

**PYGMIES CULINARY ART DEMONSTRATED**

**NEW EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM**

**Primitive Malay Methods of Fire-making and Cooking Shown by Group Recently Completed**

An exhibit illustrating the primitive method of fire-making and cooking used by the pygmies of the Malay Peninsula, with a life-size and life-like model of a pygmy as the fire-maker, has just been placed on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History. It was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director.

The model represents a pygmy of the Semang tribe who are among the most primitive peoples of the world. The men are about four feet eight inches in height, and the women two or three inches less. They live in the deep jungles which cover the mountain slopes of the interior.

**Neither Matches Nor Flint**  
Without matches, or flint and steel, the pygmies make re easily whenever desired by the method illustrated in the museum exhibit. A piece of bamboo is split in two, and the side of one strip cut to a sharp edge. This is then placed on the ground, edge up, and is held upright by four pegs. A cut is made across the bottom of the other half of the tube, and a bit of tinder is pressed over the opening. The groove is then rubbed rapidly back and forth across the fixed section until the friction ignites the tinder. In the museum group the ashes of an old fire are seen nearby with native cooking utensils which consist almost exclusively of bamboo tubes.

The model was made from exact ethnological data obtained by Dr. Fay Cooper Cole when he explored the interior mountain fastnesses which are the home of the pygmies, as a member of the Arthur B. Jones Expedition to Malaysia several years ago. The modeling was done by John G. Prasuhn, sculptor on the museum staff.

**Cole Relates Experiences**  
Dr. Cole, visiting the museum, to inspect the completed exhibit, told something of his experiences among the pygmies.

"The mountains of the regions inhabited by the pygmies are almost straight up and down, and covered with exceedingly dense jungle," Dr.

Cole said: "We were there in the so-called dry season, yet it poured rain on an average of four times a day. There are no trails, only rough footpaths. The last trace of civilization is left behind when one enters the pygmies' land. Leeches are thick as mosquitoes elsewhere, and cause much annoyance."

"The pygmy huts are nothing but piles of brush raised on forked branches. These little black people are nomadic, constantly moving. They have no agriculture, and no domestic animals except dogs. They hunt deer, monkeys and other small animals with blow guns from which they shoot poisoned darts, the wind from their mouths providing the expelling force. Sometimes they even hunt tigers with these guns, which are made of bamboo tubes, and with which they are very skillful. They boast that they have practically nothing and want nothing. Their few clothes are made of the beaten bark of trees. They never bathe. When it is cold they sleep in the hot ashes of their fires."

**MUSEUM WILL HAVE WOOD COLLECTION**

**GATHER NEW SPECIMENS**

**Lumber Industry and Furniture Manufacturers to Be Aided By Displays Planned; Other Features**

A plan for complete reinstallation of the North American wood collection in Charles F. Millspaugh hall of Field Museum of Natural History, has been developed, and its execution has been begun, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum. The plan embraces proposed additions of specimens from trees not now represented, the addition of botanical features not hitherto covered in the exhibits, and the placing of more emphasis on the economic uses of each kind of wood by displaying sample products made from them. By this revision it is expected the collection will be made of more value to the public, to the lumber industry, and to furniture manufacturers and makers of other wood products. The latter will be able to refer to it for assistance in the solution of many problems, such as the selection according to their adaptability of various kinds of woods for various specific purposes. It is expected that the general interest of the collection for the casual museum visitor will be

greatly increased by the changes.

**First Case Completed**  
The first case representing the methods to be applied to all the exhibits in this hall has been completed and is now on display. This case graphically tells the story of pignut hickory. It contains a section of the trunk as it appears growing in the forest; photographs of the tree under several conditions representing important phases of its life; a reproduction of a branch of the tree with its characteristic leaves, and fruit or nuts; a map showing the regions where it grows and indicating the areas where it is most abundant; specimens of boards made from the tree, and examples of some of the principal manufactured products made from it such as wheel spokes, hammer handles, and so forth.

It is hoped to represent similarly all important economic trees of the United States, according to Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, acting curator of botany, who is supervising the reinstallation. Many of these trees are now represented, but the exhibits are not on so elaborate a scale.

**HUMANE SOCIETY NOVEMBER REPORT**

**MADE 32 HELPFUL CALLS**

**Summary of Work Accomplished During Month Shows Much Work Done; Benefits for Poor Families**

The Lake County Humane society was kept extremely busy during the month of November, according to the monthly report just made public. Following is a brief summary of the work done during November:

- Helpful visits made by officer, 32.
- Visits to poor farm, 2.
- Visits to county hospital, 8.
- Visits to home of officer for help and advice, 13.
- Food distributed outside of Thanksgiving baskets, 2.
- Number of packages of clothing collected, 4.
- Number of packages of clothing distributed, 9.
- Number of sick taken to doctors for treatment, 2.
- Number of sick taken to hospitals, 2.
- Dependent petitions asked for, 2.
- Delinquent petitions asked for, 3.
- Number of days of court attendance, 3.

Abused women helped, 2.  
Sent a stove and bedding to a poor family in North Chicago.

Sent stove, clothing and food to a needy family on Market street.

**Aid Given Children**  
Investigated case of a child in Antioch who was found wandering in the woods without sufficient clothing to keep her warm, and had this child brought to our county court on a feeble-minded petition, girl was sent to Lincoln.

Members of the First Christian church donated fruit and candies, which we took to the county poor farm, and Lake County hospital.

Took a stranded girl to Chicago and put her on the train for her home in Michigan, after placing her in the care of the Travelers Aid.

Our society, with the help of members, the True Kindred, Methodist church, the Emanuel Baptist church, Congregational Sunday school, children of the North School, sent out 17 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families.

Animal work. Investigated cases of two neglected dogs.

A horse found wandering around in North Chicago, without food or shelter, was cared for by North Chicago police at our request, the expense connected with this was charged to the owner of horse.

**TELEOSAURUS RELIC AT FIELD MUSEUM**

**150,000,000-Year Old Beast Is Displayed; Excavated in German City**

An extraordinarily complete fossil skeleton of the teleosaurus, a terror of the seas of the Jurassic period, 150,000,000 years ago, has just been placed on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum.

The creature, a sea-crocodile about ten feet long, comes from Wurttemberg, Germany, and was excavated near there from land which was a sea-bottom in prehistoric times when that part of Europe was covered by water. The fossil is unusual in that almost every detail of the skeletal structure of the animal is intact and sharply defined in the specimen. Rows of sharp-pointed vicious-looking teeth in the jaws indicate that the animal was probably carnivorous, according to Dr. O. C. Farrington, curator of

geology, and that it undoubtedly preyed upon lesser creatures of the sea. The crocodile was protected by strong plates along its back, which acted as armor. The bones of these plates are preserved in the fossil. The skull, the short front legs and longer hind ones, and the vertebrae are all practically complete. The specimen is exhibited in Ernest R. Graham Hall of Historical Geology.

**Lives to 106**  
Mrs. Sara Jane Hawk passed away at the age of 106. At 75 she had aroused attention by resetting her own broken arm, and at eighty she had been falsely pronounced dead by a physician.

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