# JAN SAVAGES

t Treacherous of All the outh Sea Natives.

OF HEAD HUNTERS.

on Islanders Kill and Eat nemies as an Incident of eird Religious Rites-Stormse In a Treetop.

e Papuan is that given to skinned people who inhabit number of islands in the e Pacific ocean known as and Melanesia and whose rs, as it were, are in the d of Papua or New Guinea. description come the inof the Solomon islands.

has been the reputation of n islanders that until quite bey were carefully avoided. ttle was known about them. the name of being the erous of all the south sea et, considering the treatment received in the past at the white men, this is not to be at. Indeed, the wonder is allow any white man at all ountry. But now that they a chance of seeing some orable specimens than the umanity who formerly driftsouth seas they are much and a man who treats them as a rule, go among them

en now there is a beautiful y about the life of a south One day he may be surcringing natives who obey word. But some night, if eated the Papuan too grossis murder in the moonlight, ader is never heard of more. vever, there seems to be no the natives turning against It is simply that they obving a trader in their midst. ourn his goods and end by

non islanders are as keen ters as the Borneans and except where they are eck by the British governout on head bunting raids simple. Although cannibalill practiced in the wilder the group, it is nowadays religious ceremony and not of diet. The islanders do not kill and eat people for enbut either because their reands a human sacrifice or head is needed for some

el, one of the largest islands

men group, the natives build the highest trees to escape attacks of head hunting parmetimes come as far as 200 heir search for skulls. One ises was built in a tree 150 All the lower branches had off, so that the stem was until the platform, some Access was had to the house y ladder composed of rungs a stout pole with rope of When an attack is exwomen and children take these houses, while the men They warn each other of ch of a fleet by a curious once heard is never to be as often the inhabitants withstand a long siege in floor is made of platted id on a layer of bark which the platform. The walls ge palm. The particular thich I have referred meas-15 feet, and forty persons nown to take refuge in it. icking party land and the resist them successfully cend to the tree house. A rge stones is always kept pergencies outside the door tform, and these the men on their foes. Sometimes, enemy construct a shelter hich they can work away tree down, and they have

set fire to the house. , however, head hunting is only on special occasions. d, when a head is required ives notice of the fact to tribes and offers a reward be chiefs of the villages and if in any of them ative who has made himable for any reason they his head shall come off and be earned. The victim is bis impending fate, but is atched by a man who has to secure his head. He ry movement of his vicn a favorable opportunity if quickly and remorsem, cuts off his head and the chief, who pays for it y. This even happens to if they have made themolar. Money is paid over L which goes to join the tion.-John Foster Frazer k Tribuna.

known to ascend the tree

inhabitants were off their

Proud of It. m going to print a book pictures, and you're gothe front page. Egotis-Say, how much would I to get on the cover?-Chi-

grows at our own firesides

The Motto on the Clock The old Temple clock in London bears a curious inscription, the origin of which is ascribed to a chance re-

Some 200 years or so ago a master workman was employed to repair and put in a new face upon the clock. When his work was nearly done he asked the benchers for an appropriate motto to carve upon the base. They promised to think of one. Week after week he came for their decision, but was put off. One day he found them at dinner in commons.

"What motto shall I put on the clock, your lordship?" he asked of a learned

"Oh, go about your business!" his onor cried angrily.

is certain that he carved "Go about gage into the already painfully small your business" on the base.

The lawyers decided that no better warning could be given them at any hour of the day, and there the inscription still remains.-Harper's Weekly.

The Exceptional Young Man.

The exceptional young man, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine, is the one who looks upon his employer's interests as he would his own, who regards his vocation as an opportunity to make a man of himself. an opportunity to show his employer the stuff he is made of, and who is always preparing himself to fill the post-

The exceptional young man is the one who never says, "I was not paid to do that," "I don't get salary enough to work after hours or to take so much pains." He never leaves things half done, but does everything to a finish.

The exceptional young man is the one who studies his employer's business, who reads its literature, who is on the watch for every improvement which others in the same line have General Lee Showed His Officers the adopted and which his employer has not, who is always improving himself during his spare time for larger things.

Labrador's Short Summer.

How brief is the summer on the highlands of Labrador! says Hesketh Prichard in the Wide World. Snow does not melt till July, then with a rush midsummer comes. Grasses and ic and considerate as he was at home. leaves grow almost visibly, the wild cotton soon flings out its little white pennons, millions of berries ripen on the ground, the loon cries, the ptarmigan calls, and you may even see a butterfly balancing in the warm wind. But then also wakens the countless army of hunchbacks, lean and gray mosquitoes, piping blithely for blood. summer reigns. Then suddenly one day at the end of August, after the sun has sunk behind the barren crags through a balmy warmth of evening. one may wake up to find everything transfigured and the first snow of another season already falling.

Found Out His Man.

A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel and, seeing a negro servant | his sword: from the ground, was who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked know, gentlemen, what you are going him who the "head nigge there. The negro stretched himself to his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St Louis, sah. We is all gem-men of col-

> "Well," said the southerner, drawing a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it, "I expect to be at this hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of."

"Oh, sah," said the negro, whose eyes were popping from his head, "did you want to know who the head 'nigger waiter is? That's me."-Allentown

Where Bluebeard Lived.

