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LITTLE PEOPLE

SMALLEST OF RACE ARE FOUND IN AFRICA.

All of Them Have Red Hair—Race of Dwarfs Considered Holy—Pigmies Always Dwell by Themselves in Remote Districts.

The recently reported discovery of a tribe of pigmies in Papua is interesting as showing how widely spread over the face of the earth are the races of little people. No earlier than in 1891 Prof. Maraps discovered a dwarf people in Europe. In the Eastern Pyrenees, in the Valley of Ribas, he came across numerous groups of persons nicknamed "Nanos," which in our tongue means "the dwarfs," who never exceeded four feet in stature.

One remarkable peculiarity of these tiny folk is that they all have red hair, says the London Globe, but a well built in body, their hands and feet are small, while they are broad in shoulders and hips. They have full faces and pale and loose skins. Generally their personal appearance is so similar that difference in sex is only indicated by their dress. As long as they continue to marry strictly among themselves their race will not become extinct. They are of a very low type of intelligence, not even being able, at the time the professor visited them, to tell him where they lived.

If the conjecture of another learned man be correct, the little kingdom of Switzerland was once inhabited by a pigmy race. Some evidence for this conclusion was the discovery of bones of Dachsenbuhl in 1847, while a few years since a number of human skeletons were unearthed at Schweizerbad in the Swiss republic, and the professor declared them to be remains of dwarfs.

But in other parts of the world pigmy peoples are occasionally to be met with. Among these are the inhabitants of the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean, but they are not the smallest people known, that distinction standing to the credit of the Hamy Negritos, who are found in Africa on either side of the equator. The Andamanese are about the same height as the African Bosjemen or Bushmen, the average of the women being about four feet six inches, the men being some three inches taller. Their heads are of a short, round type, their hair being closely curled or woolly, while their skin is dark, almost black. They live chiefly on wild pigs, birds, wild fruits, honey, roots, seeds and such things as may happen to come their way; they are strictly feotal as regards their quarters, their only drink being water. These diminutive islanders are the only remaining pure specimens of a race said to have been the earliest inhabitants of a large part of southern Asia.

There are several tribes of dwarfs in the Congo district and in the Simliki Valley, of whom Sir Harry Johnston gives an interesting and amusing account in his work on the "Uganda Protectorate," published in 1902. He says the huts of these people are usually placed in a little clearing between a clump of great tree trunks in a dense bit of forest. Owing to the peculiar construction of these huts they are very difficult to distinguish in the gloom of the

forest, so much so, indeed, that a traveler may have dwarfs living all around his camping ground and be unaware of their presence, especially as they contrive very cleverly to conceal their own tiny bodies.

Writing of these same folk in one of the reviews two or three years ago, Sir Harry said: "The dwarfs of the Congo forest can be good or bad neighbors to their neighbors, especially as they contrive very cleverly to conceal their own tiny bodies."

In Africa, too, are found other pigmy peoples, such as the tribe called the Akkas, who dwell on the east of Lake Nyatza. The men and women of this tribe, we are told by those who have seen them, are only four feet in height and dwell by themselves, apart from other negroes of Central Africa. Further, in 1895, a dwarf tribe was unearthed to the east of the Upper Nile.

They were described as the most primitive race on earth, possessing neither rules nor laws, and innocent of both clothes and weapons of offense and defence. They were said to feed upon reptiles, mice, ants and birds, while the only thing that could be placed to their credit was that they had some glimmerings of religious belief.

Some races of dwarfs are considered as holy people. Such a diminutive people, as Mr. Haliburton informed me, were some years ago discovered in north-western Africa, in the Atlas Mountains, only a few hundred miles from the shore of the Mediterranean. These dwarfs of Morocco range between three and four feet in height, said the above-mentioned authority, their countenances being that of the ordinary Spaniard. The Moors living in the neighborhood of these strange folk look upon them with great favor, as they consider them mascots to bring good luck.

The island of Luzon, in the Philippines, contains a race of dwarfs, known as the Aetas, whose average height is four feet eight or nine inches. They dwell among the mountains in the interior of the island, thus bearing out the assertion of an authority that most, if not all of the dwarf races, only survive in the most inaccessible parts of the continents or islands to which they belong.

A Guilty Conscience.

Washington Sun.

"The view is rather unscientific," said Dr. Simon Flexner, the head of the Rockefeller Institute, at a dinner in New York.

"That view reminds me," continued Dr. Flexner, "of Hopkinson, who was wont to observe Lent very vigorously."

"But on a certain fast day, after three hours of golf, Hopkinson couldn't resist a luncheon of chops. And as he munched his chops a violent storm came up suddenly, a blue light filled the room and then a terrific clap of thunder shook the building."

"Hopkinson, pale and shaky, laid down his knife and fork."

"What a fuss," he muttered, "over a mutton chop."

When it comes to repeating itself, gossip has history beaten to a frazzle. Our idea of a hero is a man who never has any bad luck.

THE SPORT REVIEW

"MY STREAM WAS GONE," SAYS JEFFRIES.

He Could Not Get His Arms Going—Johnson May Box "Jack" O'Brien Six Rounds Next Month.

When Jeffries came to his corner after his first round Choyinski offered some advice, and the only response was: "I can't see; I have no judgment of distance and my arms won't work. But I'll be all right in another round or two. This fellow can't lick me." At the end of the third round Corbett and Choyinski both advised him to get in and "mix it up" and fight a fast round. "Take chances," was their advice. He said nothing at the time, but as he left his corner he threw his head to one side and said: "All right I'll mix it up," but as he approached his opponent he commenced sparring or attempting to spar, and seemingly had entirely forgotten his instructions, as he made no attempt to rush or mix matters.

