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times by one leg in the room where the death took place. After being killed, a portion of the right flank is cut off and is chopped up and scattered on the ground while the following is repeated:—Sri Thakur Maharaj tum lahi phir pir purkhe an hamara bap dada khale—"Sri Thakur Maharaj take this and eat it with our ancestors". The rest of the pig and other food is then consumed by the party.

Tabus.--Bhantus abstain from fish, beef, fox and duck but usually eat pig, goat, porcupine, gull and jungle cat. The Bhantus are sworn against however, which is regarded as the lowest got, and intermarry within their own clan, eat anything.

Dialect.--The Bhantus have a dialect which is peculiar to their tribe. Tapi is the term used for this dialect, which is not understood by the other criminal tribes such as Doms, Sansis and Haburas, except when they come in contact with them in the settlements. There is an apparent relationship to Hindustani, which can be noticed from the list of words given below with the corresponding vernacular terms. Apart, however, from the actual changing of the words, they further mutilate their Hindustani speaking somewhat in this way:--for Kidhar la rahe? They will ask, Kitar Jasi or Kidhar jahare. Aggra and Agra is apparently a suffix attached to many words and is apt to be confusing. It is not unlike a schoolboy's idea of producing a foreign language by saying "Whera you arago gorogoin" for "where are you going". The whole is species of thieves slang which however the settlers in Port Blair are rapidly losing, particularly the younger ones. Young women of the tribe often have a habit of speaking among themselves in this way. For example for Kitna kam bagai hai. They will say Kamitha karam bavaqi hai?

English.	Hindustani.	Dialect.
Bhantu	Bhantu	Chantu.
Woman	Aurat	Chintani.
Boy	Larka	Bohra.
Girl	Larki	Bohri.
Police officer	Daroga	Khagra.
Constable	Sipahi	Chivra.
Stranger	Ajnabi	Kaja or Tel.
Mohr (Gold).	Mohr	Piskare.
Rupees	Rupiya	Kupaiya.
Cloth	Kapra	Richara.
Boots	Jute	Gonia.
Abuse	Gali	Rani.
Oil	Tel	Nel.
Ghee	Ghee	Rehuta.
Village	Gawn	Raun.
Dog	Kutta	Bhokara of
Goat	Bakri	Beri.
Wheat	Gahun	Risu.
Water	Pani	Cheni.
Sweetmeats	Mithai	Keddu.
Wine	Sharab	Kallu or