

PYGMIES MAY BE THE MISSING LINK

Little People From Africa May Shed Light on Darwin's Theory.

CHARACTERISTICS OF APE.

Lower Portion of Face Projects and Height Is From Two to Four Feet.

Will the pygmies, brought last week to the World's Fair, prove Darwin's theory of the missing link?

Will a study of the little black children of the African jungles shed light on the theory evolved by Darwin as regards the evolution of the human race?

Doctor WJ McGee, chief of the Anthropology Department of the World's Fair, is convinced that it will.

Students and scientists incline to the same opinion.

This is the first time that the aboriginal people of Africa have been brought to an English-speaking country.

Many characteristics were noticed in the pygmies that closely resemble the ape or Simian type.

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Shambo, in the approved jungle fashion, have been left untouched, save for the one instance where the pygmies consented to pose for their first photograph.

Visitors who expected to see the pygmies clad in war trappings, such as the American Indian, were disappointed in visiting their camp.

The pygmies looked quite like the emancipated negro of the South. True, there is one commanding member among them, but he appeared quite satisfied with the bananas given him, and did not attempt to devour any of the visitors.

None of them bore weapons. LEARNING VALUE OF COINS. Then, too, they have learned the values of American currency since leaving their homes in Africa.

Whenever a pygmy appeared outside the canvas tent the passers-by would throw pennies at him. In answer he would only shake his head in disgust and make no effort to pick them up.

In their own countries, some of the tribes have a sort of money, made of native shells, much like the American Indian.

Bringing the pygmies to St. Louis from the heart of Africa represented the most difficult task encountered by the Exposition Company in gathering people from the four corners of the earth to the World's Fair.

The man entrusted with the commission of bringing a party of pygmies to the Exposition was the Reverend Samuel P. Vermer of Stillman Institute.

Kondola is chaperon, interpreter and the present sponsor for the party at the World's Fair.

The Reverend Mr. Vermer for several years was a missionary in the pygmy country. He has a greater knowledge of the pygmies than any other man who ever visited the country.

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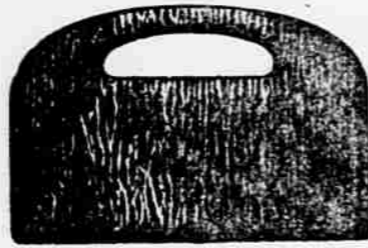
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John Kndola (on the left), a n interpreter for the Pygmies. Auto member of the cannibal tribe at t

Stanley, have become little known to World's Fair visitors.

Since their arrival in St. Louis a week ago their domicile has been a tent; their clothing American.

Visitors have passed them by with the remark: "Louisiana niggers."

A little wooden fence encloses their tent. This has been built to protect the pet monkeys and parrots from kind-hearted persons who wished to feed them crackers, chewing gum and watermelon.

Visitors lean on the fence and admire the monkeys and parrots. They venture a few questions about the pygmies, whenever these little black children of the jungle consent to leave their tent for exhibition purposes.

WEARING CIVILIZED CLOTHING. Coming from the tropics, the cool summer showers of Missouri have made them glad to don the warmer clothing of civilization. For the first time in their lives they have worn shoes and stockings.

Their American dress has detracted much from what the preconceived idea of the visitors to the World's Fair had expected from the little black savages.

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party, the customs and habits of the pygmies are much the same.

"The two important events which merit a celebration by the pygmies is the death dance, which continues for two or three days, as the case may be, when one of their number dies.

"If the deceased is a King or great warrior he is buried on the third day after his death. If the dead pygmy happens to be just an ordinary citizen he is buried the second day.

"The dance on this occasion represents one of the unique ceremonies of the pygmies. At this time they don their fancy head dress, made of the brilliantly colored plumage of the tropical birds; their best-made palm-leaf garments.

"For three weeks following the death in a tribe none of them could be induced to leave their homes, for the fear that the evil spirit of the deceased would work them injury.

"Even though starvation stared them in the face, nothing could induce them to start on a hunt during this time of mourning.

"Another important celebration in the lives of the hunters takes place on the return of the hunters from the forest. Men and women alike join in the hunt, which comprises some times two weeks time. The pygmies have no method of hunting all wild game. Elephants, lions,



Shambo (on the left) and Prince Lananau. Shambo is the smallest Pygmy in the party at the Fair. The Prince is the son of King Ndombe. They are attired in their "society" clothes, for their first pose before the camera.

BY DOCTOR WJ MCGEE, Chief of the World's Fair Department of Anthropology.

The Batwa Pygmies and other Congo natives were selected especially to illustrate an early stage in human development. During the last half century students have become convinced that mankind sprang from some lower ancestor of Simian or Pithecooid character—i. e., an organism related to apes or monkeys. Within the last ten or fifteen years anthropologists have come to realize the fact that the different races and peoples of the earth represent different stages or degrees of advancement from this early or ancestral form.

tigers, snakes, monkeys and all the wild beasts that inhabit the jungles are captured in the same manner, by aid of an ingenious net.

"The net is stretched between trees. It is made from trailing vines of the forest or a finely manufactured net of woven palm leaf fiber. The animal in the darkness of the forest stumbles into the net and gives up its life. The pygmies, who are quicker in their actions than even the spring of the tiger, rush upon him and spear him to death with their poisoned bows and arrows. If one of the larger animals, it is at once dressed for the fire, and after being sufficiently cooked, is cut into pieces and divided among the hunters. In this manner it is carried to their homes."

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ASSASSINATED IN CUBA. Boston Man Killed in Province of Porto Principe.

Washington, July 8.—Minister Squires, at Havana has informed the State Department of the assassination on June 10 of Alfred F. Simmons of Boston, Mass., at Cascaro, in the Province of Puerto Principe. Robbery was supposed to be the motive for the crime.

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Wrong Track. Had To Switch. Even the most careful person is apt to get on the wrong track regarding food sometimes and had to switch over.

From a child I was never strong and had a capricious appetite and I was allowed to eat whatever I fancied, cake, highly seasoned food, hot biscuits, etc.—an unwholesome diet which I digested was soon out of order and at the age of 23 I was on the verge of nervous prostration. I had no appetite and I had been losing strength because I didn't get nourishment in my daily food to repair the wear and tear on body and brain. I had no reserve force to fall back on, lost flesh rapidly and no medicine helped me.

Then it was a wise physician ordered Grape-Nuts and cream and saw to it that I gave this food (new to me) a proper trial, and it showed he knew what he was about, because I got better by bounds from the very first. That was in the summer and by winter I was in better health than ever before in my life, had gained in flesh and weight and felt like a new person altogether in mind as well as body, all due to nourishing and completely digestible food, Grape-Nuts.

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