R.F.D. #2,
Box 234, Brewer, Me., 14.

Belief: It is bad luck for a girl to
part her hair on the left side of
her head.

Background: She hasn't found this to be
true & thus doesn't believe it. Mr.
Calvin Damon told her of the belief.

Collector: Joanne Lobdell
146 N. Brunswick
Old Town, Me.

Date: Feb. 8, 1967

0147
Informant: Clarence Oakes, Bradley, Mo., 12.

Belief: Hanging a horse shoe over your doorway will bring you good luck.

Background: He heard this from his grandmother & neither believe it, but neither has tried it to see for themselves.

Collector: Joanne Lobdell
146 N. Brunswick
Old Town, Mo.
Date: Feb. 10, 1967

0151
Informant: Lloyd Beal, Cram St., Bradley, Me., 13.

Belief: You'll have lead luck during the day
if you get up on the wrong side
of the bed.

Background: He heard the belief from his
mother (he thinks), but doesn't believe
it as he doesn't think there's such a
thing.

Collector: Joanne Lobdell
146 N. Brunswick
Old Town, Me.

Date: Feb. 13, 1967

0161
Informant: Terry Geel, RFD 2, Box 303, Bradley, Me.,
11.

Belief: The seventh child born in a family will
have good luck.

Background: Terry heard this from Maryann Garceau, a
classmate, in February, 1967, but does not
believe it is true.

Collector: Joanne Lobdell
146 N. Brunswick
Old Town, Maine

Date: February 9, 1967

D/64

Informant: Mrs. Leo Mouradian, 359 Hammond St. Bangor

Belief: See a pin and pick it up,
All the day, you'll have good luck.
See a pin and let it lay,
You'll have bad luck all the day.

Background: She heard this as a girl in Eastport and
still always picks up pins she finds.

Collector: Wm. & Marg. Mouradian
43 Longmeadow Dr.
Brewer, Maine

Date: March 7 1967

0195
Informant: Ronald Sands, 153 Main St., Dexter, Me., 30

Belief: If you place a horseshoe over your door, you will have good luck for as long as it remains there.

Background: He read it when small, but doesn't believe it.

Collector: Susan Gilpatrick
43 Briar Lane
Carney's Point, N.J.

Date: Oct. 6, 1961

INFORMANT: "self"

0203

BELIEF: It's bad luck when you have an opened
jack knife and another person besides the
one who originally opened it, closes it.

BACKGROUND: I heard this from my father. I don't
believe it but I think he has more
faith in it than I.

COLLECTOR: Gene Humphrey
Gray, Maine

Date: Oct 6, 1966

Informant: Mrs. Walter Gay, 103 Beech St., Rockland, Maine
45

Superstition:

02/2

See a pin and pick it up - all the day
you'll have good luck

See a pin and let it lay - bad luck
will follow you all the day

Background: Doesn't remember where she heard
this rhyme but has no faith in it.

Collector: Rosalyn Gay
103 Beech St.
Rockland, Maine

Date: Oct. 1st, 1966

0215

Informant: Jennifer Kandie, Upland Hie., Ferndale, California
25.

Belief: If you see an empty pack of lucky strike cigarettes on the ground, you should step on it with your right foot and tell the person nearest you to, "Strike me lucky." If the person hits your outstretched hand you will be lucky that day.

Background: My sister (above) taught me this when I was nine years old. We were living in Hartford, Connecticut at the time.

C142 →

Collector: Gifford Stevens
546 Stillwater Avenue
Old Town, Maine

Spring, 1953

0219

Informant - self, 21

Belief - If you carry a rabbit's foot it will bring you
good luck.

Background - I don't remember where I first heard this.
I don't believe it but it couldn't hurt to have one!

Mary Buscoe
75 Forest Ave.
Oroon, Me.
Oct. 8, 1966

0225

Informant: Linda Barnes 1 Clank Place St. Johns,
Newfoundland

Belief: It is bad luck to walk over anyone's
feet and if done, must turn around
and walk over them again.

Background: Linda heard this belief from her
mother and both believe it.

Collector: Betsy Fairbank
Cundy's Harbor, N.E.

Date: October 9, 1966.

0228
Informant: Linda Barnes 1 Clarke Place St. Johns,
Newfoundland.

Brief: White circles painted on a barn
door will bring good luck to the farm.

Background: Linda heard this in Newfoundland.
She doesn't know if it works but says
that most rural people of Newfoundland
do believe in it.

Collector: Betsy Fairclough
Candy's Harbor, Me.

Date: October 9, 1966

0293 42

Inf.: Mrs. Germain, 5 Hammond Road, Falmouth, Me., 40

Belief: It's bad luck to meet and pass a person on the stairs.

Background: ~~My~~ mother told me to watch this one, since
I meet and pass people on the stairs all the time.
(Neither one of us believe this)

Coll.: Pamela Germain
York Hall
Univ. of Maine

Date: November 17, 1966

Informant: May Lee, RD#2, Freeport

0331

Belief: Look at moon over your right shoulder
for good luck.

Background: See pg 21 of my paper

Collector: Toby Soule
Staples Pt.
Freeport

Date: Dec. 18, 1966

Informant: Self, 20.

Belief: See a pin — pick it up;
The rest of the day you'll have good luck.

Background: I first learned this from my
mother who always does it. I follow it,
but have no strong belief in it.

Collector: Mary Jane Webster
330 Brown Street
Westbrook, Maine

Date: Childhood

INFORMANT: self. 62

0414

SUBJECT: Horseshoes are lucky.

BACKGROUND: On the farm we always had them stuck up over barn doors. I think my father mostly put them up for ornament. Some people seemed to think points up meant one thing, points down another. I've noticed them nailed up all over N. B., and Maine.

COLLECTOR: Edward M. Macdonald,
Hampden,
Maine

DATE: Nov. 18, 1964

INFORMANT: self.⁶²

0438

BELIEF: It was bad luck to open and raise and umbrell~~a~~a
inside the house.

BACKGROUND: I remember catching m~~erry~~ hell for this
from older folk, who yanked the umbrella
from me and put it away. It was a common
taboo as early as I can remember, 1908,
and up to 1922, in Kent Co., N. B.

COLLECTOR: Edward M. Macdonald,
Hampden,
Maine

DATE: Nov. 18, 1964

INFORMANT: self 62

0442

BELIEF: Lucky stones.

BACKGROUND: As youngsters in N. B., we carried white quartz pebbles in our pockets and called them "lucky stones". The Greeks even today carry smooth pebbles to handle when nervous or worried, and sometimes when praying. I've carried a ribbon jasper in my pocket for years and find it nicer to twiddle with than keys, coins etc.

COLLECTOR: Edward M. Macdonald,
Hampden,
Maine

DATE: Nov.20, 1964

INFORMANT: self 62

0472

BELIEF: Bad luck to turn back.

BACKGROUND: Very common in N. B., within my memory.
If you had to turn back you must go in
the house and sit a spell, do what you
had forgotten to do, then make a new
start. I've seen people do it but never
practiced it myself.

COLLECTOR: Edward M. Macdonald,
Hampden,
Maine

DATE: Nov. 18, 1964

INFORMANT: self 62

0488

BELIEF: See a pin and pick it up and all the day you'll
have good luck.

BACKGROUND: Commonly quoted in Maine and N. B. I've
been picking up pins and things all my life b
but can't credit any good luck to this so-
called lucky habit. Maybe it's because in
picking up pins I've overlooked dollars!

COLLECTOR: Edward M. Macdonald,
Hampden,
Maine

DATE: 1908 to present

0552

Informant: Mrs. Grace Greene, 20 March Circle,
Bangor, Maine (26)

Belief: Never make a statement good about yourself
unless you knock on wood so the good fairies
will come out of the wood and protect you.

Collector: Carol Vachowski
N. High St.
Bridgton, Maine

Date: November 16, 1966

0568

Informant: Mrs. Grace Greene, 20 March Circle,
Bangor, Maine (14)

Belief: It's bad luck to look at the moonover
your left shoulder, but good luck to have
silver in your pocket with your hand on it
while you look.

Collector: Carol Vachowski
N. High St.
Bridgton, Maine

Date: November 16, 1966

0577

Informant: Mrs. Joseph Tuttle 169 Beacon St, Portland, Me. 38

Belief: Whoever finds the baby's first tooth must
buy his first pair of shoes.

