Beads and Telegraph Wire Fashionable Attire in the Wilds of Africa

(Copyright, 1908, by Frank G. Carpenter AVAISHA, (Spec al Correspont) enco of the B(e)-Have you ever heard of the Wakikayu? There are more than a mill on of them in this part of Africa. They live on the big lands J mi east of here and about Mount Kenin, wi 12h is more to the north. I reacted their country shorily after leaving Na robl, the calltal of British East Airica. That town is at the end of a series of highlands. It is on the western edge of a platead and the land rises beyond it. We m d (ed over 2,50) feet in twenty-four miles and then found ourselves among the villages of these curious people. We could see their 11 the farms everywhere. They take up patches of woodland and burn off the tre s. After that they work the ground to death for a few years, and then go off to take up patches somewhere else. Some of thele tarms are no bigger than a led q.14, others cover a quarter of an acre and some twice as much. The fields are not fence], and now and then a rhino or hippo g.18 in and wallows while near the world di the monkeys pull up the crops. The chief thing raised is Indian corn. I see he women everywhere working the fields. Half nude; they bend low, pulling we ds and digging the ground over with hoes. In most places the men squat around on the ground and keep them up to their work. The more wives a man has the richer he is; and the more he drives his wives the b tter Bis farm. Indeed the cheapest calle here are human cattle.

Wear Grease, Clay and Wire.

The chief dress of the Wallkuyu con stats of grease, ciny and telegraph wir The grease makes their brown skin shin ;, the red clay gives it a copper hue, and the telegraph wire loads their arms, necks and ankles. The grease is usually mutton fat and the clay is the red soil found everywhere. The more ranold the fat the better they seem to like it. The average man or woman smells high to Heaven, and one can distinguish a nutive's existence before he gets to him. They soals their hair with this grease, and under the tropical sun you can almost hear the stuff siz.lo. They stiffon their hair with elay so that it can be put up in all sorts of shapes, making their headgear a pale brick-rust color. 1 examined one man's head the other day. It was covered with something like 10.0 % individual curis which stood out over his pate like the makes of the Medusa. Each curl was an inch long and it had been twisted by a professional hairdresser,

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Pipe Stems as Ear Plugs. This man had three long pipe stems in each ear. Euch was as big around as a lead pencil and of about the same length. It was fastened through a hole made in the rim of the car by a kind of brais button, and these three stems standing out on each side his head looked almost like horns, save that they projected from the ears. He had beads in the lobes and one of the men with him had the lobe of his car so stretched that it held a plug as big as my fist. I bought the plug of him for 8 cents, and the man then took the two lobes of his ears and joined them together under his chin and tied them there with a bit of string in order that they might not catch on a branch or something

else as he went through the forcet. This second man had a brass collar about his neck and coils of brass wire about each wrist and over the biceps of each arm. His only clothing consisted of a strip of dirty white cotton which was fastened over one shoulder and fell to his thighs, He had pronounced negro features and where the red clay had worn off his skin was as black as my boots.

Where Cattle Sleep w



SCENE AT STATION AT KIRUYU.

