

LIFTING THE SCALP

An Art Not Confined to the North American Indian.

ALLIED TO HEAD HUNTING.

Some Indians Removed the Skin of the Entire Head, Including the Hair and Beard of Their Victim—Ears and Hands Also Served For Trophies.

The art of scalping has declined owing to the severe pains and penalties dealt out to its practitioners in the various states of North America. It was in a certain sense a product of European settlement, for it would never have become so widespread had it not been for the white man.

Scalping is commonly considered a custom belonging exclusively to the North American Indian. This is a mistake. It is found in South America, and Herodotus mentions it as having been practiced among the Scythians. But as the old Greek traveler's book was not published until 1502 it is probable that scalping appeared to the early explorers of America as a new thing. It was first described by Francisco de Garey, who in 1520 crossed it in his ill fated expedition to Panuco. He found that the Indians removed the skin of the entire head, including the hair and beard. In 1535 Jacques Cartier wrote an account of a scalping party which is more typical of the custom as usually found. From this time on it is described by many writers, notably Captain John Smith and Champlain.

The Indians themselves were uncertain as to the use of keeping an enemy's scalp, except that they felt it would hurt him in some way. Some said it put him in the power of the owner of the scalp, others that it banished him from the happy hunting grounds, while still others believed that it annihilated him.

In the opinion of George Frederici, whose monograph may be consulted in the Smithsonian Institution report of 1906, scalping is a modification of head hunting, a practice indulged in by many savages. There is a primitive notion that the possession of a token or portion of a man gives one a power over that man. To keep the head of an enemy puts him in your power, the savage thinks. But it is often inconvenient to carry so large a thing as a head. A smaller token is therefore substituted. This statement would seem to be borne out by the following facts:

Many American Indians did not follow the practice of scalping, notably those of the north, adjoining the Eskimo, the Frazer river Indians and the Algonquins of New Jersey. Nearly all of these practiced head hunting. A transition period is represented by the Caddoes of Texas, where the men took the scalps and the women at a more convenient period collected the heads. Some tribes in California secured, instead of scalps, the eyes of their enemies, which were preserved in some way, while others in Mexico selected the ears for their trophy, probably following the lead of the Spaniards, who lopped off ears as punishment for crime.

The Hudson river Indians used to preserve hands, probably in imitation of the Dutch, who in the so called Esopus war gave a bounty for Indian hands. Around the sources of the Missouri the Lewis and Clark expedition found the custom of preserving scalps replaced by that of preserving fingers.

In northern Mexico the custom of scalping prevailed, but toward the south it was replaced by head hunting. In South America there are two localities where it still flourishes. One of these is northern Argentina and Paraguay, where it gives signs of being indigenous, and with such primitive means the natives found it both awkward and dangerous to remove the scalp of a fallen enemy.

The Huron-Iroquois have been credited with the invention of scalping, but unless it arose independently in several places it much more likely originated in Florida, where it was first discovered by Europeans. Contact with a higher grade of culture gave a tremendous impetus to the custom.

Previous to the Spanish discovery the weapons of the Indians had been very simple, being manufactured from stone, bones, shells or even reeds. The tribal wars, though numerous, were seldom bloody, and with such primitive means the natives found it both awkward and dangerous to remove the scalp of a fallen enemy.

But the Europeans brought with them firearms and iron knives. The former increased a hundredfold the number of those killed in battle, while the latter made the process of scalping an easy one. Besides this, the whites encouraged the custom by offering bounties for scalps.

The first premium of this nature was offered in 1637 by the Puritans, who gave a payment for every Indian head, the custom of scalping not having yet reached New England. But by the time of King Philip's war it was in full blast, and in 1675 the Connecticut legislature offered large prizes for scalps. One Hannah Dustin received £10 and other substantial gifts for having secured with her own hands the scalps of two Indian men, two women and six children.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Sure Way. There are several methods whereby pickpockets may be avoided on crowded street cars, but the surest way is to keep your money in the bank in your wife's name.—Kansas City Star.

ANGLERS' FLIES.

The Earth Ransacked For Feathers and Hairs to Make Them.

There are trout and salmon fishers who pay several thousand dollars a year for the "flies" alone. Few persons can learn to tie artificial flies—knitting hairs that can hardly be seen—so the skilled fly maker commands high wages. The materials, too, are costly, for the earth is ransacked for feathers and hairs, and one hair wrong makes "all the difference."

The business done in mouse whiskers is considerable, for they are used in the making of a wonderful fly, the "gray knut," and they are expensive, costing nearly 2 cents a whisker. Trout rise much better at mouse whisker flies than at the same "gnat" dressed in jungle-cock hackles, which look much like them.

Bears' eyebrows, being stiff and exactly the right shade, are used in a fly that has killed quantities of salmon. These eyebrows come from the Himalayan brown bear and cost about \$1.50 a set.

There are agents all over the world searching tropical forests for the right birds to supply fly hackles. One of the most sought after skins is that of the rare "green screener," an African bird about the size of a hen, which has a tiny bunch of feathers on each shoulder that is worth \$15 a bunch to the fly maker. One of these birds supplies only feathers enough to make rings for half a dozen flies.

There is no limit to the enthusiasm of an artistic fly tier, who will use hair from his own eyelashes to finish off an "extra special" fly. Babbler's hair is much sought after if it is of the right shade—golden yellow—for all the lighter salmon flies, and one curi will make a dozen first class flies.