Background: Her family believed and practiced
this custom.

Collector: Mrs. John Cruise
464 Deering Ave.
Portland Maine

Date: September 27, 1944

INFORMANT - JEROMIE GAMACHE

Age 21

0578

Belief: Girl babies should be dressed
in pink; Boy babies should be
dressed in blue.

Controlling DATA; I don't know why This
is so but I would never do otherwise.

JEROMIE GAMACHE

U of MAINE

Feb. 17, 1964

Informant: Known from childhood

0579

Belief: If you are successful in blowing out
all the candles on your birthday cake
with one breath you will get your wish.

Controlling data: We believed in it enough to
always make a wish and try to make it
come true.

Etta H. Clark
East Machias, Maine
Oct. 13, 1963

6580

Informant: Joyce Demkowicz, West St., Waterville, Me.,
19.

Belief: If you blow out all the candles on a birthday
cake and all the smoke goes straight up, you
will go to heaven.

Background: She heard it from her grandmother who was
from Poland. Her grandmother believes in it.

Collector: Nancy Conant
57 Pleasant St.
Skowhegan, Maine

Date: July 13, 1964

Informant: "Self," 35

0581

Belief: Make a wish while blowing out birthday candles. If you blow them out all in one breath your wish will come true.

Background: My mother told it to me when I was very young.

Collector: Patricia Chandler
Lovell, Maine

Informant: Mrs. Stanwood R. STerling
Ellsworth, Maine
45 years old

6582

Belief: Close your eyes and make a wish and
then blow out all the candles on your
birthday cake. The wish will come true
if you do not tell anyone what your
wish was.

Controlling data: She heard it from her mother,
Mrs. Alice C. Steele, 87 years
old. Both mother and I believed
in it when we were small.

Pamela Walker
Veazie, Maine
May 12, 1963

0583
INFORMANT: 5clb

BELIEF: Finding a cricket in a house you have just moved into is a sign of good luck.

Background: My mother told me this when I found a cricket in our new house in 1959.

COLLECTOR: NICK TAUBOV
VEAZIE, ME

DATE: 3-8-68

0584

Informant

Mrs Antonio Cason; 80 North Street;
Waterville, Maine

Belief: Place stuffed, ceramic, or any type of elephant
with trunk pointing up, facing a door
and no one will ever enter that
door to harm inhabitants

Background:

She has elephants everywhere
and swears no one will
harm her family in the house

Collector A P Sanguette
86 North Street
Waterville, Maine

Date: February 21, 1968

Informant: Self

Beliefs: Don't whistle in the house.

0585

Don't rock an empty rocking chair.

Don't sing at the table.

Don't open an umbrella in the house.

Background: These are some of the little things that were supposed to bring bad luck. Rocking an empty chair, according to my grandmother, was rocking the devil.

Collector: Stan Picard,
Vezie, Maine

Date: March 6, 1968

Informant: self

0536

Relief: It is a sign of good luck, if you have a cricket in your fireplace in the living room.

Background: It was told to me by my mother when I was small after having heard a cricket in an fireplace.

Collector: Bette J. Goffard
Colleen Hall

Home: Winsport, Maine

Date: Feb. 26, 1968

Informant: self

#587

Belief: If you find a penny and pick it up you will have good luck all day long. However, if you leave it there you will have bad luck all day long.

Background: I heard it in my school as a child.

Collector: Billie J. Corford
Colin Hall

Home: Wiscasset, Maine
Date: Febr 26, 1968

Informant: self

0588

Belief: If one person is walking on a sidewalk and another in the road and they pass a telephone pole, post, etc at the same time, bad luck will come upon them. However, this bad luck can be gotten rid of by saying "bread and butter". Either person may say it.

Background: It was told to me by an aunt.

Collector: Billie Crawford
Calvin Hall

Home: Winscot, Maine

Date: Feb. 26, 1968

Informant: self

0589

Belief: If you put any part of your clothes
on wrong side out in the morning then
you must leave them on that way all
day long or you will have bad luck.

Background: It was told to me by a middle-
aged woman who one day appeared with her
blouse wrong side out in front a small
store she owned.

Collector: Billie J. Goff
Colver Hall

Home: Winarset, Maine

Date: Feb. 26, 1968

0590

Informant: Self

Belief: An effigy of an elephant
with its trunk up is good
luck. (WITH TRUNK DOWN it
WILL BRING BAD LUCK)

Background: My mother told me this and I
don't remember ever having
heard anyone else express this belief.

Collector: NICK TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Uxarie, ME.

Date: 2-27-68

0591
INFORMANT: KATHY TRUBOV (my wife)

BELIEF: WEAVING a MUSTARD seed
Brings good luck

Background: Kathy has worn a mustard
seed, but claims to hold
no credence in its luckiness.

collector: NICK TRUBOV
Hobson Ave
Veazie ME.

DATE: 2.27.68

0572

INFORMANT: KATHY TRUBOV (my wife)

Belief: It is "bad luck" for the Bride
to be seen by the groom before
they get married on their
wedding day.

collector: Nick Trubov
Hobson Ave.
Veazie, ME.

DATE: 2.28.68

0593

informant: Self

Belief: Friday the 13th is a day of
bad luck.

Background: 13 is just plain an unlucky
number, for those who
place credence in such
things, which I don't

collector: Nick TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Veazie, ME.

Date: 2-27-68

0584

Informant: Self

Belief: Lucky at cards unlucky at Love

Background: I never had much luck at cards
on the other hand neither did I
have much luck in love. It
was just something one said when
he lost at cards.

Collector: NICK TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Veazie, ME.

Date: 2-26-68

0595

informant: Self

Belief: Carry or find a 4-leaf clover
and you will have good Luck,

Background: I always thought finding a
four leaf clover extremely good
Luck in itself. a 5-leaf clover
WAS considered an even luckier find.

I used to put all my 4 and 5 leaf clovers between
scotch tape to save them and still have a good many
TEN YEARS LATER

collector: Nick TRUBOV
Veazie ME

Date: 2-26-68

0596

informant: Self

Belief: Carry a rabbit's foot and you
will HAVE good luck

Background: I can't say I believe they bring
good luck but I always
LIKED the feel and smell of
Rabbit's feet.

collector: Nick TREUBOU
Hobson Ave.
Uxarie, ME.

Date: 2-26-68

0587

Informant: Self

Belief: WALKING under a ladder is
"Bad luck".

Background: I often go out of my way to
walk under ladders. It often
makes the person on the ladder
uneasy.

Collector: Nick TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Seaside ME.

Date: 2-27-68

0598
Informant: Self

Belief: Opening an umbrella indoors
is "bad luck"

Background: Opening an umbrella indoors
if it is in the bathtub to dry
it off is alright.

collector: Nick TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Veazie, ME.

Date: 2.27.68

0588

Informant: Self

Belief: putting your hat on the
bed is "bad luck"

Background: I have known a few
professional performers who
were quite serious about this.

collector: NICK TRUBOV
Hobson Ave.
Veazie ME.

Date: 1.27.68

0600

Informant: Self

Belief: "Luck comes in Sports."

Background: this one I believe. It is
akin to days when everything
goes right or everything goes
wrong.
or: "this must be my lucky day."

collector: NICK TRUBOV
Hobson Ave,
Veazie, ME.

Date: 2.27.68

Informant: Darrylin Madore

0601

Belief: carry a rabbit's foot to bring good luck

Background: Van Buren, Maine

Collector: Darrylin Madore

Date: 2/27/68

Van Buren, Me.

0602

1. Velma Scott, Waldoboro, Maine, 74
2. If you wear an opal you will have bad luck
3. My grandmother gave me an opal necklace, but told me not to wear it because it would bring me bad luck.
4. Susie Ringer, Wellesley, Mass.

Feb. 26, 1968

0603

1. Self
2. If you spill salt, throw ^{some of the} salt over your right shoulder and you will have good luck.
3. —
4. Swie Ringes, Wellesley, Mass.

Feb 26, 1968

Informant: Sally Devereux

0604

Belief: possession of 4-leaf clover — good luck

Background: Essex Junction, Vermont

name: Sally Devereux

address: Sudbury, Mass.