ally has an apron or skirt of skin, to work for their parents, trouble with them because they steal bolts his girl out of it, you would have about the other in 1903 which is tied about the waist and reaches I saw a half dozen Nandi, including two and rivets which hold the ralls to the ties conditions that provail here as to the teleto the knees and sometimes below them, women, at one of 'he stations between and even climb the telegraph poles and graph. The native men are crazy for iron, the African natives. They are much like plus and covering them over with grass. A good lusty girl can carry as much as here and the Escarpment. The men were steal the wire. The women I saw had They can use the boits and rivets for slung- the Masai, delighting in warfare and ready They have donkeys, which they use to 309 pounds of wood in this way and her simost naked, save that they wore cloaks coils of brass wire around their necks and shots to brain their enemies, and all the to fight at the least provocation. They onry the iron ore from the mines in their husbund does not scruple to load her with of monkey skins with fur on and strips of arms and long coils of similar wire tied to iron they have had in the past has come are more eivilized than the Wakikayu and furnaces, where they turn it into pig metal. all she will take. I made some inquiries cowskin about the waist. The women had strings in their ears. In their own coun- from digging up the ore and smalling it. do considerable work in iron and leather. as to the prices of such women and am on waist cloths and blankets of cowhides try telegraph wire brings as big a price The Nandi live northwest of here on a They have cattle, sheep and goats and a toms of masrings as the Masai. The young told that a girl is supposed to be ready tanned with the hair on. These blankets as jewelry, and they look upon the strands plateau which contains from deposits, and few do some farming. Like the Masai, girls five with the warriors until they for sale at 13 years and that \$50 in cattle were fastened over one shoulder, leaving of iron stretched from pole to pole along they make a business of mining and smelt- they bleed their cattle and drink the bleed reach a marriageable age, and the maror sheep is an average price. For this sum the arms and half of the breasts bare, the railroad just as our women look upon ing. Since the railroad has been built hot, sometimes mixing it with their por- riage is always a matter of bargain and the woman should be large, well formed These Nandi were walking along the rail- gold and silver jewelry. If the wires along they have come down from time to time ridge. After bleeding they dose the sale. The price of a good-looking girl is and fairly good looking. Ugly girls and road track and were closely watched by the our tracks were made of gold and silver, and raided the tracks, and the British have wounds, so that the cattle grow well again. three goats, a cow and a good fat hen, and lean girls go cheap and some such are station agents. I am told they are great so that one could snip off a section far out had several little wars with them to keep They are good hunters and have large the bells of the tribe may bring twice as often unmarried, in which case they have thieves and that the British have had in the woods and make a gold necklace for them off. They had one in 1900 and an-

New Version of Noah's Ark by Hermit Indian Tribe

version of the story of afford, therefore, a fresh and untrodden The circumstances of the Hulchols make propitiate the gods who are thought to have On the return of the kirkull seekars with "Noah's Ark and the Deluge" field of anthropological research. has been brought up here from. They live mostly in circular houses of quite naturally their most important gods Appeals to their gods are made largely of dancing, occupying a week or more, is Mexico by Carl Lumboliz as a huis made of loose stones and mud, cov- have some relation to providing rain with the aid of arrows to which are at- held . result of a visit which the lib- ered with thatched roofs; their sacred god enough to grow good crops. The Hui- tached articles emblematic of the purpose erality of the late Morris K. houses are of similar shape, but much chois are from the cradle to the grave of their prayer. When the Indian wants to ceremonial costumes are here shown. The Jesup enabled him to make to the Hulchol larger. They dress in garments of their more or less occupied with prayers for hunt deer, till the soil, build a house or tobacco gourd forms a conspicuous part tribe of Indians. Mr. Lumholtz also ob- own manufacture. tained an interesting collection of articles Mr. Lumholts was the first white traveler to the preparation and observance of rain success in the undertaking.

illustrating the domestic and religious life to visit and dwell for a year or more making feasts and in the fashioning of of these Indians, and it has been installed among this hermit race.

rain a matter of prime necessity and controled over the clouds and rain. water, and much of their time is given up marry he has to make an arrow to insure of their outfit, each carrying a dozen or

various symbolic offerings, intended to the ceremonial chairs in the god houses or into the straw roofs and places in sacred extreme means of getting rain. In times caves and spots where some god lives.

parties of twelve or more start on a pil-

their loads of the plant a great feasting

A group of the krkult hunters in their more of them. On their home-made straw The arrows are stuck into the seats of hats plumes are stuck. The Hulchol ark is used as one of the

of drouth it is set afloat. It consists of One of the most important of the Huichol a hollowed log. A piece of earved wood feasts is that of the ki'kuli. This is a small glued on the tip is intended to represent part of Mexico. It is thought to be neces- craft in the bushes when the water subsary to procure it every year to insure the sides and thus to stop it. Inside the ark

country against drought, and in October are grains of sacred corn in multiples of five. Here is the Huichos story of the ark and

This journey consumes forty-three days. flood: Long ago, before the white man came to the country, a Huichel was at previous day had grown up again.

