

## Among the Bagobas-- Queer Philippine Tribe

Copyrighted, 1900, by Frank G. Carpenter. DAVAO, Island of Mindanao, May 10.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—This province of Davao, situated in the south-eastern corner of the great Island of Mindanao, at what might almost be called the jumping off place of our Philippine possessions, has some of the queerest savages on earth. It has tribes which worship the great volcano Mount Apo, which looks down upon me as I write. It has Moros who are more fanatical in their Mohammedan belief than the dervishes of Egypt and it has nature worshippers who sacrifice human beings to their imaginary gods. I have met during the past week a large number of two of the tribes which have human sacrifices and

made, I venture, the first photographs that have ever been taken of them.

The Bagobas are the finest looking people I have yet seen in these islands. They are taller and better formed than the Tagalos or the Visayans and far more intelligent than the Moros. They look more like Persians than Malays. They have bright yellow skins and luxuriant hair, which they wrap up in a knot at the crown under their turbans. Their foreheads are high and broad, their noses straight and their lips rather sensual.

### Earrings as Big as Pint Cups.

The ears of many of them cannot be seen for the immense earrings which they wear. These are of ivory made in the shape of an



BAGOBAS WEAR KNAPSACKS.

through the vice president of the town of Davao have learned much concerning them and their customs. The vice president is perhaps the most learned man of this region. He has been a school teacher and has a working knowledge of eleven different languages, including many of the native tongues. My conversation with him was in Spanish, which he speaks and writes most fluently. He has lived all his life in this part of the world and has had close associations with some of the most savage tribes.

### Professional Killers.

This man tells me that fourteen different languages are used within a radius of thirty miles of this place and that the whole country is divided up among hostile savages who are nearly always at war with one another. Most of them are head hunters and some, such as the Manobos, choose as their chiefs the men who have committed the greatest number of murders. In some of the other tribes men are not supposed to be ready for marriage before they have killed one or more human beings and the Bagobas and Guingas have a class of special murderers appointed by their chiefs who have the right to wear what might be called the murderer's turban, which gives its owner a license to kill. This is not worn until the man has put to death a certain number of people. It is a piece of red cotton the size of a large bandana handkerchief, with white polka dots scattered over it. I saw a Bagoba wearing one today and asked him how many men he had killed. His reply was, "Twenty!"

These Bagobas live within about ten miles of Davao and parties of them frequently come into the town to see the strange white giants who have sailed across the seas to take possession of the country. They are not allowed to bring in their arms and they deposit the great knives, swords and spears which they always carry when at home on the other side of the Davao river before they venture within the range of our soldiers' guns. The result is that one feels perfectly safe in moving about among them. I have talked with many of them and have

old-fashioned cuff button, with the top disk three or four inches broad and the under one at least an inch in diameter. The under disk of the button is slipped through a hole in the lobe of the ear in such a way that it holds the upper disk firmly against the side of the head, hiding the ear.

In order to get the exact size of one of these earrings I persuaded the savage to take it off and made a tracing of it in my notebook. It is, I judge, just about as wide as two columns of this newspaper, or about as big around as the rim of a pint tin cup. The under disk or button, which goes through the lobe of the ear, which I also traced, is as big round as a half dollar. The earrings are of the finest ivory, and, I judge, costly, for the man would not sell them for less than \$20. The hole in the lobe of the ear was at least an inch long and the man stretched it out by pulling down the lobe when he inserted the button. I understand that the holes are made by piercing the ear and inserting pieces of wood or grass, adding additional sticks or straws from time to time, until the holes are enlarged to the required size. Others of the Bagobas had earrings of wood, and one I noticed had thrust a large cigar through his ear and was carrying it in this way.

### Clothes of Woven Grass.

The clothes of the Bagobas are curious in the extreme. These men wore jackets and short trousers made of grass cloth, dyed red and white, and heavily embroidered with beads. Their jackets did not reach to their waists and their sleeves came but little below their elbows. The trousers were tied on with rope at the waist, and in no case did they extend much below the middle of the thigh. All of the Bagoba men wear bracelets about the wrist and nearly all have on bands of beads about the legs between the calf and the knee. They carry on their backs knapsacks of grass cloth, gorgeously embroidered with beads of many colors, and those which I saw had turbans of bright hues.

I watched them at their meals. They eat with the fingers, all dipping their hands into the same bowl of rice. They chew the



TWO BAGOBAS—SHOWING EARRINGS.

