QUEER MEN OF AINU.

STORY OF A JOURNEY TO A SEMI-BARBARIC LAND.

Where Women Wear Mustaches and the Men Are Covered With Hair—They Never Wash Themselves—Have no Religion.

The "Hairy Ainu of Japan" is the subject of an interesting article in London Black and White. The writer is A. Henry Savage Landor. Mr. Landor says: "When I reached Hadokate I had no plans. I wanted to see the Ainu, and I wanted to see the best of them, but nobody could tell me exactly where to find them. Of course, everybody knew that there were some on Volcano Bay, but being in such close proximity to Japanese villages I somehow fancied that their type could not be very pure. I decided to go right around the island and see for myself, and with a large stock of painting materials, but no provisions, no map, no compass, I set off one rainy morning, quite alone for the journey.

The Ainu generally live in the immediate neighborhood of the sea or up some large river where fish is abundant. Those up the Takachi river I found to be the finest and purest in Yezo, as the Japanese have not reached so far in the interior of the island. I suffered much in this expedition up the Takachi, for two long days having to find my way through treacherous swamps and a thick jungle formed of high reeds. Black and yellow bears are plentiful in that part. It was hard work for my two horses and myself, more especially myself, as I had come across no houses and had found no food. I was well repaid for it, however, as, where the ground begins its incline about 50 miles from the coast, the jungle stopped and I reached an Ainu village called Yamakubiro.

The villagers were much more hairy than any I had seen before. Men and women, almost entirely naked, squatted down amidst filth, and being driven nearly mad by the "abu" (a huge horse fly) and the "black flies," they look just like a large family of monkeys.

I heard of a large village, Frishikobets, farther up, and I reached it the next evening. Here, too, I saw some wonderful types. Covered with thick hair and flowing black beard, they were extremely picturesque. One day's journey from Frishikobets I discovered the Otopke Mountain with the Piribets (hot springs) on its northeast side, and also the mountains of Shikarubets-Occirsh, which, translated into English, means "the white cliff by the river."

The Ainu are far from being clean people. They never wash themselves, being in this a great contrast to their neighbors, the Japanese. The Ainu live entirely by fishing and hunting. They cannot be said to have any religion but they show a predilection for the bear, salmon, mountains, water, the moon and the sun. Drops of wine are sprinkled in honor of the sun during their libations. The real Ainu dress themselves in furs and garments made of elm tree bark. In winter, however, they use only bear skins, and wear leggings and boots made from the skin of salmon. The chief of a village is generally more gaudily attired than ordinary mortals, and a seaweed crown is placed over his head on grand occasions, as when the "bear festival" takes place. Nothing further is required from a chief than to be brave and strong. His grade is hereditary.

Ainu women tattoo their mouths, arms and sometimes their foreheads. The tattooing is of a rough sort and is done with a knife instead of a needle. The tattoo on their lips, which is meant to represent a mustache, almost reaches their ears, where it ends in a point. Both men and women wear large ear rings, and where rings are not obtainable a piece of wood or red or black cloth are worn as substitutes. Beads also are highly valued by them. Necklaces of Chinese or Japanese origin are often worn by the Volcano Bay and Piratori (Sarugawa) Ainu women. Up the Tokachi I never saw any traces of these imported articles, the women there having some rough wooden ornaments instead.

All Ainu houses are thatched with grass or tall reeds. There is no furniture inside but a few planks, and rarely a rough mat; a small door and a small window looking toward the east are the only openings in the walls, while a hole is left in the roof to answer the purpose of a chimney. Some houses have a small porch. Their storehouses are built on poles so as to prevent dogs and wild animals from stealing the provisions of dried fish and seaweed which are kept there for the winter.

The Ainu vocabulary is extremely poor; they have no literature, no books, no writing, and hardly anybody can count beyond five. It is therefore almost impossible to learn their exact age.

The distance which I traveled in Yezo and the Kurlies was about 4,200 miles, of which 2,800 were ridden on horseback.

Sally Was Reassured.

After I had bunked down on the floor of the squatter's cabin and had been given about a quarter of an hour to go to sleep I heard the woman ask her husband across the fireplace:

"Jim, when he uns gits up in the mawnin' will him ask fur soap?"

"Of co'se not," replied the man.

"Fur towels?"

