

dropped his mahl-stick and swooned. He dashed water on his face to bring him to, and then he laughed with merriment at this exhibition of acute sensitiveness.

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**Religious Ants.**

In Spain it is believed by the common people that the ants hold religious services on Christmas Day.

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**Abbot of Unreason.**

In the Scotch monasteries an "Abbot of Unreason" was appointed to direct the festivities of the holiday period.