WARDOTT MATTYES AND HUR so that it can be killed with spears. They These Nandi are among the bravest of also trap game by digging wedge shaped These people have about the same cusdogs, with which they run the game down much. Among the Nandi the woman who bears the most children is considered the

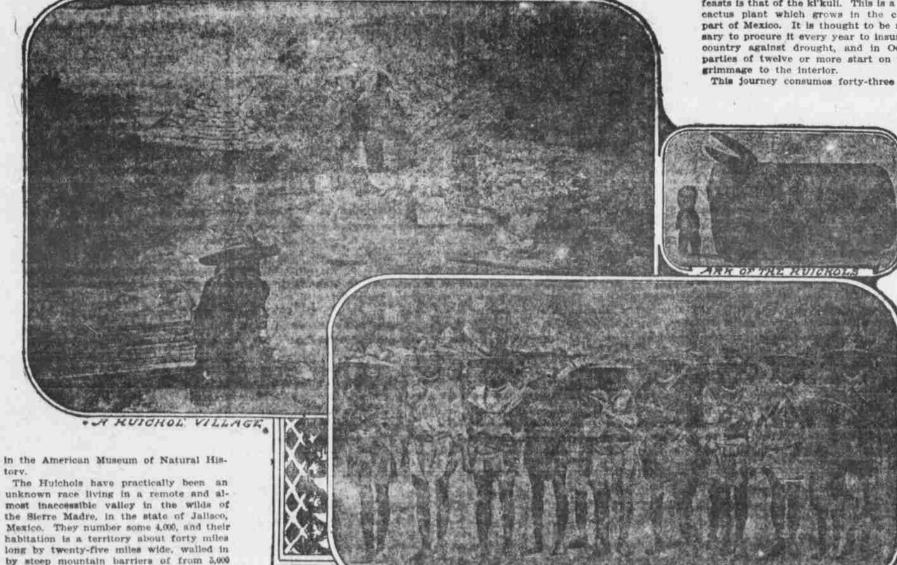
most valuable. She who has twins is a mascot and is given a cow, the milk of which goes exclusively to her. The younger women of this tribe wear small aprons of leather, ornamented with beads, and the young men go practically naked. The married men dress much like those I saw on the track.

I understand that the Nandi Hye about the same as the other natives about here. They have circular huts of boards roofed with thatch. Each but has a fireplace in the center and on each side of this a little bed consisting of a platform of mud built along the wall of the hut. The people aleep on the mud and use round blocks of wood for pillows. The children sleep with

their parents until they are 6 years of age when they are shoved off into a smaller hut outside, built especially for them. They believe in witches and medicine men, and they have a sky god to whom they pray cactus plant which grows in the central deer horns; its purpose it to entangle the every morning and to whom they sacrifice when times are hard.

People Who Dress in Beads.

Nearly all these Africans believe in witch doctors. The Wakamba, whose country I passed through on my way to Nalrobi, not infrequently kill the women of their tribe work felling trees in the preparation of a when they are charged with witchcraft, field for planting, but each day he found and there is a record of something like that the trees he had cut down on the forty having been murdered this way



These Wakikuyu live in small villages. Their towns look like collections of haycocks until you come close to them and when you get inside you find that they contain as many animals as men. The houses are thatched huts built about six feet apart in circles around an enclosure in which the cattle, sheep and goats are kept at night. The sheep and goats often get inside the huts, and, as for the chickens, they go everywhere. Each circle of huts usually belongs to one family, a chief and his relatives thus living together. The huts have wooden walls about four feet high with conical roofs. The wood is chopped out of the trees with the native axes, the boards being about eighteen inches or two feet in width. They are made by the natives, a man and his wives requiring about ten days to build a hut. The wood used is soft and the kind is regulated by the government, which charges the natives 65 cents for enough wood to build one hut.

In addition to the huts, each family has two or three granaries to keep its winter supply of Indian corn. These are made with wicker walls and wicker floors and are raised a foot or eighteen inches off the tory. ground. They are usually about as big around as a hogshead and six feet in height. They have thatched roofs.

What They Eat.