The thing that most hurts the wise fellows—the ones who pick the winners and tell why—is that their judgment was proved to be so faulty. On the other hand, the majority who picked the winner didn't do it with any logic before the fight. They had only one good argument and that was: "No one ever did come back, and why should Jeffries?" On this question many quailed. It amounted to: "Even Johnson could not have been so cocksure of his superiority when he demanded a bigger loser's aid in the agreement a few hours before the fight. Jeffries' personal friends alone knew of this, and it was supposed to have given him renewed courage and led them to bet their heads on him."

Jeffries refused to answer the assertions by Muldon and others that he was "all in" before he entered the ring. He maintains a silence which his brother Jack and his wife are unable to break.

"It is what we might have expected," said Mrs. Jeffries in response to a request for some statement of the criticism of her husband. She apparently feels the former champion's position keenly.

Jeffries refuses to look at a paper, it is said, and smiles grimly at any one who offers a word of criticism of his tactics during the fight.

"My stream was gone. I knew it in the fourth round. I tried to fight, but could not," he has said once or twice since his defeat, but of the reasons which led up to this condition he is so anxious to get a whack at Johnson in a six-round encounter that he is willing to guarantee "I'll Artha" \$10,000 for his services for a combat in Philadelphia some time within the next three or four weeks.

"That sure looks good to me," said Johnson, rubbing his hands and glancing at his white wife beside him. "I may decide to take on O'Brien if I can arrange my time to suit. But I can't say anything definite until I get back to Chicago. I expect there will be a number of propositions put up to me there. Some of them may be so good that I could not find time for O'Brien. Jack is a fast boy and I wouldn't like to take him on out of shape, because he is one of the toughest in the business in a six-round engagement."

By the common consent of those present this has been marked as the last heavyweight championship battle that will be fought in America. From the nature of the game itself, apart from what is likely to be done to it in the way of restrictions, there cannot be another contest of this magnitude and absorbing interest for a decade at least. History demonstrates that it takes that long and longer to bring two really great heavyweights in conjunction. The men who ten years hence will take the place that Jeffries and Johnson now occupy have not yet been heard of. They are still in embryo. Whether or not they will be given an opportunity to develop and fight for a six figure prize will depend on the view those who make our laws, prescribe our taxes, and regulate our habits may take of it. Come what may, this bench is now meeting for the last time.

All Kinds of Sport.

"Jim" Corbett dropped \$5,000 on Jeffries.

"Joe" Gans is sinking fast at Phoenix, Arizona.

Preecott now leads the Eastern Ontario lacrosse league.

Reg. Walker has evidently seen his best days as a sprinter.

Monday Jeffries was the Bear Man. Now he's the Old Man.

Montreal purchased Holly from Rochester, but he refuses to report.

The N.L.U. race has narrowed down to Toronto, Nationals and Montreal.

Hugh McIntyre says Johnson and Burns will fight at London, England next year.

Pitcher Wiggs of the Montreal Royal held Rochester hitless and runless on Wednesday.

Jeffries is said now to be worth about \$250,000, through his winnings on the latest fight.

Johnson has indicated that he will not consider any challenge from Sam Langford, the Canadian negro.

The Toronto baseball club have secured...

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SERMON FROM SHAKESPEARE

If he be not in love with some woman, there is no believing old signs;—what should that bode?

Much Ado About Nothing, Act III, Sc. 3. Shakespeare's lovers are legion. The poet, despite the views the critics have given of his probably unhappy life with Anne Hathaway was never so happy as when creating lovers and depicting love scenes. He familiarly calls love "a lunacy" and "a madness." Love is "a family," "a madman," an "evil angel," lovers are "madmen" and "lunatics," but all his love scenes are so joyant and bright. Even his most ridiculous ones give pleasure to his audience. There is no folly committed by the lovers that has not to be regarded as a lover's madness, and their own lives. With Rosalind of "As You Like It" they may feel that love deserves "a dark house and a whip as madmen do," but they are tolerant of their folly as they themselves either are, have been, or will be in a similar state.

The condition of a lover with his petty follies is after all benighted. If it did nothing more than make a careless, slovenly youth take to brushing his hat and shining his boots it would have served a good purpose. The brushing his hat of mornings shows that he is solicitous about his person, and is a pretty good sign that he wishes to appear well in the eyes of some woman. Gloucester, afterwards Richard III, cynically remarked: "I'll deck my body in rich ornaments and witch sweet ladies with my words and looks."

To have and to hold even a Gloucester felt could best be done by the help of a tailor and hair-dresser. Anyone who has observed boys closely will recognize the firmness of Shakespeare's remark. When a girl has his heart stirred for the first time by the winning glances of some laughing schoolgirl, it is a supreme moment in his life. From a child he becomes a man, with a man's desires and ambitions. The first sign he shows of his heart's condition is the way he takes of his person. From a little savage he often develops into a young gentleman.

Woman is indeed the great civilizer. In regions back as mining camps and lumber towns where women are unknown or but rare visitors, the men take on a masculine uncouthness, beards are allowed to grow, collars are discarded, there is a rude carelessness about the dress. Men slowly revert to coarseness and savagery if left to themselves. It is only necessary for a woman, a good woman, to enter the wildest western mining camp to rescue the miners from savagery. In

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And occasionally men of letters are enveloped in gloom.