"No."

"Won't he un ask fur whisky?"

"No."

"Nor a comb for him's ha'r?"

"No."

"Reckon he un will look fur coffee and taters?"

"Of co'se not."

"Nor for sugar or butter?"

"No."

"Reckon he un will eat pone and bacon and say nuthin?"

"Sartin."

"Jim, I wish we had towels and soap and a brush and comb fur he un," she continued after a bit.

"Sally, you purty nigh blind, I reckon," he exclaimed in reply. "Can't you see that he is a gentleman, and doan' yo' own sense figger it out that no gentleman ever uses sich truck when he kin possibly dodge it?"—New York Sun.

An Unjust Discrimination.

Judge—So you stole the watch?

Prisoner—No, your Honor, I only discovered it.

Judge—But it was the property of another?

Prisoner—So was America when Columbus discovered it. Why don't you treat me as you do him? Why do you make fish of one and dog's meat of the other?—Texas Siftings.

Made Solid Handles.

The Gauls to make handles for their axes cleft the branches of a tree, plated the ax in it and left it till the wound in the wood had been completely healed.

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SPECIMEN CASES.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

Brown—Got into a bad scrape last evening. My wife found a letter in my pocket from a woman. How she did rave! Bagley—From a woman? Brown, you're a sorry dog! Brown—The woman in this case, however, was Mrs B. It was a letter she gave me to mail a week ago.

Mr. Gazzley—There you go again, looking under the bed for a man. You've done it for years now every night, and you have not found him yet! Mrs. Gazzley, meekly—No; and you've gone out between the acts every time I've been to the theater with you for ten years to see a man, and you haven't seen him yet!

When girls get together they will say things. One of them was telling of a "buckboard party" in which she had participated. "And when we got back," said she, "we were chilled through. So, while the boys took a smoke we sat and hugged the stove." "Well," exclaimed the girl with the big blue eyes, "I think you might have hugged the boys and let the stove do the smoking."

THE MECHANIC ARTS.

A machine to measure the number of square feet in boards of different widths, without adjusting or altering the former, is a new invention.

The Italian ordnance department is considering the purchase of a projectile which, when it bursts, will produce a luminous disc of 100,000 candle-power. It would light up an enemy's camp with great brilliancy.

A recent English invention relates to the recovery, by a new process, of the greater part of tin from tin scrap. The scrap is melted with pig iron in a furnace and the tin thus volatilized so that it can be recovered in a suitable condenser.

Among recent novelties that of a newspaper printed on the web of the sacred white spider is chronicled. It is a sheet about eleven inches by fourteen inches, contains two columns of matter, including an English story, and is excellently printed.

A convict in a Hungarian prison has patented a device for shaving whereby it requires but twenty-five seconds for the operation. He has been permitted to try the thing on the 150 inmates of the prison, and the experiment is said to have been conducted to the complete satisfaction of the governor of the prison.

For firing dynamite or other high explosives in a shell and from an ordinary gun it is proposed to substitute for the cumbrous machinery necessary to furnish the compressed air for driving the projectile, a shell containing highly compressed air in its rear portion. The gun is a breech-loader smooth bore. When the shell is entered the action of firing forces a pin inward at the base of the shell, thus tearing a hole in the retaining valve and liberating the compressed air, driving the shell from the gun with tremendous force.

FOOLISH AND FUNNY.

Teacher—Now, Johnny, what's your watchword? Johnny—Waterbury.

"How perfectly Hamshaw plays the villain," said the star to the leading lady. "He is one," replied she.

Mrs. Watts—How is your husband's rheumatism? Mrs. Potts—Better, I think or at least I am getting more used to it.

Wife, to her husband—I say, my dear, how badly the tailor has put this button on your waistcoat! This is the fifth time I have had to sew it on again.

Robbins—You say you gave up your position for one that requires night work? I can't understand it. Dobbins—You'd understand it if you had twins at your house.

Five-Year-Old Boy, only child—Mamma, I wish you'd get me a little sister. I'm so lonesome. Same Boy, at a subsequent period, sitting upright in bed at 11:30 p. m. and shaking his fist at his sweet little sister in the next room—If I'd known what a bowler you was goin' to be you can bet cher life it would never have ordered you.

