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AUSTRALIAN WEAPONS IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL BUILDING.

An Interesting Part of the Great World's Exposition Which Is Now Getting Its Portion of Visitors—Casting the Boomerang.

[World's Fair Letter.]

THE DEPARTMENT of anthropology and ethnology is bewildering in its vastness and the infinite variety of its exhibits. Here one may study the crude beginning of human industry—the first implements roughly wrought in stone and flint and iron; cloth made from the fiber of plants—and a little later in the list of progress from wool and silk. There are the clumsy weapons preceding the invention of gunpowder by many ages, not so swift and sure, but still capable of inflicting wounds and death in the hands of a savage enemy.

The sameness of invention and decoration impress me strongly; the rude figures, the more satisfactory attempts at conventionalization are strikingly alike, whether it be the Egyptian, the product of the Nile basin—which Draper terms the real cradle of civilization—or his brother the Estec on the opposite side of the globe. Of course, this similarity is apparent only to the untrained eye; the student sees a thousand differences, all of weight and import, establishing his theories by indisputable proofs.

There are the arrows and spears and war clubs of countless tribes—of American Indians, of Asiatic and African, South Sea Islanders and the people of the arctic zone. They mean not only defense and conquest, but food, strength and life.

Of all the varieties none exceed those of Australia and the neighboring islands in interest or workmanship. In the Australian exhibit the spears are arranged in a fan-shaped pattern upon the walls, and beneath them are grouped specimens of that unique weapon, the boomerang. With these implements of war there are a number of striking portraits, giving one a very comprehensive idea of the aborigines. Some of the spears are ten feet in length. They are made of the hard woods of that country, of which there are many varieties. The native's ideal of deadliness—and not without reason—was the teeth of a shark. The spears, in conformity to this idea, have flattened heads, along which have been arranged two rows of pointed spikes, as nearly resembling sharks' teeth as possible.

The spikes are glued to the wood with a tenacious gum obtained from a tree called "black boy." The tree has a short, rough trunk, with a cluster of fern-like leaves at the top, from the center of which springs a peculiar blossom spike. The gum of the "black boy" is used by the aborigines for many purposes or was formerly, before the forests were so wantonly destroyed in clearing the land for sheep stations. The skill of the people in throwing these spears, a skill which the women acquired as well as the men, was almost phenomenal. And they used them indiscriminately, upon an impulse, without a moment's warning. Lady Broome, whose husband was governor of West Australia some years ago, relates two characteristic incidents.

"A ranchman who had been extremely kind to the natives was walking along a trail with several armed natives following him. One of them was a powerful fellow, an expert in throwing his spear, and he came immediately behind the Englishman. Suddenly he asked permission to walk in front, and when it was given and he was pressed for his reason he said: 'I am afraid I will kill you; I have such a desire to throw my spear at your back,' but the ranchman kept an eye on him for the remainder of the journey."

On another occasion Lady Broome found a particularly amiable man among the prisoners upon the island opposite Perth, where convicts in that

A BUSHMAN

part of the continent are sent. He was especially efficient when his services were required by the sport men of the party, among whom his good nature made him a favorite. When she inquired into the nature of his offense, she found that he had killed a woman who was quarreling with his wife. "But I did not mean to do it," he said. "I only meant to wound her. I aimed it at her leg, and the spear glanced and struck her in the throat," an explanation that was received with some incredulity.

The boomerangs are thin pieces of wood—some of them worn and polished from long use. They are used both in hunting and in battle, and in the hands of an expert thrower can inflict dangerous and fatal injuries. They are slightly curved and about twenty-four inches in length. Boomerang or kylie throwing used to be one of the most interesting entertainments provided English and American tourists. Owing to its peculiar form, the boomerang when thrown strikes the object at which it is aimed, then circles and returns and falls at the feet of the thrower, or behind him. This is merely as it is ordinarily used. The artist can use it with a skill that surpasses that of the tyro as much as the crack shot of a rifle corps surpasses the feats of a militia marksman. Several exhibitions were given in honor of Lady Broome and the governor, which were described as something almost beyond belief. The boomerang

A BOOMERANG THROWER.

was thrown into the air with such force that it disappeared for a few seconds, then reappeared, circling, descending; poising and rising and again descending until it dropped upon the ground in front of the "boy" who had thrown it.