It takes an expert only fifteen minutes to turn out a fly which consists of a tiny hook with wings of Egyptian dove feather, legs of fox hair and a body of mouse fur wound around with a thread of yellow silk. A carelessly made fly will have neither legs nor "feelers," but the true expert adds the legs and puts on a pair of long "feelers" of cat hair, white at the tips. All these tiny details will be exactly in their places and so firmly tied to the hook that the fly will take half a dozen strong fish and be none the worse.—Chicago Tribune.

A GAMBLER'S RING.

When Its Owner Deals the Cards Are an Open Book.

A curious ring seen recently is one that belongs to a gambler, one of the most famous card players in the United States. It is a heavy gold band affair and is exactly five-eighths of an inch wide. Running around the band in such a way as to completely circle it is a row of five small crystals. Each one of these is worked in gold in the form of a shield. These shields are polished on their surface and bear no marking of any sort.

Inside the ring and grooved into its outer circle is another gold circle. When the ring is put on the operator's finger by a slight movement it is possible to slide the outside band around on the inner one. The instant this is done from under one of the small shields appears a minute mirror. This mirror is a scant quarter inch in diameter.

When the operator sits in at a game of cards he wears the ring on the little finger of his right hand.

When he slides the cards off the pack as he deals this little mirror comes directly under the card that is being dealt. The dealer, looking down at his hands as he deals, sees each card as it comes off the pack. He knows each card that he has dealt and exactly who has the card.

As the dealer puts the pack down by a movement either slow or fast it is a perfectly simple matter to give the ring a slight rub, sliding it back into its original position. The mirror, even when it is exposed, is always on the inside of the hand and concealed from every one. After long practice it is possible to pull every card off the pack in such a manner that it will reflect in the exact center of the mirror.—Boston Post.

Back and Forth.

"There's one thing about you suburbanites that I never could understand," said the city chap.

"What is that?" queried the commuter.

"I've noticed time and again," continued the c. c., "that when you fellows reach town in the morning and again when you start for home in the evening you have a happy look. Now, why is it?"

"Oh, that's easily explained," replied the other. "After the day's work in the city we are always glad to get out of it, and after a night in the country we are always glad to get back."—Chicago News.

A Rude Intruder.

He was standing among his fellows, this lion of the salon of the Independent Artists, telling what art and life meant to him, when he was approached by a matter of fact citizen, who wanted to know. "Can you tell me," he asked, looking straight into the eyes of the great man. "If these here framed pictures were done by real artists or just amateurs?"—Argonaut.

Opposition.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. It is what he wants and must have to be good for anything. Hardships and opposition are the native soil of manhood and self reliance.—John Neal.

It is not the insurrection of ignorance that is dangerous, but the revolt of intelligence.—Lowell.

Tillamook.

Sheridan is the gateway from the Willamette Valley into the Tillamook county. You go up the Yamhill river via Willamina, Grand Ronde, Dolph, Hebro and across to Tillamook. The coast range is crossed at an easy grade and the drive can be made by teams or motorcar in three hours to a day from Sheridan. Two railroads are building to Tillamook as fast as money and men can push them to completion. We do not hesitate to say after a thorough examination that this is the time to make investments in Tillamook city or county. This year that country is still open at reasonable price for land, property, sawmills or business opportunities in general. No argument is required to interest a person at all well informed in the Tillamook country from the standpoint of climate. As a dairying section its fame is established. Its timber wealth is so great that estimates seem fabulous. Col. David M. Dunne, collector of internal revenue, said at the banquet of the Tillamook Commercial Club: "Your principal products are cheese, lumber and blind pigs. As he issues the licenses he ought to know. But seriously, while Tillamook is a dry county, and there are the customary violations of law, the people of Tillamook are equal to any in Oregon in morals, sobriety and respect for law and order. Their many fishing streams and hunting grounds are famous. Their many beach resorts are undergoing improvements costing millions. It is not too much to say that with the advent of railroads Tillamook will become a city of great wealth and population. Tillamook Bay will become the pleasure resort and home of millionaires. Tillamook has the call today for men of great wealth who follow in the wake of transcontinental railroads.—Capital Journal.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—That the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, will accept bids for the construction of a Steel Bridge across the Kilchis River, at the site of the present bridge. Plans and specifications now on file in the office of the County Clerk. Bids will also be accepted for the construction of a combination bridge at the same site. Plans and specifications for combination bridge to be furnished by the bidder. All bids must be filed with the County Clerk on or before the 8th day of July, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check equal to 5 per cent of the amount of the bid, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of bidder. By order of the County Court. Dated this 6th day of June, 1910. J. C. HOLDEN, County Clerk. By K. MILLS, Deputy.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—That the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, will accept bids for the clearing of right of way, and grading what is known as S. H. Rock Road. Said right of way to be cleared for a width of sixteen feet. All bids must be filed with the County Clerk of Tillamook on or before the 8th day of July, 1910. By order of the County Court. Dated this 6th day of June, 1910. J. C. HOLDEN, County Clerk. By K. MILLS, Deputy.

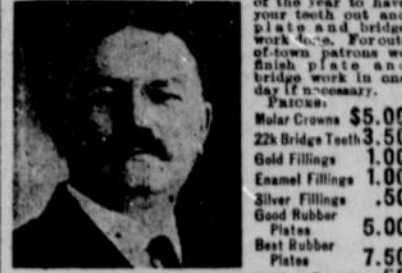
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