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Country Philippine Islands.  
 Locality Davao Gulf, Mindanao.  
 People Bagobo. Stock.

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Name Patasi-nan: - Two long bamboo poles with decorations of stripped leaves. The longer is for the spirit Mandarangan, the shorter is for the ♀ spirit Harágo. It is for these two spirits that a human sacrifice is made.  
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Notes These poles are erected & used during the gintem ceremony. See notes.

Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Price ₱ 7.00

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In the month of December of each year the Bagobo hold a great ceremony known as GinEm. Its object is to thank the spirits for success in war or domestic affairs, to ward off dangers, and finally to secure the good will of the unseen beings.

Early in this celebration the fighting men who are under the protection of the warrior dieties go to a bamboo thicket and there cut two large poles. One of these, which is nine sections in length, is for Darago, a female spirit said to be the wife of Mandarangan. With each stroke of the knife the warriors give the battle cry and when the poles are felled all seize hold and carry them to the house of the datu where they are decorated. They are then carried into the house and are fastened near the far end of the room where the datu or a renowned warrior stands ready to sacrifice a chicken. There is little doubt but that until recent times a slave was often sacrificed at this time.

The poles stand in the house during the balance of the ceremony. At some time during the last night of the celebration, the warriors surround them, then one by one they take hold of the poles and with loud voices confess all their warlike deeds. They relate how and when they killed their victims, the number of sacrifices they participated in, the towns they have sacked.