The portraits of natives which have been sent with the collection by the ethnological societies of Australia are most interesting. They give one an impression of the aborigines before they were vitiated and enfeebled by their admixture with the white race, as seems always to occur. They were of immense height, six feet and a half being a common stature, and eight feet being not unusual. They were muscular—not fat—erect and physically powerful but treacherous and cruel. Cannibalism on occasion was practiced, the belief existing, as among other savage races, that in eating the flesh of a valiant enemy his courage and endurance were transmitted to the eater.

Men were killed and eaten during a certain religious rite which was kept profoundly secret, and upon the eve of a battle where the forces were equally matched and the result a matter of doubt.

The favorite food of the natives, with the fruit of the bunya-bunya tree and other fruits, was the iguana. Trollope describes it as "a lizard with a huge body and a very fat tail." He saw one shot which was five feet in

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length and weighed twenty pounds.

The white people, of course, do not eat them, but the natives declare that the flesh resembles that of chicken. As these portraits sufficiently prove, the aborigines have bushy, black hair, dark skin and eyes, and the thick noses and lips of the negroid races, peculiarities that are common to most of the natives of New Zealand, and of all the South Sea islands as well.

The presiding genius of the exhibit is the kangaroo—that chief of marsupials of a continent where even the mice are constructed upon the most ancient surviving plan of animal life.

TRIUMPHAL ARCH AND PERISTYLE, COURT OF HONOR.

A KENTUCKY SNAKE STORY.

Remarkable Scene Witnessed by a Kentucky Judge

Judge J. R. Bowman, who lives near Tallsborough, gave a Vanceburg, Ky., correspondent an account of a wonderful snake fight that he recently witnessed. He was going through a strip of woodland on the way to his wheat field when his attention was attracted by a peculiar noise near his pathway.

Looking in the direction whence the sound proceeded he observed a blacksnake and a rattlesnake twined together in deadly combat. The blacksnake was wound about his venom us enemy, endeavoring to squeeze the life out of him. The judge became an eager spectator of the novel combat. Ever and anon the rattlesnake would bite the blacksnake. Then a remarkable thing would occur.

The blacksnake, as soon as bitten, would uncoil himself, dart for a small bush and bite off one of the leaves. He would moisten it in his mouth, press out the juice, apply it to the bitten place and then return to his enemy again. This was repeated several times, until finally the blacksnake squeezed the life out of the rattler.

Judge Bowman says he never kills blacksnakes. He says it is their mission, and one they greatly enjoy, to destroy all the venomous snakes they can find. The judge has a pet blacksnake that stays in his barn and keeps away all the rats and mice.

A Ministerial Unruly Cat.

A Springfield young man, who offered to guard his pastor's house during the vacation absence of the family, was solemnly enjoined never to "lock up" until the cat was indoors. He agreed and thought that it was easy. But a week's experiences have convinced him that the ministerial family deserves no better reputation than a minister's sons unjustly bear, and he has resolved, in order to get the proper amount of sleep him elf, to keep that particular cat in close confinement from this time forth.

HANDY WITH THE GUN.

A Young Hoosier Marksman Who Recently Distinguished Himself.

