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Another meeting point

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A dictionary of Le Cachemirien's beloved words

WOW



Weave

Wasadar

A pure *pashmina* shawl, hand spun and hand woven, has been dyed with saffron pistils to obtain the yellow of yesteryears.

The embroidery made by hand with silk thread follows a pattern used on copper vessels in which the *Wasa*, the traditional cooks prepare their meals during festivals and ceremonies.

Unique piece made in Kashmir.

Colour

White

During the Renaissance, in the universities of Padua and Bologna, white was symbolic of the humanities.

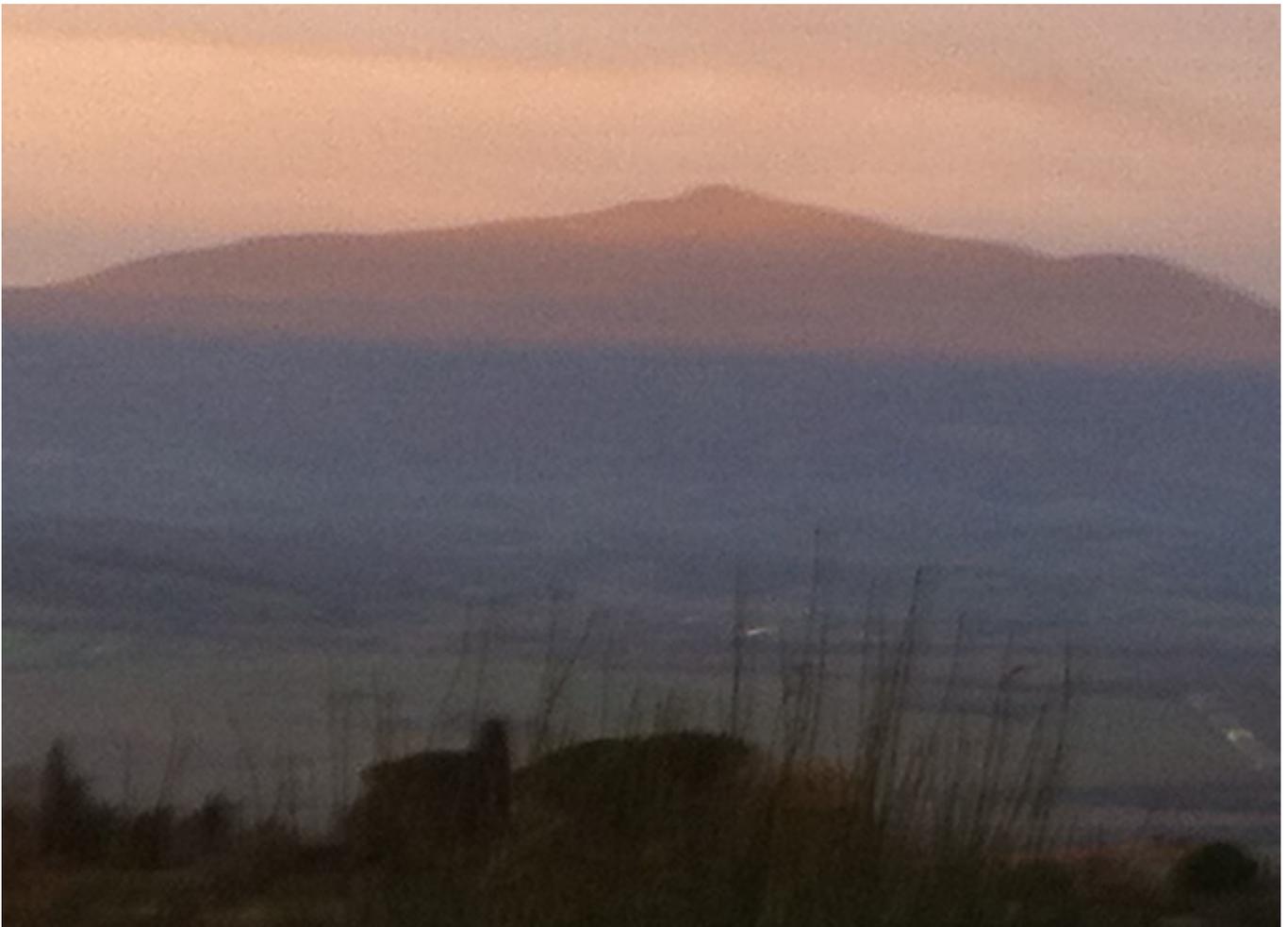


Mythology

Waramurungundi

The first woman, according to the Gunwinggu people of Australia, Waramurungundi was the all-creating mother of Australia; she gave birth to the earth and then fashioned all its living creatures.

She then taught her creations to talk and divided each language group from the next.





Drawing *Waves*

Indian Weavers

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

Sarojini Naidu



Travel *Warangal*

Dress

Wamika

Wamika, the sky of a *kani* shawl in pure *pashmina*. This intricate weaving involves crossing little bobbins of thread. It takes two days of painstaking work for two men on the loom to weave one inch of it.

The woman in the picture wears a reversible *Hawa* tunic in pure silk muslin.

Made by hand in Kashmir

A music:

The Wailing Wailers
by The Wailers

A book:

Walt Whitman Leaves of Grass
by Walt Whitman

A film:

The wizard of oz
by Victor Fleming