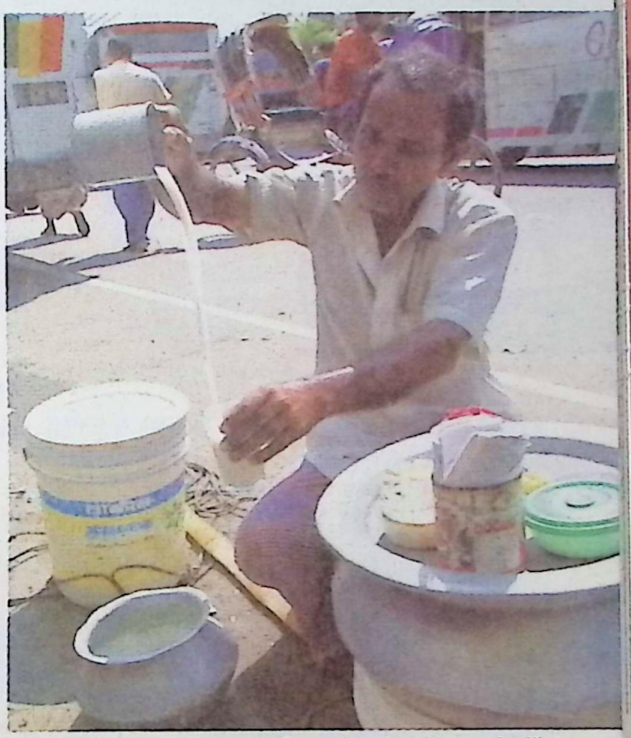
rious cards and entrails in the front. If you pay some money to this parrot tied to a cage, the wise bird will drag a card with its tough beak and throw it to you. You obviously find some assuring words written in that card. The bird is "wise" of course as it has been highly trained by the soothsayer to pick the card appropriately and throw to the client. Bishu, the soothsayer, is quite happy with his work. He says, "This is just for entertainment. I am not claiming that my parrot can tell your fortune." Thanks to his avian employee, Bishu has quite a good lot of customers interested to know their fate. Bishu says that he and his bird have been featured in some television dramas. So if you want your luck tested by a wise parrot you can meet Bishu on the pavement near Gulistan. Animal rights activists may also want to visit him for caging some beautiful parrots in such a manner and also for running a business like this.



Anwar in his works.

Anwar's Tale

If you enter into the General Post Office (GPO) premises you will meet Anwar waiting with his packing instruments. GPO is the country's largest post office where hundreds of people come to send gifts and letters to their loved ones. Anwar earns his bread by packing these gifts and other such objects. We find him busy in packing a parcel with great care. After completing the task, which seemed quite laborious, he talks to us about his life and work. We ask him why he has chosen packing other's stuff as a profession. He then tells us about his previous profession which he left a few moons ago--finding no other suitable work, he at first chose letter writing as his career. He used to sit at a small table beside the GPO office to write letters on behalf of those who could not read or write. His fee was very nominal but he used to enjoy his job at that time by inscribing another person's mind in his own words. But with the advent of cell phone, he had to quit his job as there weren't enough customers. Now he packs other's gifts and presents. How is he doing? He is struggling to make ends meet as he has two school-going children. Be that as it may, the young man doesn't lose hope. With a beaming smile he says, "When I think that I am ensuring security to other's valuable property and their gifts to their dearest ones I feel happy with my work."



Preparing the skimmed milk.

The Milkman of Ramna

If you are a regular morning walker at Ramna Park you obviously have come across Ajit Ghosh offering fresh and skimmed milk. Carrying jars, he regularly comes to Ramna to nourish the health conscious people. The process of preparation of skimmed milk is as ancient as the history of Bangladesh. Shaking skimmed milk with two glasses and by adding sugar Ajit offered his preparation of skimmed milk to us. It was very soothing. While asking about his profession he said that he is a milkman by his caste. His ancestors were also milkman. He has cows in his home and he and his wife prepare this skimmed milk. Each day he sells almost 200 glasses of skimmed milk. He is quite familiar with his regular customers. He also delivers milk in many houses of his area. His customers trust him for his pure and fresh skimmed milk.