A feature of the recent Columbian prize shooting tourney at West Pullman, Ill., was the performance of Master Clarence E. Long, the youngest sharpshooter in the world. He is 10 years old and weighs sixty-five pounds. He subsequently carried away one of the Columbian souvenir medals on the fourteenth shot, and in seventy-five shots did not make a single miss or zero score. The crowd was enthusiastic in admiration for his pluck and skill, and carried him off the field on their shoulders. In five shots at the main target at 200 yards he hit four times. Master Clarence, whose father is Conductor John E. Long of the Monon road, living at Lafayette, Ind., began to develop his talent with a rifle about a year ago, learning it from his father, who is a crack shot. At short-range gallery shooting he has no equal for his age. He indulges in fancy shooting of all kinds, such as nipping small disks from his father's fingers, lighting parlor matches and cutting cards held edgewise toward him. He even shoots the ashes from his father's cigar.

CLARENCE E. LONG.

TWO IRISH MISERS.

How They Both Overreached Themselves by Their Selfish Cunning.

An old miser lived in Connaught and seemed to be an utterly forlorn creature, without "chick or child" belonging to him. It was rather fortunate for the non-existent chick that such was its state, for if it had had an existence it would surely have lacked the means to support it. This old miser was so mean that he denied himself bread, and only kept his miserable life in its tenement by gifts of food from charitable neighbors.

But he was known to have plenty of money hidden away in his wretched shanty, and the neighbors at last got tired of giving to one so unworthy.

For some days no one went near the old man, and the cabin stood desolate. No one was seen to go in or out, and at last the constable determined to take the obstinate old creature to jail. The door was broken open and the old miser was found dead. In his wretchedly starved condition, and frantic at the thought of leaving his loved money behind him, he had died trying to swallow some of his own banknotes. Pieces of them were clutched in his hands and pieces of them in his throat had choked what little breath remained in his body.

The other miser displayed an equal amount of cunning, yet was overreached as completely. This second old miser was blind, and lived, with a half-witted son, near the seashore. Together they managed to do a little work, which supported them. But everybody knew the old man had a "bag of money" stowed away on which he could have lived if he wished.

What to do with this bag of money troubled the old man greatly. He was growing feeble, and felt he had not long to live. He resolved to take the bag out and drop it into the sea, where no one but the fishes would ever have a chance to benefit by it. But his son had sense enough to suspect what the old man was trying to do, and determined to outwit him.

The old man, with the money hidden under his coat, asked the son to row him out to sea. So they started, but the son took care to keep only in the shallow water by the shore.

"Are we far out now?" asked the old man.

"Oh yes, father," answered the boy. "Sure there's water far about us."

So the old blind miser, with a sly smile, dropped his bag of money overboard, and the son, reaching out his hand, had nothing to do but to lift it out of the shallow water, and carry it home under his own coat. And this old miser died peacefully in his bed, content that his artful scheme had been such a success!

Straw Hats for Horses.

During the great heat which oppressed the southern parts of France in the summer of last year, a humane and inventive horse owner in Bordeaux provided all his horses with straw hats. At first everybody jeered at horses' hats, as they did at Jonas Hanway's umbrella. But the innovation soon justified itself as so practical that everybody wondered that he had not thought of it before, and it became to regarded as so indispensable that before the summer ended nearly every horse in cabs, coaches, omnibuses, wagons and carts in town and country, had some kind of hat on his head. The new straw hat, which is now becoming a great article of trade in the south of France, covers the eyes and forehead of the horse, while openings are left for the ears. A sponge is kept in the inside of the hat, and this is moistened from time to time with vinegar, so as to keep the horse's head refreshingly cool.

Oldest Methodist Preacher in Maine

Rev. Dr. D. B. Randall is said to be the oldest Methodist pastor in Maine. He was born in Hardwick, Vt., July 18, 1807, and although now 86 years old he is still a very active man. When 15 years old he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, but soon broke down and was sent to school and studied law instead. At the age of 19 he was converted at a camp meeting and was ordained as a minister about a year later. He has been in active service nearly ever since, and has received many church honors. He was a member of the general conference in Baltimore in 1840 and again in New York in 1844 and 1856. He has been secretary of the Maine conference and is now president of its board of trustees. Six times he has served as chaplain of the Maine house of representatives.