2/28/68

0635

Informant: Sally Devereux

Belief: 7 years of bad luck if you break a mirror

Background: Essex Junction, Vermont

name: Sally Devereux

address: Sudbury, Mass.

2/28/68

0606

Informant: Sally DEVEREUX

Belief: good luck to cross fingers or toes of right side of body; bad luck to cross fingers or toes of left side of body

Background: Essex Junction, Vermont (I think)

name: Sally DEVEREUX

address: Sudbury, Mass.

2/28/68

Luck

Informant: self

0607

Beliefs: four leaf clovers do bring good luck; any horseshoe hung upwards  is good luck -- hung downward  is bad luck; a lucky stone brings both luck and happiness if it was given to you by a good friend; wishing on the star closest to the moon brings good luck; horoscopes usually turn out true, too (sometimes)

Background: past luck & experience.

Collector: Laurie Cairns

Carlisle, Mass.

February 27

INFORMANT : SELF

0608

BELIEF : If you see a white horse
pulling a wagon full of hay, it is a
sign of good luck.

Background: This is something I heard a long
time ago from my relatives in
Waterboro, Me. I & they do not believe
in luck of this kind. However, if we ever
see this we say it's a sign of good luck.

Collector: Jane Hobbs

230 Cottage Rd.

So. Portland, Me.

Date: 2/27/68

Informant: self

0609

Belief: Luck as we term it doesn't exist. What we say is luck is God's will for our lives. (predestination)

Background: I have learned this all through my life.

Collector: Faith Stubbs
345 Eastern Ave.
Brewer, Maine

Date: February 28, 1968

0610
Informant: Robert Winn, Schoppes Trailer Court,
Orono, Me., 26

Belief: — that the number 13 is unlucky (C)

Background: Not a belief of the informant. He says
his boss at the auto body shop
(Gary Bickford, Orono, Me.) says he
himself would not live in his trailer
"for love nor money" because it sets on
lot number 13.

Collector: Marie Winn

Date: Orono, Me.
Feb 3, 1967

C

0611
Informant: Robert Winn, Schoppes Trailer Court,
Orono, Me., 26

Belief: A knife must be handed back in the
same position (open or closed - jackknife)
as received, to ~~avoid~~ avoid serious bad luck.

Background: His boss (Gary Bickford - Bickford's Auto
Body Shop) refused to take back a jack-
knife unless he corrected the position first;
this was the first he heard of this belief.
Informant has no belief in it, but says
the boss feels its true.

Collector: Marie Winn
Orono, Me.

Date: Feb. 3, 1967

Informant: Self

(33)

Belief: Green is a badluck color.

Controlling data: This is generally accepted
around here.

Faye M. Somers
Saint John, N. B.

0613

Informant: Self

Belief: If you drop a mirror, you
will have bad luck for 7 years.

Background: My grandmother told me
this & I've always believed it, so has she.

Collector: Kathy Adams

Backfield, Me.

Date: Feb. 26, 1968

Informant: Self

0614

Belief: If a black cat crosses your path, it is a sign of bad luck,

Background: I've always known this and I sort of believe it.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me
Date: Feb 26, 2008

Informant: Self

0615

Belief: To walk under a ladder is a sign
of bad luck

Background: I've always known this and
I've always believed it.

Collector: Kathy Adams

Backfield, Me.

Date: Feb 26, 1967

6616
Informants: Two ladies my grandmother knew. One is in
her 70's & the other is in her 90's. San Paris, 177e.

Belief: Clothes put on wrong side out must
be left alone for a day or you will have
bad luck.

Background: None

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.

Date: Feb. 25, 1965

0611
Informants: Two ladies my grandmother knows. One is in her 70's
+ the other is in her 90's. So. Paris, Me.

Belief: If you start on a trip + forget something, it
is bad luck to go back for it.

Background: none

Collector: Kathy Adams
Backfield, Maine
DATE: Feb. 25, 1968

0618

Informants: Two ladies my grandmother knows. One is in her 70's and the other is in her 90's. So. Paris, Me.

Belief: Make a wish on a load of hay. If you look back at the load of hay, your wish won't come true.

Background: NONE

Collector: Kathy Adams

Backfield, Me.

Date: Feb. 25, 1968

Informants: Two ladies my grandmother knows. One is in her 70's
& the other is in her 90's. So Paris, Maine.

Beliefs: If you move on a Friday, you won't stay
in that place for very long.

Background: NONE

Collector: Kathy Adams
Bucksfield, Me
Date: Feb. 25, 1968

0620
Informants; Two ladies my grandmother knows. One is in her 70's
& the other is in her 90's. So. Paris, Me.

Belief: It is good luck to pick up a pin that
has the point towards you.

Background: none

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.
Date: Feb 25, 1967

Informant; Self.

0621

Belief; It is bad luck to take
the last piece of cake from
a plate.

Background; It's something that I've
always known.

Collector; Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.

Date; Feb 26, 1968

Informant: Self

0622

Belief: To break a spell as bad luck,
throw salt over your right shoulder.

Background: I've always known it,
but never done it.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.
Date: Feb 24, 1968

6623
Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me. 69

Belief: A picture falling out of a frame on
the wall is a sign of bad luck.

Background - She has always believed
this.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.
Date - Feb. 25, 1968

0624
Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me., 69

Belief: If you ^{spill} ~~drop~~ some salt on the table, you pick it up and throw it over your shoulder so that you won't get into a fight.

Background: She has always done this.

Collector - Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.

Date: Feb. 23, 1968

Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me., b9

Belief: Cricket singing in the house
mean good luck.

Background: She has always believed this to
be so.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Maine
Date: Feb. 25, 1967

0626
Informant: Mrs. Beanie Warren, Buckfield, Me., 69

Belief: When cooking, stir away from you because it means that you are stirring your troubles away.

Background: She's always believed this so have I.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Maine
DATE: Feb. 25, 1968

0627
Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me., 69

Belief: Sing before breakfast, cry before
you go to bed.

Background: She has told us this since we were
little kids & she really believes in it.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Maine
Date: Feb. 25, 1968

2628
Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me., 69

Belief: Three chairs sitting in a row mean
bad luck.

Background: Still always mean one if he ever
finds 3 chairs like this.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Maine
Date: Feb. 25, 1968

5624
Informant: Mrs. Bessie Warren, Buckfield, Me., 69

Belief: Bad luck to put on a piece of clothing
wrong side out if you don't make a
wish when you take it off.

Background: This is just something she's
always said.

Collector: Kathy Adams
Buckfield, Me.
Date: Feb. 25, 1965

Informant - self

0630

Belief - Lucky people are usually people who don't need to be or don't deserve to be. People that we associate with may have a little luck, but nothing on a grand scale like famous, rich and successful people.

Background - Natural feeling for have nots to attribute to those who have. I must have been "luck", not hard work. I don't believe it!

Collector - Wendy Sawyer, Auburn, Me.

Date - February 28, 1968

Informant - self

0631

Belief - Luck comes in spurts. People have days, weeks or even months of good or bad luck. Luck will change only with some indication or sign to the person.

Background - I personally believe this to a point. When things go wrong, they really go wrong, and when you have a lucky spell, everything happens good at once.

Collector Wendy Sawyer, Auburn, Me.
Date - February 28, 1968

Informant - self

0632

Belief - If you find a penny you will have good luck for a day.

Background - Learned this in grammar school while walking to school with friends and I found a penny. Augusta.

Collector - Wendy Sawyer
Auburn, Maine

Date - February 28, 1968

informant: myself

Belief - ① open umbrella in house = bad luck

0633

② good luck with rabbits, foot, lucky coin, 4 leaf clover.

③ if two friends pass something between them,
or let a telephone pole etc separate them,
in order to maintain their lasting friendship,
they say "bread & butter".

collector: Beverly Adams

(302 Hart Hall)

Date: Feb 28, 1968

Informant: Gail Casgrah

0634

Belief: Finding four-leaf clovers is
lucky!

Background: - About 1954 in Melrose, Mass..

Collector: Gail Casgrah
128 Youle St.
Melrose, Mass.

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

Informant: Gail Casgrah

0635

Belief: To carry a rabbit's foot is lucky.

Background: Heard in about 1954 in Melrose,
Mass.

