COAL-BLACK INDIANS.

A Strange Savage Tribe Found in Northwestern Nicaragua.

During the last seven months I have visited all the five republics of Central America. But the most interesting part of my work was the exploration of the hitherto unknown country of the Sambos, in Northwestern Nicaragua. It is a wild section, reached only by tortuous Indian trails, covered with vast virgin forests of mahogany and cedar, and under the dominion of the savage Sambos, who have never yet yielded to the authority of any government but their own, giving a nominal allegiance to the Mosquito King, the last remnant of monarchy in the Western world. These Sambos are as black as ebony, possessing some generic identities with the pure Congo, but widely differing from him in other mental and physical features. The origin of this tribe is traced to the black Indians found upon the isthmus when first visited by the daring adventurer Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific. They are still in a barbarous state, being without any wearing apparel and observing a religion that is a quaint admixture of mythology and superstition. They entertain a blind faith in witchcraft, and invest their sukias (success) with unlimited authority over temporal and spiritual affairs.

The religion of the Sambo and his worship of the god Rushika has a strong similarity to Puzza, an old god of the Japanese and Chinese. The Sambo believes that at certain seasons this god goes into certain plants and animals, as well as giving visible manifestations of himself in the sun, moon and stars. As a consequence they have a great many objects of veneration. The medicinal plants are supposed to receive their virtues and to have been given supernatural powers through the breath of Rushika. The anaconda, which furnishes a superior oil for the cure of rheumatism, swollen joints, etc., is venerated for the same reason and religiously protected during the generative season. They believe that all unusual commotions in nature, such as earthquakes and tornadoes, are the visible angry moods of Rushika, but that the same can be appeased or warded off by charms or even by physical force. For instance, they think that the storm-cloud is supported by an evil messenger, whom they can kill by discharging their arrows into the approaching ominous cloud.

The native doctors, or wise men, among the Sambos occupy high places in the estimation of the natives. They use a few medicinal herbs in sickness, but rely mostly upon charms and spells to drive away the demon of disease. To this end they carry with them certain stones, seeds, teeth of wild animals or the anaconda, and other things, which are concealed about the patient, who has a blind faith in the curative virtues of the charm. The sukia does not encroach upon the domain of the doctors in the power of healing, but assumes by the exercise of the "black art" to visit the direst calamities upon any one that incurs her displeasure. One of these witches came near causing the massacre of our entire party, because of an inexplicable dislike she had taken to one of the native guides. We only escaped destruction by the providential intervention of a thunderstorm, which was construed as the anger of Rushika at the deed.—A. J. Miller, in Atlanta Constitution.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

An Ancient Manuscript of the New Testament Found at Damascus.

We have reason to believe that a discovery of equal importance to New Testament scholars with that which gave Codex Aleph to the world has just been made. The rumor current in well-informed quarters credits the new find to Bryennois, the learned Archbishop of Nicomedia. The completion of the Epistle of Clement of Rome, and the unique manuscript of the Teaching of the Apostles have made him famous for discoveries even in this age of discovery. But if the rumor that has come to us be true, and we think there are good reasons for believing it to be so, his name will be more closely identified with the New Testament itself. It is said that in some Turkish library at Damascus he has found a manuscript of the New Testament dating from about the middle of the fourth century—i. e., of the same antiquity as the Codex Sinaiticus. Indeed, some apprehensions are felt whether it is not altogether too much like the Sinaitic manuscript to be of the phenomenal importance that other totally independent manuscript of the same age would be. If, as is said, and we are not yet in a position to speak of of it as more than a rumor, the new Codex resembles the Sinaitic, not only in the additional books that are appended to it—the Epistle of Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermas, (we wonder whether, unlike the Sinaitic, it contains all the latter)—but also in the peculiarities of text, it would seem to be almost a duplicate of the Sinaitic, both forming, perhaps, part of an edition issued for the common use of the Palestinian church. But even if this should prove to be the case, it would tend to show that the general type of text represented by it and the few older manuscripts was more commonly accepted than the defenders of the received text allow it to have been, and may perhaps help to reassure those strange exponents of criticism who make much of the question of numbers in the authorities for a reading. To the school of Westcott and Hort we should suppose that twenty or thirty duplicates of the Sinaitic would make but little difference, save as confirming the correctness of their theory; but to those timid critics to whom numbers are of importance, it would probably be really helpful. Whether or not the new manuscript (if it exists) be only a contemporary duplicate or an independent witness, the civilized world will await fuller particulars with extreme interest.—London Record.

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THEATERS IN JAPAN.

Tobacco Served to the Audience as an Antidote to the Play.

From "An Artist's Letters from Japan," written and pictured by John LaFarge, in the Century, we quote as follows: "The doctor took us on Sunday afternoon to his club—whose name, I think, means the perfume of the maple—to see and to listen to some Japanese plays which are given in the club theater for the purpose. We went there in the afternoon, passing by the Shiba temples, and our kurumas were drawn up at one end of the buildings. There every thing was Japanese, though I hear stories of the other club and its ultra-European ways—brandies-and-sodas, single eye-glasses, etc. However that may be, on this side we were in Japan without mistake. We sat on the steps and had our shoes taken off, according to the Japanese fashion, so as not to injure mats, and we could hear during the operation long wailings, high notes, and the piercing sound of flutes and stringed instruments; the curiously sad rhythm mingled with a background of high, distinct declamation. We walked in, with careful attention to make no noise, forgetting that in our stocking feet we could have made none had we wished, and we found the doctor's place reserved for him and us, and marked with his name, writ large. Other low boxes, with sides no higher than our elbows as we sat on the mats, divided the sloping floor down to the stage. The stage was a pretty little building projecting into the great hall from its long side. It had its own roof, and connected with a large gallery or bridge, along which the actors moved as they came on or disappeared, in a manner new to us, but which gave a certain natural sequence and made a beginning and an end—a dramatic introduction and conclusion—and added greatly to the picture when the magnificent dresses of stiff brocade dragged slowly along to the cadence of the music. * *

"A quiet, sleepy appreciation hovered over the scene; even the devotees near us, many of them older people and belonging to the old regime, showing their approval or disapproval with restrained criticism. I could see without turning my head the expression of the face of my neighbor, a former daimio, a man of position; a face of Japanese translation of the universal well-known aristocratic type—immovable, fatigued, with the drooping under lip. Behind him sat former retainers, I suppose—deferential, insinuating remarks and judgments to which he assented with inimitable brevity. Still, I thought that I could distinguish, when he showed that the youthful amateurs—for most of the actors were non-professional—did not come up to a proper standard, that his memory went back to a long experience of good acting. And so catching are impressions of a crowd that I myself after a time believed that I recognized, more or less distinctly, the tyro and the master, even though I only vaguely understood what it was all about. For I need not tell you that the libretto would have been still more difficult for me than the pantomime before me; and very often it was but pantomime, the actor making gestures to the accompaniment of music, or the declamation of the choregus, who told the poetic story. Occasionally these movements amounted to a dance, that is to say, to rhythmic movements—hence called the No dance—to which emphasis was given by rising or falling on either foot, and bringing down the sole with a sudden blow.

* * * "We had tobacco to cheer us. On our arrival the noiseless servants had brought to us the inevitable little tray containing the fire-box with hot charcoal and the little cylinder for ashes, and tea and little sugary balls; and then, besides, notwithstanding the high-toned repose of the audience, there was enough to watch."

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