An English governess is hereafter to educate the daughters of the king of Siam, and she will be rewarded therefor with a salary of $3,500 a year and a residence in the royal palace.

ABOUT PERFUMES.

Connoisseurs Who Can Name Each Fragrant Odor.

The learned in scents claim that they can distinguish and name each element of any compound odor just as the musician can discriminate and trace the sound of the various instruments that are rendering the crowded symphony, says the Harper's Bazar. Doubtless these learned ones could distinguish, on coming into a lady's drawing-room, all the various breaths imprisoned in the pot-pourri jar—the rose leaves, the cassia buds, the orange flowers, the orris root, the vanilla, the benzoni and cinnamon and musk and alcohol, and all the innumerable rest. But to the ignorant in such fine points the pleasure is perhaps just as keen, let the learned deny it as they may. Yet many think themselves accomplished in this branch whose education is still very far from finished. We remember, at the time of a famous Oriental exhibition in this country, when people were so possessed with the delights of the attar of roses to be brought there, that the Oriental stock of attar ran out, and it was replenished from a Yankee dealer's stock of oil of geranium, and the sale continued just as before, entirely undiminished, and with warm adulation of the strange, rich sweetness of the real Turkish and Persian attar of roses. And although the oil of geranium is undoubtedly a rich perfume, yet the crafty Orientals must have laughed in their loose sleeves at the way in which it took the place of the at once far richer, and more delicate, and four times more costly object of the bulbul's worship.

She Settled Him.

The lady was undoubtedly angry. She had taken her seat in a cable car one crowded afternoon, and was contemplating her surroundings with an air of unreserved satisfaction when the object of her ire entered and stood directly in front of her. He scorned the assistance of the strap and seemed thoroughly confident of maintaining his equilibrium under any and all circumstances of cable-car travel. In this, however, he was rudely surprised by the sudden starting of the car, and stepping backward trod heavily on the lady's dainty shoe. Of course she was angry, but the pain was too much for silent suffering.

"Those straps are intended to assist such people as you," she said.

He excused himself, but paid no heed to the warning and continued to stand in the center of the aisle. At the next street corner, however, the fellow tripped up and fell against the woman. Rising with the woman's energy she shouted amid the smiles of a half hundred passengers: "If you won't hold on to those straps in the future, I will give you my seat and hold on myself!" That "settled" him.

The Point of View.

Rev. Mr. Wilgus—It ought to bring the blush of shame to your cheek, Brother Gotrox, to hear it said (as it often is, and alas! too truthfully, Brother Gotrox!) that the poor are the most charitable.

Gotrox—I never looked at it in that light. I have noticed though, that the really charitable are usually poor. —Indianapolis Journal.

There Was a Vacancy.

Congressman John Allen tells this story: "A widow in my district desired a position in the agricultural department. There was no vacant place, and I was compelled to inform my constituent that I could do nothing for her until a vacancy arose. But she persisted in her efforts to obtain a position, and for two weeks thereafter met me at every turn. One morning I had just finished breakfast, when I was told she was awaiting me in the reception room. So I assumed a pleasant demeanor, and, entering the room, said, in a sympathetic voice: 'Well, my good woman, what news?' 'Good news,' she said—'good news, Mr. Allen.' 'Well,' said I, 'that is pleasant; what is the news?' 'Oh,' she said, 'good news, Mr. Allen, good news; a woman in the agricultural department died yesterday.'

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A Woman's Will.

Thackeray says: "Any woman can marry any man if she makes up her mind to it," and Thackeray understood character, and had seen enough of people and life to know how much weight is in the little word "will." When a woman will, she will; and when she won't she won't, is just as much a truism when brought to bear on the marriage question as on any other. Only, my sisters, if you have attracted a husband simply by the might of your will, be careful; it is human nature to value lightly what is lightly won. Watch that the club does not give greater attraction than yourself. Will that your home be a haven of rest, your table pleasing, your dress the color and style he most likes, and in every way you can devise, both in conversation and amusement, resolve to keep him with yourself. In time, "will" may resolve itself into your greatest joy, and then you will become all in all to each other.