Collector: Gail Casgrah
128 Youle St.
Melrose, Mass.

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

Informant: Gail Casgrain

0636

Belief: To find a horseshoe is lucky.

Background: Heard in about 1954 in Melrose,
Mass.

Collector: Gail Casgrain
128 Youle St,
Melrose, Mass.

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

Informant: Gail Casgrain

0637

Belief: heptachans, brownies, and fairies
will bring a person back.

Background: Heard in about 1954 in Melrose,
Mass.

Collector: Gail Casgrain
129 Yule St.
Melrose, Mass.

Date: Feb. 28, 1967

Informant: Gail Casgrain

0638

Belief: The person who gets the larger end of the wishbone from a turkey when pulling in competition, gets his wish.

Background: I believe this up to a certain point: I do it ~~too~~ but many times the wish has not come true.

Collector: Gail Casgrain
129 Youle St.
Melrose, Mass.

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

6638

Informant: Doreen Doucette

Belief: Yes, there is such a thing as luck in that I believe a person can partially control a situation and either make the best of it and call it "good luck" or not make the best of it and call it "bad luck."

Collector: Doreen Doucette

Date: 2/28/68

Informant: Myself

0640

Belief: walking under a ladder is bad
luck.

Background: My grandmother first told me
this. I have never believed it has
meaning except to be careful
something doesn't fall on you from
the ladder. I don't avoid it or
walk under them on purpose.

Collector: Diane Crone
Pownal Rd.
Freeport, Me.

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

Informant: self

Belief: If you find a four-leaf clover ⁰⁶⁴⁴ it will bring you good luck.

Background: I have found them twice and I don't remember any special good luck immediately, but I still believe there is something lucky about it. My grand father could always find patches of them, and my mother can, too. One of my brothers and one sister can find them (there are 5 of us)

Collector: Diane Crone
Pownal Rd
Freeport, ME

Date: Feb. 28, 1968

0642

Informant: Harold Snowman, 36 Willow St., Rockland, Maine, 57

Belief: It is bad luck to come back into the house if you have forgotten something.

Background: He follows this belief, and if he does forget something, he will yell for someone to bring it outside for him.

Sylvia Snowman
Rockland, Maine
Date - ?

0643

Informant: Harold Snowman, Rockland, Maine, 54

Belief: It is bad luck to pass on the stairs.

Background: He follows this belief. If there is someone already going up or down stairs, he will wait until they are off the staircase. If he has already started onto the staircase, he will go back and wait for the other person.

Sylvia Snowman
Rockland, Maine; Date: ?

0644
Informant: Jessie Snowman, 36 Willow St, Rockland, Me, 54

Belief: it is bad luck to put a hat on a bed.

Background: She follows this belief. If she
puts a hat on a bed, she warns the
offender and removes it.

Sylvia Snowman
Rockland, Maine
Date: ?

0645

Informant: Harold Snowman, 36 Willow St., Rockland, Me., 54

Belief: A blue boat is bad luck.

Background: This belief is known to all fishermen. Not too many years ago a novice thought would try lobstering. He painted his boat blue against the warnings of the others. One night a bad storm came up. The next morning everything was alright except the blue boat had sunk.

Sylvia Snowman
Rockland, Maine; Date: 1958-59

INFORMANT: self

0646

BELIEF: if one found a penny and put it into his shoe, luck would come his way

BACKGROUND: a friend of mine did this and told me about it. I have had many occasions to do the same. Never kept tabs on its success.

1955

COLLECTOR: Peter D. Molin

DATE: 2/28/68

INFORMANT: self

0647

BELIEF: I had a certain dark sweat shirt that I wore for the entire baseball season. We won the first game of the year so I wore it all the time. We won the championship

BACKGROUND: I don't know how I acquired 1964-1967 this fancy or if I acquired it at all. I think it is just an innate quality.

COLLECTOR: Peter D. Walin

DATE: 2/28/68

01.48

Informant: "Self"

Belief: If you wish on the first star that comes out at night, your wish will come true.

Background: To me, this belief is more luck than actually a wish to come true. If I see the first star at night, I actually do think of something that I would like to happen. However, my feeling is that I am at least a little favored in my wish. I feel that there is a small

chance this wish will in some way
be partially or wholly realized. I
can't remember any specific times
when I've tried this.

Collector: Winona M. Creamer
Waldoboro, Maine

Date: February 27, 1968

Informant: mother - Mrs Calvert Stevens
724 Allen Avenue Port., Me., 51

Belief: A four leaf clover, rabbit's foot,
and horseshoe are all signs of
good luck.

Background: I learned these from my mother
in childhood. I always carried a
four leaf clover in my wallet for
good luck. My grandfather always
hung a horseshoe over the door
way of his home.

Collector: Pauline Stevens
724 Allen Ave. Port. Me.
Date: Feb. 27, 1965

0650
Informant: mother - Mrs. Calvert Stevens
724 Allen Ave. Port., Me., 51

Belief: If you walk under an open ladder, you will have bad luck.

Background: My mother really believed this. One day while we were shopping, I started to walk under one. She immediately pulled me back and made me walk around it.

Collector: Pauline Stevens
724 Allen Ave. Port., Me.
Date: February 27, 1968

INFORMANT: SELF

b651

BELIEF: LUCK EXISTS STRONGLY: both bad and good.
IT CAN BE CONTROLLED.

BACKGROUND: I POSSESS A TROLL WITH LONG BLOND
HAIR WHICH LOOKS LIKE ME. IT HAS A
SMILE ON ITS FACE. AS LONG AS THE
TROLL IS ON ITS BACK I HAVE GOOD LUCK.

COLLECTOR: PATTIE MERRILL

63 NORRIDGEWICK AVE.

SKOWHEGAN, MAINE

DATE: 7/28/48

0652

INFORMANT: SELF

BELIEF: YOU CAN CONTROL LUCK IF YOU
KNOCK ON WOOD AFTER MAKING A
CONFIDENT REMARK.

BACKGROUND: I USED TO THINK THAT YOU
COULD ALSO KNOCK ON YOUR
HEAD. LATER I LEARNED IT
WAS ONLY A JOKE.

COLLECTOR: SUSAN ARTZ
CASTINE, ME.

DATE: FEB. 27, 1968

0653

INFORMANT: SELF

BELIEF: AN OLD FISHERMAN IN CASTINE
WOULD NEVER LET A WOMAN GO
FISHING WITH HIM. HE BELIEVES
THAT THIS WOULD VERY ~~FAST~~ MUCH
LIMIT HIS CATCH.

BACKGROUND: WOMEN COULD GO ON HIS
BOAT, BUT THEY GO NEVER FISH
WITH HIM.

COLLECTOR: SUSAN ARIZ

DATE: 2/27/68

CASTINE, ME.

Informant : Self

0654

Belief : If on the first day of the month a person says to himself, "Rabbit, Rabbit" before speaking to anyone he will have good luck (I can't remember if the luck is to last just that day or all month.).

Background : My mother told me this when I was a child. I can remember trying it (this was in Belfast, Me. in the early 50's) but didn't fully believe in it.

Penny Johnson
Belfast, Maine

Feb. 28, 1968

Informant: Lana Jones, Patten, Maine, 20.

0655

Belief: There is no such thing as luck.

Background: God determines all that happens
in our life.

Collector: Enola Sinclair
R.F.D. #1

Fairfield, Me.

Date: Feb. 27, 1968

0656
Informant: Beverly Shattuck, Andover, Mass. 19.
Belief: There is such a thing as luck but it can
not be controlled or influenced.
Background: none

Collector: Enola Sinclair
R. F. D. #1
Fairfield, Me.
Date: February 27, 1968

Informant: Self

0651

Belief: There is no such thing as luck.

Background: I think what many people call "luck" is just a predetermined part of their life. Such twists and turns of fate are part of God's plan.

Collector: Enola Sinclair

R. F. A. #1

Acufield, Me.

Date: February 27, 1968

Informant: Katie LeCente, Westbrook, Maine, 18.

Belief: There is such a thing as luck but it cannot be influenced.

Background: So many unexplainable, strange occurrences happen for it to be anything but "luck".

