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Rain-making Malays! These people believe that the coming of rain rests with a mythical bird, "Girade," that never touches earth or tree, and whose young are hatched from eggs in mid-air. To cause it to rain a woman places an inverted earthen pan on her head. Then she fills it with water and washes a cat in it until it is nearly drowned. Heavy rain is sure to follow! To stop rain these people simply recite the following:

"Though the stem of the Meranti tree rocks to and fro,
Let the yam leaves be as thick as possible,
That rain and tempest may come to naught."