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Sharpening Knives.

The itinerant knife-sharpener is not a good man to trust with a finely tempered or really good knife. His father used to carry round a good supply of water, and with this he kept his wheel wet, so that it could not possibly heat or destroy the temper of the knife. That this is necessary can be testified to by anyone who has tried to sharpen a knife on a stone without either water or oil to moisten it, and the farmer would never dream of rubbing his scythe with a dry whetstone. But the modern itinerant knife-sharpener does not use water at all. He sharpens the knife on the dry stone, and by means of a little rubbing he gets a feather edge which has every appearance of sharpness, but which breaks off the first time the knife is used, leaving a ragged edge much worse than before the muddler took hold of it. To sharpen a knife properly it is necessary to keep the stone wet all the time, and any arguments to the contrary are the result of a desire to save trouble and time.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Towing on the Seine.

An account is given of some interesting experiments conducted by the Societe de Touage de la Basse Seine et de l'Oise upon the river Seine, which have culminated in the construction of a towboat of large dimensions, whose towing apparatus has been provided with a number of magnetic pulleys. In size the main towing pulley is a little over four feet in diameter, it being simply a solenoid whose soft iron coil is flanged to form the groove, the bottom of which is a bronze ring with rubber joints to prevent the wire coil from getting wet; the current is generated by a small dynamo. The whole construction is stated to be simple and of very great strength, and, besides having the advantages of a small towing pulley, there is the much greater one that the proper amount of adhesion is obtained with only three-quarters of a turn. A similar magnetized pulley acts as brake on the slack of the chain so that it can properly be paid out.

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Those who suffer from headaches and feel the fatigue of a railway journey disagreeably, should take with them them two leather or silk covered cushions—one for the small of the back, another to rest the neck and head. An eminent doctor once stated this was a capital antidote to the evils arising from the jolting of the train, liable to cause slight congestion of the head in very long journeys. He furthermore advised no reading in the train to those subject to headache.

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European Banks.

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A Plant Causes Blindness.

The little plant which is said by scientists to cause blindness belongs to the lowest order of fungi. The propagation—simply by division—is very rapid, and its growth in the tissues covering the eyeball causes such irritation and congestion as to cut off the supply of nutriment to the clearer part of the eye, so that the local death of the part, with consequent destruction of the power of vision, follows often in a few days or even hours. So far as is known it is carried only by infection—it must be planted directly on a suitable soil before it can grow. This in brief, is what is known of the bacterial cause of blindness.

Artillery.

It is known that the Chinese, as early as 969 A. D., fastened rockets to their arrows that the latter might be thrown to a greater distance. This, however, was not the real origin of the use of gunpowder with projectiles—gunpowder artillery having been used in China as early as 85 A. D. The Moorish king of Cordova, Abd-el-Mumen, used rude artillery in 1156 against the Sicilians, but A. D. 1337 is the earliest record we have of the use of artillery by the English; and it was not till 1521 that cast cannons were first made in that country.

There are ninety-two Christian churches and chapels in Tokio, Japan.

Steam Engineering.

According to a writer in Power, engineers should apply to the steam engine indicator at least once a week, and some rig for reducing the motion of the piston should be available which will admit of easy attachment without stopping the engine. A unique arrangement of this kind has been introduced, which consists of a light brass wheel which has two diameters, the large diamater being of such dimensions that the circumference will be one-half the stroke of the engine, and the smaller having a circumference one-half the length of the diagram. A cord wound two or three times around the large wheel is attached to the cross-head, and a cord from the wheel of smaller diameter leads to the barrel of the indicator when in operation, or is hooked to an idler cord which passes over a leading pully to a weight, while the indicator is at rest. A clock spring attached to the side of the wheel causes the return motion after the cord has been drawn out by the moving cross-head. This rig, as a permanent attachment to the front head of an engine, has proved satisfactory.

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