Collector: Enola Sinclair
R. F. D. #1

Mainfield, Maine

Date: Feb 27, 1968

0651
Informant: Mrs. Robert J. Smith, Spring Hollow Rd.
Far Hills, N.J.

Belief: IF the foam or bubbles on the top of your coffee do not stir down and they form into a circle you have "money" in your coffee, which means you will soon be coming into money.

Background: Again I don't think she really believes this, but she does just wait when something like this occurs, just in case.

Collectn: Robert Jean Smith
Spring Hollow Rd.
Far Hills, N.J.

Date: Summer - 1958

Inf. Bessie Stevens
Robinhood, Maine
1938

0660

To Clean Kid Gloves: Spread out the gloves on several thicknesses of cloth; take a flannel wet with milk and white soap and rub toward the fingers till clean.

LC: WPA mf 330

Inf. Bessie Stevens
Robinhood, Maine
1938

0661

To remove rust stains: Saturate the spot with lemon juice and table salt and place in the sun. If one application isn't effective, repeat.

LC: WPA mf 330

Inf. Bessie Stevens
Robinhood, Maine
1938

0662

To take out paint stains from clothing; use chloroform.

LC: WPA mf 330

Inf. Mrs. Reed
Mrs. Davis
Westbrook, Maine
1938

6663

A widow should never be married in white.

LC: WPA mf 375

0364

Informant: Richard Lewis, Penquid Beach, Me. 21

Belief: It is bad luck for a lobsterman to use blue paint on a fishing boat. One old fisherman in particular felt so strongly about the color blue for a boat that he refused to be rowed across the harbor in a skiff with a blue interior.

Background: The informant told me this belief in a rather scoffing tone of voice. I think he gave it no credence whatsoever.

Don Reimer
3/11/68

Informant: Self

0665

Belief: Use of a "divining rod." My parents have a camp in N. H. They wanted to know a good place to dig a well and asked a friend to come with a "divining rod." The place that he told them to dig was on a side of a hill. Usually one does not find water on a hill. But they dug there anyways because it would be a convenient place for it. About 50' down they found water and it has never dried up.

Background: This man had done the same for a number of other people

Collector: Marilyn A. Bushman

122 New Boston St - Woburn, Mass.

Date: March 15, 1968

0666

Informant: Mr. Larry Burton, present address unknown.

Belief: A frat house here on the Maine campus supposedly had a vacuum tube system similar to the type the J.C. Penny's stores once used. When they finished a beer, they simply dropped the empty can into the tube + launched the evidence into the middle of the Stillwater R.

Background: Burton was a Maine graduate ('60 or '61) who claimed this was a fact + I assume it was his own frat house (unknown)

Collector: Wm. Yerxa (Bridgewater)
#4 Graystone Park - Veazie

Date: ~~March 1968~~
March 18, 1968

Such

0667

Informant: Mother, Father, other members

Belief: If you go to visit someone, &
leave a personal item behind by mistake,
this signifies you will return.

No ~~problems~~

Collector: C. Stapp

47 Maverick St

Rockland, Mass

Date: Sometime in 1960's

0668

If your belly gets quiet while you're
washing dishes you're going to
marry a drunk.

Inf: Mrs. Thibodeau C. Laura Stevens

May 5, 1968

0669

In a green house, there is a white house -
in the white house there is a pink
house, in the pink house lives a family
of little niggers. What is it?

(A. A watermelon)

Inf. Mrs. Emma Stevens - my grandfather
c. Laura Stevens

May 5, 1968

Informant: Say

0670

Belief: Finding a four leaf clover is supposed to bring luck to the finder for 24 hours. If he gives the clover away it will bring bad luck not only to him but to the person who he gave it to.

Background: I find four-leaf clovers quite frequently during the summer. I just look down & there they are. I guess that my grandmother taught me this myth when I was five or six yrs. old. I believe it, because usually when I find one something good does happen. This is probably coincidence, but it does. over →

Collector : Robbie - Jean Smith
Spring Hollow Road
Far Hills, N.J.

Date : Feb. 27, 1968

Informant: Linda Moreau - 38 Kelly Street
Cromwell, Conn.

Belief: If a Lady Bug lands on you and
flies away, she will bring you good
luck. But if she lands on you and
you have to chase her away, bad
luck will come your way.

Background:

This is something she has always
believed in.

Collector: Robbin-Jean Smith
Spring Hollow Rd.
The Hills, N.J.

Date: Feb. 27, 1968

0672
Informant's Marie Suzanne Murray, 709 Main Street
Lewiston, Maine

Beliefs: "Find a penny, pick it up
And all day
You'll have good luck."

Background:

This is something that she has always
known and she believes it.

Collector's Robbie-Jean Smith
Spring Hollow Rd.
Fairfax, N.J.

Date: Feb. 27, 1968

Informant: Mr. ^{Ruben} Snowley
(Bound Brook, N.J.) died 1956 - was Penn. Dutch

Belief: A witch tree on your property would mean that you would always have bad luck, raising crops, and on the land.

Background: This is an old Penn. Dutch belief, about a tree that has thistles on it like a witches broom. This was told to my father and I in about 1955 or early 1956. He firmly believed it.

Collector: Robbie Jean Smith
Spring Hill, Tenn.
Jan. 1955, N.J.

Date: 1955-56

Informant: Connie Macdonald, Portland, Maine, 21.

Belief: It is good luck to find a penny.

Background: First heard from her mother.

Collector: Roseavis Warren
Fryeburg, Maine

Date: February 26, 1968

Informant: Self.

0675

If a Black Cat passes across the path in front of you while you are walking a misfortune will befall you in the near future.

Gerald Austin 20?
So. Penobscot, Maine

2/20/68

0676

Informant: Self

If you break a mirror 7 years of
bad luck will befall you.
another common superstition

Gerald Austin 20?
So Penobscot Me.

2/20/68

Informant: Self.

It is Bad Luck to walk under a ladder
leaning against a building. Common
in our area.

Gerald Austin 20?
So Penobscot Me.
2/20/68

Informant: self.

0678

If you step on a Catipellar it will
soon rain - This is quite strong in
my family because of old farmer background.

Gerald Austin 20?
So. Penobscot Me.

2/20/68

Informant: self.

0678

Carrying a rabbit's foot on your
person & good luck will come to you.
all of the boys in the neighborhood carried
them all the time.

Gerald Austin 20
So Pensacola Me

2/20/68

Inf. Mrs. John Adams
Lisbon Falls, Maine
1938

c 186

Monday is the right day to start a journey.

LC: WPA mf 185

Inf. Wilbur Emerson
Naples, Maine
1938

0681

Cure: Left hind foot of a rabbit brings good luck, if
carried in your pocket.

LC: WPA mf 218

0682

Inf. Madeline T. Crother
Mechanic Falls, Maine
1938

"Evening gray and morning red,
Bring down rain on the travelers head;
Evening red and morning gray,
Sends the traveler on his way."

LC: EPA mf 211

0683

Inf. Mrs. Joe Lunt
J. A. Hill
Dover-Foxcroft
1938

Squirrels instinctively know when a cold hard winter is coming and gather sufficient nuts, and other food to last them until spring.

A good sign of a mild winter to come is to see them running around during cold weather.

The hides of horses and cattle will be heavily coated with hair in the late fall if a hard, cold winter is coming.

LC: WPA 86 mf

0684

Inf. Mrs. Ward
Mrs. Curran
Portland, Maine
1938

Cure: If eating fruit with sttones in it count the
number of stones. If the number is even, the
omen is good, iff odd the case is reverse.

LC: WPA mf 295

Inf. Philip J. Conley
Portland, Maine
1938

0685

At birthday party, if person blows out all candles with one
breath gets wish.

LC: WPA mf 274

0686

Inf. Bessie Stevens
Robinhood, Maine
1938

Cement: The best cement for fastening on lamp tops is melted alum; use as soon as melted and the lamp is ready for use as soon as it hardens.

LC: WPA mf 330

Informant: self

Background: I was raised, and born in
Dixfield, Maine. Age 21

Belief: I believe that the only time I ever
thought that something was lucky,
was during my high school football
days. I had a pair of lucky shoelaces
in my "cleats". We hadn't got a game in
two years and I wore the same laces in
every game. One Saturday one of them broke;
we lost. I tied them and continued to
use ~~that~~ them for another year. We

Coz't

never lost another game. Now it call
seems rather crazy, but if anyone had
told ^{me} then.... I wouldn't have removed
those laces for anything.