Most of our readers have heard of Bluebeard, the enterprising gentleman who made a hobby of marriage and had a way of his own for getting rid of superfluous wives. Probably very few people, however, know that the story has any sort of basis in fact. Yet on the banks of the world famous Bosporus near Constantinople there is situated a picturesque old medieval fortress known as "Bluebeard's castle" and which is said to have been the abode of a terrible old pasha, whose playful little ways gave rise to the story.-Wide World Magazine.

First Calculating Machine.

The first calculating machine was invented and constructed by Blaise Pascal, a Frenchman, in 1642, in which year he was but nineteen years of age. It was made by him with the aid of one workman and was presented to the chancellor of France. During the revolution it was found in a junk shop at Bordeaux and at present is the property of M. Bougouin of that city. All of the four simple mathematical operations can be made with

Flow of Solid Metals. Metals flow into each other just as gases and liquids mix, though more slowly. If a cube of lead is placed on one of gold, the surfaces of contact being kept smooth and clean, and left for a month a small quantity of gold will be found to have penetrated the

Not Playing the Game. Mrs. Fitz Suburbia-The next door person must be a very suspicious character. Hubby - Why so? Mrs. F. S.-She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean cat!-New York Journal

Fire and sword are but slow engines be picked up in atrangers' of destruction in comparison with the ugias Jerroid. \_\_\_\_\_ babbler.—Steels. RAILWAYS IN JAPAN.

Filthy Cars and Dirty Stations In a Land of Cleanliness.

"The railway journey from Kloto to Yokohama, despite the fact that most beautiful country is traversed, is not the pleasantest of experiences," declares a writer in the Wide World. "One buys a railway ticket in Japan in installments.

"The ordinary ticket only enables one to go by a train covering the minimum distance in the maximum time. so an extra express ticket is purchased, which means that the engine moves a little more quickly toward its appointed goal.

"Next a platform ticket must be procured to enable one to board the train. "And very suitable for a lazy, daw- and finally one has to fight one's way dling gang!" the clockmaker is said into a first class carriage. Why do all to have muttered as he retreated. It the passengers in Japan take their lugcarriage instead of leaving it in the van? And why, again, does a nation that is a password for cleanliness the world over possess a train service so shockingly dirty in every detail?

"We once in a weak moment looked into a station master's room at a large station, and for pure dirt it could have given points to a dust heap. In the train carriages the floors are covered with the dirt of ages, cigarette ends. orange peel, sandwich papers. At intervals a porter saunters in with a brush and leisurely sweeps all the refuse into a corner, having first carefully closed every window, so that no atom of discomfort or infection shall

"Finally be departs, leaving behind hlm the rubbish and an atmosphere charged with germs and angry words. Truty a Japanese porter's definition of clearing up is removing rubbish from one place to another."

### A TURKEY FEAST.

Way to Enjoy It.

General Lee in the drawing room was a dignified and quiet gentleman. very kindly and gentle, especially with women and children. "On the field." says Major Ranson in Harper's Magazine. "he was the general, the commander in all essential points. But in other points be could be as sympathet-"In the latter part of December a barrel was delivered at our camp marked 'General Lee and Staff.' We opened it and found it was packed full of turkeys. We sent word to General Lee, and be rode over to our camp. There was snow on the ground, and we had laid the turkeys out on a board on the snow, the biggest in the middle and the others tapering off to the smallest at each end. There were about a dozen of them.

"General Lee dismounted and joined the group gathered round the present, carrying his unslung and undrawn sword in his hand. He was told that the big turkey in the middle was his. He stood looking down at the turkeys for a moment and then said, touching the big turkey with the scabbard of

"This, then, is my turkey? I don't to do with your turkeys, but I wish mine sent to the hospital in Petersburg so that some of the convalescents

may have a good dinner." "He then turned on his beel and. walking to his horse, mounted and rode away. We looked at one another for a moment and then, without a word, replaced the turkeys in the barrel and sent them to the hospital."

Gilbert's Witty Comment. Sir W. S. Gilbert's wit and humor were always ready. He was a fine raconteur and a good after dinner speaker. Rutland Barrington, the old Savoyard, said that "staying in Gilbert's house was like living in a literary fireworks factory."

Barrington played the Captain in "Pinafore." At rehearsal one day Gilbert, who was an autocratic and magnificent stage manager, told him to cross the stage, which represented the deck of H. M. S. Pinafore, and sit on a skylight "in a pensive attitude." Barrington obeyed orders, but unfortunately the skylight had only been rigged up temporarily, and the portly Barrington crashed through it. "That's an ex-pensive attitude," said

Wanted to Convert Utopia. When the "Utopia" was first publish ed it occasioned a pleasant mistake. This political romance represents a perfect but visionary republic is an island supposed to have been somewhere in the Atlantic, near these west-

Gilbert in a flash.

"As this was the age of discovery." says Granger, "the learned Budaeus and others took it for genuine history and deemed it expedient to send missionaries thither to convert the people. . "Rook of Queer Things."

Chattel Mortgages.

A man who gives a chattel mortgage should always examine it carefully to make sure it is not "on demand." Sharp money lenders who loan funds on chartel mortgages often try to have this clause inserted, and when it is the borrower may expect to part with his chattels at almost any moment. It is • trick by which advantage is often taken of the unwary.

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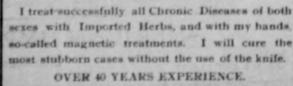
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