

**A SOCIAL CUSTOM.**—Can any reader tell me the origin of a custom which prevails in the districts of Ravensthorpe and Mirfield at Christmas, of a party of boys, or sometimes young men, going about from house to house accompanied with a figure having a ram's head, and singing a number of verses from the song of "The Derby Ram?" After the singing, if the householders are disposed, all the party are admitted and regaled with good fare. I have often made inquiries as to the origin of the custom and its meaning, but have never been able to meet with any one who could tell me anything about it. —  
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