Collector: Larry R. Gill
Date: February 26, 1968

Deanna Hall

0688

It bad luck to paint a
boat blue as the water will be
jealous and angry.

Deanna C. Hall Wayne, Maine

Deanna C. Hall

0689

Bad luck (7 years) to break a mirror.

My great grandmother had cache of little glass mirrors under a floor board in the attic. She encouraged metal mirrors

Deanna Hall Wayne, Maine

Deanna Hall

0690

If you find a feather sticking
in the ground, pick up and wear it
in your hat all day for luck.

Used to look for feathers as a
child.

Deanna Hall

Informant: Mrs. B. Wilson, Keswick, N.B., Can. 75

Belief: If you look at a moon through glass, you'll have bad luck.

Background: While Mrs. Wilson firmly stated she was not superstitious, she knew this one was true, because bad luck befell her after she looked at the moon through glass.

Collector: Pawline Yexxa,
Mouth of Keswick, N.B.

Date: July 25, 1965

Informant: Hilda Pickard, Keswick, N.B. 50

Belief: It is bad luck to meet and pass anyone on the stairs.

Background: Mrs. Pickard said this belief has been known to her since childhood, but she does not believe in it. As a child, she did.

Collector: Pauline Yerxa,
Mouth of Keswick, N.B.,

Date: July 16, 1965

Informant: Elexena Ames, 15 Bailey Ave., Nashwaaksis, N.B. 38.

Belief: If a woman removes her wedding ring, she'll have bad luck.

Background: Mrs. Ames had a hospital roommate whose ring had to be removed. The woman's body swelled (due to an allergy) but the woman believed it was because her wedding ring had been removed.

Collector: Pauline Yerxa,
Mouth of Keswick N.B.

Date: July 16, 1965

Informant : Self

Belief : It is unlucky to turn
a boat against the sun

Background : no fisherman would ever
do this in my home town.

Collector : Nallen Kittle
Daniel's Harbour
Newfoundland

Date : Aug. 2, 1965

1205

Inf. ?

Belief: If you leave home to go someplace,
it is bad luck to turn back.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Margaret R. Adams
50 Park St.
Houlton, Me.

Date Spring, 1962

1212

Inf. ?

Belief: If you are walking with someone
and each pass on opposite sides of
an object say, "bread and butter"
or it will mean bad luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Alice K. Bryant
Woodland, Maine

Date: Fall, 1959

1213

Inf. ?

Belief: Say, "Rabbit, rabbit" the last thing
before you go to sleep on the last day
of the month and the same thing the
moment you wake up the next morning and
you will have good luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Alice K. Bryant
Woodland, Maine

Date: Fall, 1959

1214

Inf. ?

Belief: See a pin, pick it up, all the day
you'll have good luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Alice K. Bryant
Woodland, Maine

Date: Fall, 1959

1215

Inf. ?

Belief: If you drop a glove, let someone
else pick it up, for if you do it
yourself it is bad luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Alice K. Bryant
Woodland, Maine

Date: Fall, 1959

1217

Inf. ?

Belief: Putting new shoes on a table brings
bad luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Alice K. Bryant
Woodland, Maine

Date: Fall, 1959.

1223

Inf. ?

Belief: If you find a four leaf clover it
means good luck.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Carolyn Cummings
Auburn, Maine ?
Spring, 1960

C-9

1230

Inf. ?

Belief: Knock on wood so a certain thing won't
happen.

Bkg. ?

Collector: Carolyn Cummings
Auburn, Maine ?
Spring, 1960

C-9

1236

Inf. Margaret Breher ?
Wadena, Minnesota

Belief: Knock on wood to prevent bad luck

Bkg. Informant believed in it and used it, for
example: "I am not going to be ill, knock,
knock."

Martha Koch
Bangor, Maine
Spring, 1962

K-5

1237

Inf. Mike Koch (27 Yrs.)
Wadena, Minnesota

Belief: Two people saying the same thing
simultaneously is a sign of good luck.

Bkg. Did not believe in it.

Martha Koch
Bangor, Maine
Spring, 1962

K-5

Inf. Irene B. Baker (40 Yrs.)
Minneapolis, Minnesota

124)

Belief: Friday 13th is a bad luck day and 13
is an unlucky number.

Bkg. Heard from a girlfriend by the name of
Patricia Burnside when in High School
in Minneapolis, Minn. The girl was
very superstitious.

Martha Koch
Bangor, Maine
Spring, 1962

K-5

1298
Inf. Pamela Frost ? or Mrs. Nellie Gilbert ?
Denmark, Maine Born 1870
Born 1828

Belief: It's a bad sign to spread an umbrella
in the house.

Mrs. C. A. Gilbert
Greene, Maine
Spring, 1960
Auburn
G-4

1302

Inf. Pamela Frost ? or Mrs. Nellie Gilbert ?
Denmark, Maine Born 1870
Born 1828

Belief: Hang a horseshoe with points up so
good luck will stay in.

Mrs. C. A. Gilbert
Greene, Maine
Spring, 1960
Auburn
G-4, p. 10

Inf. Betty Newton
Auburn, Maine
9 th grader

1306

Belief: Step on as many Lucky Strike empties
as possible for good luck.

Mrs. C. A. Gilbert
Greene, Maine
Spring, 1960
Auburn
G-4, p. 12

Inf. ?

1317

Belief: Put a horseshoe over a door. It
brings good luck.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960

Inf. ?

1331

Belief: It is bad luck to see a full moon
over your left shoulder.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

1332

Inf. ?

Belief: Carry a rabbit's foot in your pocket. It
will keep you both safe and lucky.

Bkg. Collected in the Princeton, Woodland, and
Robbinston area.

Ruth Dwelley
Calais,
Maine
Fall, 1959

1335

Inf. ?

Belief: To hold an umbrella over your head in the house is bad luck.

Bkg. Collected in the Princeton, Woodland, and Robbinston area.

Ruth Dwelley
Calais,
Maine
Fall, 1959

Inf. ?

1336

Belief: See a pin; let it lay--Good luck all
day.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960

Inf. ?

1338

Belief: The number 13 is bad luck.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. ?

1340

Belief: It is bad luck to walk under a ladder,
to have a black cat cross your path.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. ?

1341

Belief: It is good luck to find a four leaf clover, a horse shoe, to wish on a wishbone, or a white horse. The number seven is good luck.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. ?

1342

Belief: Friday the 13th is a day of bad luck.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. ?

1344

Belief: It is usually lucky when you carry a
rabbit's foot or a silver dollar.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. ?

1346

Belief: If you kill a spider with the little
finger of your left hand, it brings good
luck.

Col. Marion Erswell
Brunswick, Maine
Spring, 1960
E-1

Inf. Self

1358

Belief: If you say the word "rabit" three times before you say any other word, you will have good luck all the month.

Bkg. This is practiced in a school in Greenwich, Connecticut. Mary Dodge says, "All of us put up signs in our room the night before to remind us. I still find myself today saying these three words the first day of every month.

Mary Dodge
Auburn, Me.
Spring, 1960
D-8

1383

Inf. A resident of the New Brunswick area

Belief: Good luck to sit at cards with
grains running toward partner.

A. A. Gilbert
New Brunswick
April 12, 1964
G-19

1384
Inf. A resident of the New Brunswick area

Belief: Change luck when playing cards by
changing places at table to be with or
against grain.

A. A. Gilbert
New Brunswick
April 12, 1964
G-19

1403

Inf. A resident of the New Brunswick area

Belief: Cross fingers if one turns while going
up or down stairs-prevents bad luck.

A. A. Gilbert
New Brunswick
April 12, 1964
G-19

1404
Inf. A resident of the New Brunswick area

Belief: To cross on stairs brings bad luck.

A. A. Gilbert
New Brunswick
April 12, 1964
G-19

1518

Mrs. Annie Townsend, 113 Union St. Calais, Maine 47

Look at a new moon through glass, trouble while
it lasts.

She doesn't believe this.

W. William C. Townsend
113 Union St.
Calais, Maine
7 Oct 1966

Informant: Elsie McAvoy, 81 Philbrick Ave., Hickey, Me., 19.

