

Their coats, or tunics, are usually made of colored silk, for the most part purple, lilac, crimson, or brown, and flow loosely rather below their vests; the sleeves are loose, and there is no collar. They use also stockings and shoes: and, when within doors, lay aside their black bonnets, wearing in their stead white skull-caps, round like a small bowl, and often neatly tamboured with colored silks. They have pockets both in their vests, and in their small-cloaths: some wear girdles, under their tunics; and some wear silken sashes.

Having disposed of those who pride themselves as appertaining to the *nokeron*, it remains to detail the services, &c. of such as come under the general designation of *chaukeron*.

The *Khedmutgar*, or, as he is often termed, the *kismutgar*, is, with very few exceptions, a Musulman: his business is to prepare all the apparatus, and to wait at table. For this purpose, he repairs to the house of his employer shortly after day-break; when, after seeing that the breakfast apartment has been swept, and taking care that the bearers have put on a kettle, he lays the cloth, with small plates, knives, forks, spoons, &c. together with bread, butter, sweet-meats, &c. but reserving all the tea-things for a side-table; at which, if there be no *kansamah*, he officiates, making the tea, coffee, chocolate, cocoa, or whatever is ordered. Where there is