The Wakikuyu are practically vegetarians. They live on corn, beans, sweet potatoes and a kind of millet. They have a few cattle and some sheep, but they consider to 8,000 feet elevation. them too valuable to be dilled and they only eat them when the cattle are sick or become injured in some way and have today said to be living in the same state to be killed. They have no chickens and eat neither fowls nor eggs. The reason put his foot on Mexican soil. The Huichols for this is that chickens crow, and in the past the locality of a village could be told by the cocks, and thereby brought down its enemies and slave traders upon it.

These people have many dishes like ours They est roasting ears off the cob and they boil beans and corn together, making a kind of succotash. They have also a gruel made of millet and milk and if one of the family becomes sick they sometimes give him mutton broth. In their cooking they use clay jars, which they rest upon atones and build fires under them. They use gourds for carrying milk and water and make bags of woven bark ranging in size from a pint to four bushels. Such bags are used for all sorts of purposes and the larger ones serve for the transportation of their grain to the markets.

Wives Worth Money,

The Wakikuyu looks upon the females of his family as so much available capital. If a man has fifteen or twenty wives he is supposed to be wealthy beyond the dreams of avarice. I am told that many of the chiefs have a dosen or more and that since the British have begun to exploit the forests, the more industrious of the native samisens. men have been rapidly increasing their familles. A good giri, large and healthy, man may pay down ten sheep and agree several men who were fighting. He resto bring in the balance from month to cued the girl, and in attempting to quiet

month as himself and wives earn them. He goes to the woods and cuts down trees, being paid so much per stick. If a man Mr. Lyon's release. women to help him, his income may be the American. Lyon was intruduced to Dr. Morgner, who was married a few days her. doubled or trebled.

In such work the men cut the wood and He began teaching har English. When he ville, Tenn. the women carry it on their backs to the was called back to America he promised bands, a piece of geatskin separating the ness engagements have prevented his mak- to marry me. Of course I was engaged to the husband-to-be. rough sticks from the women's hare skin, ing such a long trip. The girl has been marry Mrs. Moore. I couldn't very well this goat skin on her back the woman new. if she might be permitted to come to this woman came to my office and when I told "keeping company," but no declaration of Attorney Waiter H. Thompkins, a Prince- and be surprised.

THE RVICHOL HUNTERS ABOUT TO STATT ON A 98 DAY JOURNES SO GATHER THE RA

Finally he discovered that it was an old woman named Grandmother Growth who kept restoring them. She is the mother of the mode; the earth belongs to her, and she lives in the under world. All vegetation is her product, and she told the man that he was working in vain. A great flood was coming, she said, and it was not more than five days off.

"Make a box from the fig tree as long as yourself and fit with a good cover," she said. "Take with you five grains of corn of each color, five beans of each color, take also the fire and five squash stems to feed it with and take with you a black female dog."

The Indian did as Grandmother Growth had told him. On the fifth day he had the box ready and placed in it the things he was instructed. Then he entered, taking with him a dog, and the old woman put the cover on. Then she seated herself on top of the box with a macaw perched on her shoulder.

The ark rode on the water one year toward the south, the next year toward the north, the third toward the west, the fourth toward the east, and the fifth year rose upward and all the world was filled with water. The next year the water began to subside, and the box lodged on a mountain, where it may still be seen. The man took off the cover and saw that

all the country was still full of water, but the macaws and the parrots made valleys with their beaks and the water began to subside. Then the land began to dry up and trees and grass sprang forth, aided by Grandmother Growth.

The man lived in a cave and found an Indian woman. They were married and the man had a large family, and by and by his sons and daughters married, and thus the Huichol people were created.

these Wakamba on the Athi plains and in and about Natrobi. They are tall and fine looking, having woolly hair, rather thick lips and almost straight noses. They wear but little clothing. Some of the women saw were clad in nothing but beads. They had bead leggings reaching from their ankles almost to their knees and bead waistbands embracing their bodies from the breast to the thighs, with short bead aprons hanging down at the front. They wore wristlets consisting of about twenty colls of brass wire as thick as a lead pencil and they had other coils of wire above and below the biceps encircling their upper arms. They had also necklaces of wire and wire earrings, but all this failed to hide the greater part of their persons. The

giris were fat, plump and well fed, and their dark-brown skins had all the luster of a briarwood pipe well oiled.

