

# The Ape-Man Of Java The Thing that Walked like a Man By Professor Wilhelm Boelsche



The Gibbon



An Ancestor

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In the tertiary middle epoch the climatic conditions of the Northern Hemisphere of the earth were queer. In most parts of Europe it was so warm that palms and other tropical growths thrived. And, as in the swampy forests of Borneo and Africa today, so various species of man-like apes dwelled in the forests of what is now Rhenish, French and Swiss territory.

It is plain what had been the destroyer. The skeleton, or perhaps the corpse, had fallen into the river. Gradually the current had torn it apart and carried the fragments away. Only these few parts had remained fast in the mud and had been baked into stone with that mud in the course of time.

It is no wonder that in such a hard volcanic deposit can form whole chains of hills, hiding the traces of vanished life of past epochs in their interior.

At that time Java either was no island or had been one for only a short period. The shoalness of the sea between Java, Borneo, Sumatra, and the mainland of India, taken in conjunction with many zoological facts, establishes almost certainly that this whole island world once was a part of the Indian mainland.

At present our estimates place it loosely from the end of the tertiary period to the earliest glacial period. And certain European finds of undoubted human bones take us back as far as that glacial period.

Should it be ascertained that pithecanthropus and the human remains of Europe's glacial time are contemporaneous, a great field of conjecture and research will have been opened. It would appear then that the pithecanthropi of Java were simply isolated survivors.

Should it be proved on the contrary, that the Java deposits date back into the tertiary period, say the tertiary piocene, thus placing the beginning of human man into Eastern Asia, we would have the problem before us of how the finished produce, man, could have wandered and spread so soon thereafter from the Sumatra straits to France on one side and to South America on the other.

Then a second species was discovered. It has been named Pithecanthropus. It was spread well over Europe in the miocene period, and if any living zoologist could have met the creature in the tropical forests he would have been amazed at its resemblance to an ape that is living today. It is that particular form of man-like ape which is least familiar and interesting to the public—the gibbon.

When we ask this question the proof of the existence of gibbon apes so long ago as the tertiary epoch gives us a valuable factor. It makes the gibbon the oldest man-like ape of the world.

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## Music and Drama

Coming Attractions for Wichita Amusement Lovers.

**At the Crawford.**  
"THE TORREADOR."  
The Torreador, which will be given at the Crawford next week, is the latest production of the Crawford company, and is said to have proven the most successful of any of the recent musical pieces presented by this popular company, who is given splendid opportunities to display his well known qualities as a fun maker in the role of Sammy Glegg, and he has created an end of amusement in the many laughing situations in which he is placed during the course of the play.

**BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES.**  
Charles B. Hartford has developed a great deal of care and study to the costuming of plays that he will present the coming season. Although Shakespeare selected foreign localities as the scenes for many of his comedies, there was no need for him to go out of his own country to seek models for their attire, for the elegant ladies and gentlemen of Queen Elizabeth's time chose indiscriminately from the sartorial elegance of all Europe and made fashions their own. There was no absolute arbiters of fashion as there are in the present day; it was a gorgeous gossamer-pleasure race for flimsy and however fantastic the result might be, and gave sufficiently convincing evidence that money was no object. Mr. Charles B. Hartford, who has always been an enthusiast in the matter of stage properties, has made an especial study of the costuming of "Richard III." and "The Merchant of Venice," which he will present at the Crawford next week, and he has created an end of amusement in the many laughing situations in which he is placed during the course of the play.

**AT THE TOLER.**  
Tonight the Little Dutchess company comes to the Auditorium in that beautiful five-act comedy drama, made famous by the clever actress Minnie Maddern. The play is purely stagey, well costumed and well produced in every way, with a good line of specialties between acts. Popular prices will prevail.

**ARE INSTALLING LIGHTS.**  
Hotel Lobby is Lighted by 140 Incandescent Globes.  
Electricians have just completed the work of re-wiring the lobby of the Hotel Carey, and the management of that hostelry now has 140 incandescent lights installed, and the power for lighting them is furnished by a private plant. The dining room is undergoing a similar work. When finished it will be lighted with almost as many of the incandescent globes as the lobby. Work is progressing rapidly on the new private dining room, and it will soon be finished.

**TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.**  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Gullitt of Massachusetts introduced a bill today to protect anti-gambling laws from violation by interstate gambling by telegraph.

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**MAHARA'S MINSTRELS.**  
Mahara's big minstrel aggregation, that will hold the boards at the Crawford theater next Friday, December 11, comes with the reputation of giving a performance that cannot be excelled. Mahara Brothers, with twenty years' experience, believe in the old maxim, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well," and they have gathered together for this season thirty colored entertainers who are

**ELBERT HUBBARD.**  
Joanna Miller recently said: "I believe Elbert Hubbard has a wider vocabulary and a more varied use of picturesque and epigrammatic English than any other living writer." This looks like the pleasant interchange of the Mutual Admiration society, but a closer view will

**AT CATHEDRAL HALL.**  
MR. STEWART M'ANANTY.  
Among the more modern writers of today none stands higher in the estimation of his country than Stewart M'Anant, Ireland's greatest of living writers. Of his lecture, "Irish Wit and Humor," John Jerome Rooney, the poet, says: "Stewart M'Anant's reading at the Catholic Club entertainment was one of the most successful events of the season. His quaint original sketches of Irish life were overflowing with grotesque humor, and rounded to pieces by the winter storms."

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