1575

Recipe: See a penny,
Pick it up -
All the day you'll have good luck.

Collector: Margaret McAvoy
81 Philbrick Ave.
Hickey, Maine

Date: April 2, 1965

Informant: ROBERTA FAWCET, 7 SEVENTH ST, OLD TOWN, ME., 22

Belief: IF YOU FIND A PIN OUTDOORS, IT WILL
BRING YOU GOOD LUCK.

Collector: RAESEAN A. LANE
154 MAINE AVENUE
FARMINGDALE, MAINE

Date: MAY 11, 1965

1633
Informant: ROBERTA FOWLER, 7 SEVENTH ST., ORO TOWN, ME., 22

Belief: IF YOU FIND A PUNNY OUTDOORS, IT
WILL BRING GOOD LUCK.

Collector: RAESEAN A. LANE
154 MAINE AVENUE
FARMINGDALE, MAINE

Date: MAY 11, 1965

1634

Informant: BARBARA SAUNDERS, 21 SOMERSET ST., OLD TOWN, ME., 48

Belief: DON'T CHANGE THE NAME OF A BOAT - IT
BRINGS BAD LUCK IF YOU DO.

Background: HER HUSBAND REFUSED TO RENAMING A
BOAT THEY HAD BOUGHT BECAUSE OF THIS
BELIEF. MRS. SAUNDERS DOESN'T BELIEVE IN IT.

Collector: ROSEAN A. LANE
154 MAINE AVENUE
FARMINGDALE, ME.

DATE: MAY 12, 1965

1653
Informant: Mrs. Helen Brown, Harpswell, Me., 62.

Belief: Don't pass anyone on the stairs, its bad luck.

Background: Believes in it and never does it.

Collector: Ellen Peabody
South Harpswell, Maine

Date: March 30, 1965.

1656
Informant: Carlton Brown, Harpswell, Me., 62.

Belief: You must always turn the ship with the sun
if you don't it is bad luck.

Background: He says the sailors practiced this in
the Merchant Marines.

Collector: Ellen Peabody
South Harpswell, Maine

Date: March 30, 1965.

1659
Informant: Carlton Brown, South Harpswell, Me., 62.

Belief: Never turn the hatch of a ship upside down
because it is bad luck.

Background: They practiced this belief when he was
in the Merchant Marines.

Collector: Ellen Peabody
South Harpswell, Maine

Date: March 30, 1965.

1662
Informant: Goldie Morse, South Harpswell, Me., 54/

Belief: Never start on stairs and turn around and
go back because it was bad luck.

Background: Practices this.

Collector: Ellen Peabody
South Harpswell, Maine

Date: March 30, 1965.

1663
Informant: Goldie Morse, South Harpswell, Me., 54.

Belief: If you forget something and go back to get it-
sit down for a minute or else you'll have bad
luck.

Background: Doesn't practice this, but knows a lady
who does.

Collection: Ellen Peabody
South Harpswell, Maine

Date: March 30, 1965.

1693

Informant: John Tolau, 59 State Str., Portland, Me, 25

Belief: If (in ~~any~~ many sports) ^{somebody} ~~you~~ wants
to set up a record, nobody speaks
about it. It is considered bad luck.

Background: Common belief, esp. in baseball

Collector: Siegfried W. Singer
1 Stevens North
University of Maine
ORONO, Me.

Date: March 17, 1965

1695

Informant: John Tolau, 59 State Str. Portland, Me, 25

Belief: Fix a horseshoe over your door: Gd luck.
The open end must be at the top
to prevent the luck from "running out".

Background: Heard it in his family.
He does not believe this, but thinks
he also put it up (house of his family)
does

Collector: Sigfried W. Giger
18 Stevens N
University of Maine
ORONO, Me.

Date: March 17, 1965

NEWFOUNDLAND - OMENS

2545

BAD LUCK ON MONDAY MEANT BAD LUCK THE
REST OF THE WEEK.

Linda Eckhorne
Orons, Maine
14 May 1963

2554

Informant: Mrs Lawrence Wilson, Cumberland Maine 59

Superstition: Step on the ground cover of
gas or water main for good luck.

Collector: Mrs. John Cruise
464 Deering Avenue
Portland Maine

Date: October 13, 1964

2575

Informant: Mabel B. Small, East Machias, Maine.

56 years old

Belief: If one hears a bell ringing in the right ear--good luck--
if in the left ear bad luck. (both must be hi-blood p.O)

Controlling data: This was told to me by a member of a club I belong
She heard it when she was young.

Mabel B. Small

East Machias, Maine.

October 19, 1963

2597
Informant: Dennis Sinford, Machias H.S. Student

Belief: For a good luck charm, carry a penny
dated the year of your birth.

Edna M. Rasco
E. Machias, Me.
9.27.63

ESKIMO BELIEF:

2599

A STONE WASHED DOWN THE HILLSIDE BY MELTING
WATERS BRINGS GOOD LUCK TO ITS FINDER.

Linda Eckstrom
Anchorage, Alaska
14 May 1963

2600

Informant: Frances Johnson

Belief: A stone with a white ring around
it is good luck.

Back ground: local belief

Collector: G. Lewis

Date: March 10, 1964

2684

INFORMANT: HORACE HORTON, BLUE HILL, ME. 64

BELIEF: IT is good luck to wear yellow
on Thursday.

BACKGROUND: No particular evidence to sub-
stantiate belief.

Collector: BOB McCLUSKEY
WOLF'S NECK RD.
FREEPORT, ME.

DATE: Feb. 12, 1964

Informant: Linda Johnson, a keel, launch
a ship

Belief: 2 people each take a side of a turkey's wishbone with their little fingers and make a wish. They both pull and, when it breaks, the person with the longest piece will have his wish come true.

Background: Practiced, local, hasn't proved to be untrue yet.

Collector: G. Lewis

Date: March 10, 1964

Informant: Barnard Norton, Jonesport, Maine
Age 50

Belief: Dropping the lobster claws back into
the ocean.(after all meat has been
removed) will bring good luck to every-
one in the party.

Controlling data: This was told on a large Clam-
bake held last year at Mr.
Norton's home.

Jane Kazutow
Kennebec Hall
University of Maine

Informant: Penny Rich, Hermon, Maine

19 years old

Belief: The number of horseshoe nails found still in the horseshoe denotes the number of years the finder will have good luck.

Controlling data: She does not know where she heard this. She does not believe in it.

Margaret Markowski
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

April 23, 1964

Mrs. Nathan Kinney: Age 47

Ashland, Maine.

Belief: Finding a Horse shoe brings good luck.

Controlling data: Mrs. Kinney says that the people who found Horse shoes always nailed them up, usually over a door. This was supposed to bring good luck to the household.

Marjorie Winslow

Caribou, Maine. Dec.1962

Informant: Judy Morley, Watertown, New York

19 years old

Belief: Horseshoes bring good luck. It protects against the "evil eye".

Controlling data: They always used to have a horse-shoe hanging over their kitchen door.

Margaret Markowski
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

April 23, 1964

Informant: Horace Gallagher Lubec, Maine
66 years old

Belief: Bird flies in house and dies it is bad
luck. If it flies back out that means
good luck.

Controlling data: Didn't know if he believed this
but didn't want any birds flying into
his house.

Pauline Lewis
Lubec, Maine
Sept. 26, 1963

Informant: Florence Lambert, 8 Ricker Road, Falmouth
Foreside, Maine, 18.

Belief: Killing crows which attack a garden will
bring bad luck to the family and their crop.

Background: Informant heard this about eight years ago
from a farmer who is a friend of her family.

Collector: Clara E. Sawyer
13 Preble St.
Gorham, Maine

Date: December 1, 1964

Informant: Self 25

Belief: A black cat that passes in front of your path is a sign of bad luck.

Background: I heard this saying many years ago. I don't believe it is true.

Collector: Jean Graves
82 Gray Rd.
Falmouth, Me.

Date: Sept. 19, 1964

Informant: Dr. Joseph Roggenbauer, 389 College Rd, Orono, Me, 35.

Belief: A raven crossing your way from left, means bad luck;
a raven from right means good luck.

Background: Believed by peasants in Upper Austria.

