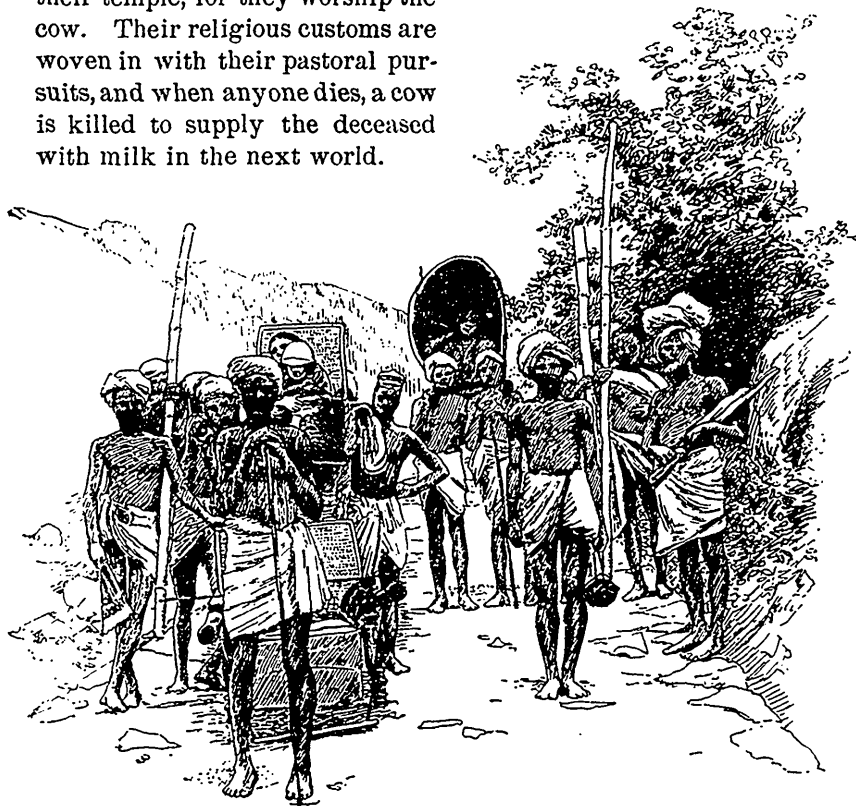


athletic, with bold independent carriage, and finely-moulded, sinewy limbs which show they are sprung from no effeminate race. Their aquiline nose, receding forehead, and rounded profile, with their black, bushy beards and eyebrows, give them a decidedly Jewish appearance. Their dress consists of a single cloth, worn in a manner which sets off their muscular forms. Their sole occupation is cattle-herding and dairy work. The dairy is also their temple, for they worship the cow. Their religious customs are woven in with their pastoral pursuits, and when anyone dies, a cow is killed to supply the deceased with milk in the next world.



TRAVELLING IN THE NILGIRI HILLS.

Combaconum is one of the most important cities in the Madras Presidency, with a population of more than 50,000. Formerly the capital of the Chola kingdom, it is one of the most ancient and sacred towns in Southern India, and is so celebrated for its learning as to be spoken of as the Indian Oxford. It is much resorted to by learned Indians, and great numbers of pilgrims.

The Mahamohan tank is one of the handsomest in India, its banks being studded with fine temples, flights of steps, and a very large and ancient pagoda of red brick. There are a number of