

Cawing of the Crow The Chinese are much alarmed if crows, in their flight, set up a wa, wa, wa sound, as it is believed to indicate death to some one in the house they fly over.

Dog or Cock on the Roof "If a dog or a cock is seen on the roof of a house they are hastily driven down as this is a sure sign of fire in the house below.

Dogs Howling at Night "If dogs set up a low whine or howl at night, they are supposed to have seen demons enter the house and a death is sure to follow.

A Snake in the House "A snake found hiding in a house causes great alarm to the inmates, who believe it to be one of their ancestors returned in that shape because of the neglect of their descendants to supply their warr in flades. The unlucky visitor is worshipped and sent forth with incense or paper money, or in some cases it is fed and cared for till it 'moves off' on its own accord.

Lucky Days "Lucky days are carefully calculated and recorded in the Imperial Almanac, and are rigidly observed by all who wish prosperity in any calling in life. A boy cannot go to school till the lucky day comes round; the master announces a series of lucky days upon any of which the scholars may enter school; the business man, the boatman, the coolie, the student, in fact all sorts and conditions of men are bound by this superstition. There are certain days which are very lucky, others that are a little less so. The same applies to unlucky days, and there are twelve days in the year which everyone must avoid.

Nine-Headed Monster "Soon after arriving in Kia-ting, I was suddenly awakened one night by a deafening banging of doors and window panels; thinking that a fire had broken out I ran outside to enquire where it was, but was informed that it was the 'nine-headed monster' flying over, that had caused the commotion! The common belief is that this creature, in the shape of a large bird, has nine heads and drops down blood as it flies over