Saving the African Forests. In coming from the plains over the

mountains into the Great Rift valley. I rode for miles through the woods and had a chance to see what the British government is doing to save the forests, Contrary to the general opinion, this country has but little woods except in the hills, and lumber is high. A great deal of that used at Mombasa and Nairobi is brought in from Norway, and some comes foor the United States. Leaving the Kikus, hills there are woods all the way to the ridge known as the Escarpment and they extend for some distance down the sides of the Rift valley. Here in the valley itself the country is mostly pasture and there is no timber of any account. In the forest region, above referred to, the woods are thin, and in many places the virgin timber has been cleared by the Wakikuyu, who burn the ground over in order that they may use the virgin soll for garden patches. The government is now prohibiting this and is doing all that it can to save the trees remaining and to build up new wood lands. I met here at Navaishs an Australian who is one of the heads of the forestry department. He tells me that the government has establighed nurgaries at Mombasa, Nalbrobi, Escarpment and Landalvi. Near Mombasa they are setting out teak trees, and at Nairobi they have planted a large number of acadia and eucalypti, which telephone, Rev. C. C. Wilson, pastor of the they have imported from Australia. The sucalyptus grows well at Nairobl. I saw

tress there which were sevenly-five feet

5 years old. This forest manager tells me he is labor.

high, and that although they were only

ing under the greatest of disadvantages

in his efforts to raise new trees. He says

also the monkeys, baboons and other wild

and among them is a dog-faced baboon

he has to fight not only the natives, but

Wanted to Be Surprised.

Leigh Lynch was a happy man-the father of a family of children in which was centered his unselfish hope. He used to carry animals. The woods are full of monkeys, his business cares and pleasures home, where he was always sure of ready and generous sympathy. For several years he receipts of the week had risen to an unasked to be taken to the matinee.

"What seats would you like?"

Kind of Seats She Wanted.

the answer, and I knew everything was all Fond Mother-Listen, Mildred, and I'll golden streets.

Won Over the Wire, Through the crossing of telephone wires

Saturday at high noon?" wired L E.

"You bet I will. Leave this afternoon

The ceremony was the climax of a ro-

mance that began some months ago at

ton graduate, with offices in the William-Then came Eakin's trouble. He was sent- son building in Cleveland, started a flirtaenced to five months in the county fail tion with Miss F E. Grace Wilson, daughon the charge of appropriating \$109 which ter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilson. Next day they were married by long distance Christian church at Shelby, performing the Unwilling to ask the woman of his choice ceremony by wire. On their first conversation over the wire Mr. Thompkins was impressed by Miss Wilson's voice. She learned

his name and subsequent conversations resulted in their meeting. The wedding followed a brief courtship.

which grows as hig as a 10-year-old boy. This animal barks like a dog and acts like was treasurer of the Union Square Theater a devil. It watches the planting and then in New York. One evening at dinner, in sneaks in at night and digs up the trees, the presence of his little daughter, Marie. If seeds are put in, it digs them up and he mentioned to Mrs. Lynch that the gross hites them in two, and if the trees shou I precedented height. The next day Marie ground and breaks them up and throws

father.

have them grocery seats you telled us tree and make grimaces out if the about."-New York Times.

Small Mildred-I don't want to hear about are said to be far worse than crows and it, mamma. I'd rather wait till I get there blackbirds combined.

sprout it pulls the sprouts out of the them away. As a result the nurseries have "All right, dumpling," assented the fund to be watched during the day by mon with guns in their hands. If the men have no "Well, paps," she replied, "I'd like to guns the baboons will jump for the nea est branches, only to return to the devasions work as soon as the watchmen go away If guns are brought out the animals realize their danger and run for their lives. read to you about heaven and its beautiful These monkays also dig up the Indian

corn planted by the Wakikuyu, and they

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Curious and Romantic Incidents Brought About by Activity of Cupid

A Japanese Bride.