Collector: Siegfried Singer
1 Stevens N
University of Maine
Orono, Me.

Date: Febr. 16, 1965

Informant: Guy Abbotoni, Waldoboro, Maine
Age: About 35

Belief: A parrot in the house is sure to bring
bad luck. The informant owned a parrot
for a time, but while the bird was in
his house he had a constant run of bad luck.

Controlling data: This was a belief that had been
passed down through his family for many years.

I have since heard of many people who
believe that birds are an evil omen.

Joyce Bailey

Informant: Self

Belief: Never kill a lady bug in the house. They bring good luck if they live.

Background: I can't remember where I heard it but it is familiar.

Collector: Myrtle Cunningham
Wiscasset, Me.

Date: Oct. 26, 1964

Informant: Self, 26 Phillips Road,
Falmouth, Maine, 54.

Belief: If a black cat should cross your path,
you will have bad luck.

Background: I have heard this saying very often
since childhood. When I was young,
I was a little frightened if such an
incident occurred. Nowadays if such
a thing occurs, I reassure myself that
it refers to an "all black" cat, and
since these are very rare animals, I'm
not so uneasy.

Collector: Doris MacKeough
26 Phillips Rd.
Falmouth, Maine

Date: Oct. 28, 1964

Informant: Ronald Hodgdon, Wiscasset, Me.

Belief: If you keep a black cat it will bring bad luck. If there are a few white hairs under his chin or somewhere it is O.K.

Background: His father firmly believes in this.

Collector: Myrtle Cunningham
Wiscasset, Me.

Date: Oct. 27, 1964

Informant: Ethel Corbett, Perry, Me.
69 years old

Belief: To see an all black cat is bad
luck.

Controlling data: Heard while she was
growing up in Perry.

Sandra J. Pottle
Perry, Me.
Oct 29, 1963

Informant: Dorothy Thompson, Stamford, Conn.
21 years old

Belief: If two people pull on each end of a dried wishbone, using only their little fingers and each make a wish while doing so, the person holding the longest end when the bone is broken will have his wish come true.

Controlling data: Heard as a child and believes it.

Carolyn Somers
Limestone, Maine
May 13, 1963

Informant: Self

Belief: If a strange cat comes to you
and stays, this will bring you good
luck.

Controlling data: my grandmother use to say
this.

Robert Allen
Machiasport
Maine
Sept 28, 1963

Informant: Mrs Lawrence Wilson Cumberland Me 59

Superstition: A white horse is the sign of
good luck.

Collector: Mrs. John Cruise
464 Deering Ave
Portland Maine

Date: October 13, 1964

Informant:

self

25 years old

Belief: If you step in horse manure
you'll have good luck.

Controlling data: Heard when I was a
child in Machias.

Sandra J. Pottle
Perry, Maine
Oct 3, 1963

Informant: Corinne Gray, Oldtown, Maine, 48 years old

Belief: the left hind foot of a rabbit killed in a cemetery on a moonlit night brings especially good luck.

Controlling data: An old Negro belief she heard in Virginia.

Brady Gray
Oldtown, Maine
February 18, 1964

Informant: Olive Coffin, Steubex, Maine

Belief:

If a "money cat" (one of three colors, including yellow) comes to you it will bring good luck.

Controlling data:-

She doesn't believe this but says an aunt does.

Iona Coffin
Lubec, Maine
Sept. 26, 1963

Informant: Priscilla Clark, Belfast, Maine (24)

Belief: If a black cat crosses your path, you should turn and go in the other direction or you will have bad luck.

Background: This superstition was learned from her parents when she was younger. Although she does not believe in this, I have met other people who do believe it.

Collector: Nancy A. Esty
Baumer St.
Lisbon Falls, Maine

Date: July 14, 1964

Informant: Helen Harmon, Ellsworth, Maine
79 years old

Belief: The breaking of a wish-bone of a chicken
is a sign of good luck and fulfilled
wish to the one who gets the long end
of the break.

Controlling data: Mother always hung the wish-
bones on the stove damper to dry so
it would break easily when we "wished
on it".

Etta H. Clark
East Machias, Maine
Nov. 7, 1963

Informant:

Self

25 years old

Belief:

A horseshoe brings good luck

Controlling data: Told when I was a child in Machias.

Sandra J. Pottle

Perry, Maine

September 16, 1963

Informant: Dwight M. Havey (husband)
West Sullivan, Me
Age 57, 1963

Belief:

Fishing is poor on a bright day.

Controlling data.

There is none except that he believes
it as his father and grandfather
did.

Zelda B. Havey
West Sullivan
Sept 28, 1963

Informant: Helen Holmes, East Machias, Maine.
60 Years Old.

Belief: If you look more than once at a passing
load of hay you will have bad luck. If
you look just once and make a happy wish
it won't bring bad luck.

Controlling Data: I don't know where she heard it.

Lina Bagley
East Machias, Maine
Sept. 27, 1963

Informant: Mrs. JoAnn Jacques, 19 Lessard Ave.,
Biddeford, Maine, 27.

Belief: Carrying a rabbit's foot for good luck.

Background: Heard it from grandmother but does not
believe it.

Collector: Richard Jacques
19 Lessard Ave.
Biddeford, Maine

Date: December 18, 1964

NEWFOUNDLAND- OMENS

IT IS BAD LUCK TO COME IN ONE DOOR AND GO
OUT ANOTHER, TO BE CALLED BACK AFTER HAVING
JUST BEGUN A JOURNEY, TO HAVE A LONG BLACK
CROW FLY OVER YOUR HEAD, OR TO DROP THE
RING AT A WEDDING CEREMONY.

Linda Eickhorn
Orono, Maine
14 May 1963

NEWFOUNDLAND - OMENS

IT IS BAD LUCK TO COIL A LINE AGAINST THE
SUN, TO WHISTLE ON THE WATER, OR TO MEET
A CROSS-EYED PERSON.

Linda Eckborn
Orono, Maine
14 May 1963

NEWFOUNDLAND - OMENS

IT IS BAD LUCK TO WALK UNDER A LADDER,
TO MEET A RED-HAIRED WOMAN, OR TO BUY
A BROOM IN MAY.

Linda Eckhorn
Qrono, Maine
14 May 1963

Informant: Betty Gardner, Eastport, Maine
25 years old

Belief: A dark rock with a white strip around
it is a lucky rock.

Controlling data: Heard while she was a
child on Campbell's, N.B.

Sandra J. Pottle
Perry, Me
Oct 29, 1963

NEWFOUNDLAND - OMFENS

IT IS A SIGN OF GOOD LUCK TO PICK UP A
HORSESHOE, A COIN, A PIN, OR A WHITE BUTTON.
ALSO, TO PICK A 4-LEAF CLOVER.

Linda Eckhorn
Orono, Maine
14 May 1963

inf. 3 aida Spahn, 2 Park Lane, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Belief; an elephant -- any kind, picture, pin,
statue, etc -- is very good luck.

col. Nancy Spahn
Cundys Harbor, Me.
Dec. 25, 1964

Informant: Lois Webster, Vinalhaven, Maine, 18.

Belief: Any birds or pictures of them in the house
bring bad luck. The birds peck at your luck.

Background: Informant says she always has heard this.

Collector: Clara E. Sawyer
13 Preble St.
Gorham, Maine

Date: December 1, 1964

Informant: Joanne Thyng, Waterboro, Maine, 18.

Belief: Real birds or pictures of birds, in the kitchen, will bring bad luck.

Background: Informant heard this as a child.

Collector: Clara E. Sawyer
13 Preble St.
Gorham, ^Maine

Date: December 1, 1964

Informant: Mrs. Dorothy Tomlinson, House Mother

Age 50

Belief: Irish believe it is bad luck to own a green car.

Controlling data: Source unknown, but when she asked about the name of the color green on a car her husband bought, the salesman said it was sea mist gray. She never liked the car even though she had it from 1939 - 1954.

Dorothy Russell
Orono, Maine
April 25, 1963

info Zaida Spahn, 2 Park Lane, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Belief: See a pin & pick it up & all the day
you'll have good luck -- it must
be pointing at you, though, otherwise
don't bother.

Backgr. eastern Mass.

coll. Nancy Spahn
Cundys Harbor, Me.
Dec. 25, 1964