In a French Court, Judge, to witness—How far is it from your lodgings to the wine shop in which the murder was committed? The witness hesitates. The Judge, in a fatherly tone of voice—Well, how long would it take you to cover the distance? Witness—Pardon me, your honor. Do you mean how long it would take me to go there or to return?

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

A fine snow-storm on Sunday.

Look out! Wedding bells are heard.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Evans, another girl.

Mrs Elmer Higby and son Charlie are visiting her son Harvey in Wichita, Kan.

Mr. Will Brush was unable to teach our school for a couple of weeks, having sprained his ankle.

Miss Winnie German has been sick for a few weeks and unable to attend school at Birmingham.

A necktie social was given at Mrs R. C Cummings on Wednesday evening. A large number were present and all had a jolly time.

The Wing Lake school was closed the week between the holidays on account of the sickness of Miss Ethelyn Beattie the teacher.

Mrs. George Sly and grand daughter spent last week among her friends and relatives in Mt. Morris, Fenton and Clio.

Rev. R. C. Lanning, a former minister of this place and now a resident of Coruna was visiting old friends in this vicinity the first of the week.

Petty stealing has been going on in these parts for a long time "it is a long road that has no turn" some one will pay the penalty before long. "Look a little out".

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Rob McClure has gone to Newbury.

John Licht's three children have the scarlet fever.

J. and S Martin spent Christmas with relatives at Carland.

Mrs. M J. Cranch has been quite poorly the past few days.

Bert Walker and wife of Detroit were here on a visit last week.

Our school has closed on account of scarlet fever in this district.

Mrs. Bert Wilson of Detroit visited with relatives in this vicinity lately.

Fred Hawthorne of Chicago, spent the holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Fred Hecker was buried Friday at Warren from the Lutheran church. A very large number attended the funeral. Deceased leaves a wife and ten boys.

The Christmas Windmill and Brownies at the Warren Church more than made a success. Most everybody was remembered and a very pleasant time was had.

A number of cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria around Warren. Just as long as there are public funerals and no effort made to prevent, the disease will prevail. It seems as though the board of health might do something about the matter.

SOUTHFIELD AVENUE.

Miss Beardslee visited in Detroit last week.

Miss Belle Arthur visited at Holly last week.

Will Beardslee spent his vacation at home.

Old Mrs. Stolls was buried last Thursday.

Charlie Solts is home from Chicago on a visit.

Will Hanna Hanna has been up north buying cattle.

Tiring horses seems to be the style on this road.

Mrs. Wm. McClelland has been quite sick but is convalescing.

Miss Alice Houghton has returned from a long visit to Detroit.

George Purdy's children have been very sick but are getting better.

Miss Jennie Hanna has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation from school duties.

Mrs. Robert Hanna passed holiday week with her parents and other friends near Warren.

Miss Jennie Ebling visited her friend, Miss A. Hanna, before returning to her school in Chicago.

A leap year party at Mrs. McCarroll's was one of the social events of the season. Too bad some of the girls got so badly disappointed.

Miss Lizzie Cannon has resigned her position as Principal of the New Buffalo school and is at present with her parents. Look out for a wedding.

Miss Hattie Solts closed her term of school with a Christmas tree, which was much enjoyed by the little ones. The literary part was well rendered.

The farewell party given by Miss McDonald to her pupils was well attended and much enjoyed. The scholars presented her with a fine gold ring. They much regret her leaving them.

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At Birmingham, Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18, 1893.

At Pontiac, Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, 1893.

At Wixom, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, 1893.

The examination at Pontiac will be held in the Court House, and in the school building at each of the other places. At Clarkston and Wixom examinations will begin at 9 o'clock, a. m.; at Birmingham and Pontiac, at 8 o'clock, a. m., standard time.

Third grade work can be done at all of these examinations, and applicants for this grade will be examined in Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Mental and Written Arithmetic, Geography, Grammer, Theory and Art of Teaching, United States History, Civil Government, Physiology and Hygiene with reference to the effects of alcholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, School Law and Current Events.

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It is ordered that Monday, the 9th day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for said petition; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.
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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of Alice A. Daines, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 20th day of December, A. D., 1892, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 31st day of January, 1893, and on the 20th day of June, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day at the store of L. B. Peabody, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

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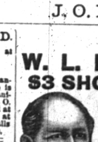

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