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Here unvisited and almost completely

isolated from the outside world, they are

of aboriginal culture as when Cortes first

ARRIS MERTON LYON of New coming. York, a magazine writer, formerly of Kansas City, Mo., an-

nounces that in May he will Undismayed by eight miles of snowmarry Hyacinth Tawana, a 17- drifts, which kept even the rural carriers year-old Japanese girl, who will indoors, Joseph Beaver of Sterling, Iil., a come from Japan to San Francisco, where farmer boy, set out to claim his bride, and Mr. Lyon will meet her. The wedding will married her saven hours after the hour set for the ceremony. He had to dig be there.

All Mr. Lyon's friends at once demanded through drifts from four to six feet deep. details of the obvious romance attached The snow ruined his clothes, and he arto his announcement, and it appeared that rived at the bride's home practically exthe meeting of the two was nearly two hausted and with both feet frozen. It was years ago. Lyon had been living several necessary to go to the home of a pastor months in Japan when one evening he two miles away to have the ceremony went to the Garden of Many Lights at formed, as the wedding guests would not Nagasaki. A festival was in progress, all come and the preacher would not brave the men wearing the hideous masks of the drifts for the marriage fee. Japan, and the women were playing upon

Escapes Lenp Year Woes.

There was a sudden disturbance and One unmarried man in St. Louis has been will bring as much as fifty sheep, and a Lyon mw a young girl being trampled by driven to matrimony by fear of leap year proposals and the penalty of having to buy the fighters was himself arrested. A friend at the American consulate secured marry him.

- Anne

Got There by Digging.

the girl and says they fell in love at sight, ago to Mrs. Margory L. Moore of Nash-

"I have been staying away from social Eakin, whose address is at present the

the burden being fied on by a rope of vines studying English at a mission school. Re- explain, and so I just had to avoid the each other. Both are now 22 years old. which rests on the forshead. In addition to cently Lyon wrote the girl's parents asking women sltogether. Only last Sunday a For the last few years they have been

Dell's

country for the marriage and now she is her there was no hope for her she fell in love had passed between them my arms. I didn't know before how she loved me.

"Another woman told me about a friend of hers who wanted to marry me. She told belonged to the International Text Book me to go see this woman, who is rich, company. but I didn't go because I wouldn't let her marry me, and I did not want to have to to marry a man who had been convicted of crime, Eakin believed that he and Miss buy a silk dress for her.

'But now that I am married, I am safe. Intuition told me that I had met my affinity when I became acquainted with Mrs. Moore. Everything came out just as it had been predicted. It was foretold. It was through a fortune teller and my horoscope that I knew I was to marry this woman. Everything was described just as it is, and knew I was to be married in January. For ten years I have been a widower." "Will you meet and marry me in Denver

Cupid used leap year to pry through the walls and boits of juil and bring about a wedding in Minneapolis, though the bridelove, strengthened by sympathy engendered

month, and if, in addition, he has neveral Hysointh, the girl rescued, called to thank in my office or go to their houses," said through the bars of his cell door to wed

Mr. Mackinnon said: "I got very lone-The principals in this case are Miss Emily some at Grand Junction and the telegram Steger, 729 Fourth street, and Charles to Miss Green was the result. Then came

They are loaded up by their hus- to return and marry her. Since then, busi- gatherings because so many women wanted county jail. She is the bride-elect; he is right." Since childhood the couple had known

Steger would never be married. It was here that leap year entered the romance. Miss Steger visited Enkin in the jail, told him that she would marry him if he wished and when he had consented to the mar riage she arranged the details of the jail wedding. Call of the Wild.

ule time.

Poplar Bluffs.

Pops to a Man in Jail.

Mackinnon, who travels throughout the west for a New York house, with mother for Denver, reaching there Friday evening," was the answer from Miss allk dresses for all of the women he had groom will enter married life in prison Florence Green of Poplar Bluffs, Mo. They determined to reject when they sought to stripes. And it is all a case of woman's met in Denver and were married on sched-

"Women came to see me and invited me by witnessing another's trouble. This it works hard he may make \$1.25 or \$1.50 a 'The following morning the father of to call on them until I was afraid to stay was that made her ask a convicted man