## ABSOLUTE CURE FOR VARICOCELE.



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The Sympathetic Nervous System controls the involuntary functions, and the special organs depend upon their nerves for their healthy activity. In all cases where there is a loss or impairment of these functions a strong probability exists that the Sympathetic System itself has become affected.

In seeking the cause of Pelvic and Nervo-Vital Diseases, I have found that in the majority of cases the seat of the trouble has been the Sympathetic ganglia controlling the functions and nutrition of Pelvic organs. Varicocele is the most frequent irritant of the Sympathetic Nerves, because the toxins (poisons) formed in the enlarged and congested veins are absorbed into the ganglionic substance.

Locomotor Ataxia and other forms of Paralysis, due to the reflex effects of Varicocele, prove the sensitiveness of the Sympathetic System to the proper nourishment of the nerve cells.

Neurasthenia and similar nervous affections are also an evidence of depletion of nerve force or Vital power resulting from auto-infection, and I almost invariably find that the poisons were generated in the stagnant blood of Varicose veins.

### Originator of New Treatment.

I have originated a system of treatment for Varicocele and its Associated Pelvic and Nervo-Vital Diseases which cures these conditions to stay cured.

Powerful natural curative forces which I have successfully combined and modified to meet the individual requirements of each case, enable me to cure Varicocele in five days.

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My treatment for Varicocele does not rely for its success on any supplementary application, such as suspensory or other supporting devices, but stands on its own merits.



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betel nut, like the Moros, and are very fond of American tobacco, begging it of the soldiers whenever they can.

The vice president of Davao tells me that the Bagobas are polygamists. Every man has two, three or four wives, according to his means, and all the chiefs own slaves. They enslave the captives whom they take in war, and it is from the slaves that they get their victims for sacrifice. They are nature worshippers, praying now and then to the volcano Mount Apo, and it is, I believe, to this mountain that they make their sacrifices. The man who furnishes the slave for the purpose is thought to be favored by the god, and therefore is the chief official at the ceremony. The slave is stripped and so tied to the limb of a tree that he or she is forced to stand upright. Then the owner gives the first blow with his barong, a sort of knife, which is as sharp as a razor and as heavy almost as a butcher's cleaver. With this he chops the victim across the neck from behind. The neck is stretched and he usually cuts the head from the body, whereupon the rest of the tribe rush up one by one and give a cut at the dying human. Before the ceremony is finished the body has become mince-

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There is both single and double Varicocele and in all cases where the disease has appeared on one side there is reason to believe that if it is not promptly cured the other side will become affected.

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meat and the gods are then supposed to be pleased, and, if angry, appeased. These sacrifices are celebrated at least once a year at the national feast and also at times of sickness or famine, when the gods are supposed to be frowning upon humanity. As a usual thing but one slave is killed at such a celebration.

Slaves are bought and sold among these people. They are traded for with the neighboring tribes and are also brought in at times and sold to the Christians. The four slaves here which I have spoken of as having been offered to me for \$50 were originally brought in by the Bagobas and sold to their owners in Davao.

### Mataderos, or Professional Killers.

According to the vice president, the Bagoba who has killed the most men is the most thought of. He says when a young man reaches his majority he starts out on a killing tour in order to make a reputation, preferably seeking the haunts of the neighboring tribes. He lies in ambush with his spear or bow and poisoned arrows and waits for human game. When he has killed a man or woman he cuts off an ear or a finger and brings it in and shows it. If he has an enemy in his own tribe he may kill

him, and if he has killed a number he is selected by the datto, or chief, as a professional and given an appointment at court. Those who have killed ten or more men are called mataderos.

The Bagobas are very revengeful. They have the vendetta and carry their enmity to the families or slaves of the men they hate and spear or lance them on sight.

They are adepts in the use of the lance and the spear. One stabbed a Visayan here the other day, driving his spear clear through the body of his victim. The Visayan was armed with a bolo, and with the spear still in him he turned and chopped off the head of the Bagoba. The Visayan was brought into the town, left for several days without treatment and then handed over to the care of Captain A. L. Haines, the surgeon. Captain Haines put him under ether and performed an operation which saved his life. I called upon the sick man the other day and found him almost recovered. He is very grateful to the doctor and has given him the bolo with which he killed the Bagoba as a reward for saving his life.

The Bagobas are not entirely savage in

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