

A MYSTERIOUS WEAPON.

A traveler tells us something of a singular weapon used by the natives of Australia, the boomerang. He saw them used by the natives. They range from two feet to thirty-eight inches in length, and were of various shapes, all carved a little, and looking, as he described them, like a wooden new moon. They were made of a dark, heavy wood, and weighing from one to three pounds. In thickness they vary from half an inch, and taper to a point at each end.

One of the natives picked up the piece of wood and, posing it an instant, threw it, giving it a rotary motion. For the first one hundred feet or more it went straight ahead. Then it tacked to the left and rose slightly, still rotating rapidly. It kept this latter course for a hundred feet more, perhaps, but soon veered to the left again, describing a broader curve, and a moment later fell to the earth six or eight feet in front of the thrower, having described nearly a circle in the air.

Another native then took the same boomerang and cast it, holding it with the same grip. It took the same course, but made broader curves, and as it came round the black caught it handsomely in his right hand.

Another native then threw it, and lodged it on the ground about twenty feet behind him, after it had described a circle of two hundred yards or upward. After him they all tried it, and but one of them failed to bring the weapon back to the spot where they stood.

Carnboo, a native, then selected from the heap of boomerangs another one, and cast it with a sort of jerk. It flew very quickly for 40 or 50 yards, whirling like a top. Then it darted into the air, mounting fully one hundred feet, and came over our heads, where it seemed to hang stationary for a moment, then settle slowly, still whirling, till he caught it. Two others of the blacks then did the same thing. Meanwhile I had with my knife shaved a little of the wood from the convex side of one of the boomerangs. This is now offered to one of them to throw. He took it without noticing what I had done, poised it but stopped short, and with a contemptuous glance at my improvement threw it down and exclaimed:

"Bale budgery!" (no good). The others then looked at it cautiously, but it was a bale budgery also to them. No one could be induced to throw it.

Myers asked them why they did not use it, but they could not give a definite answer. It was plain they did not like the way it poised, when held in the hand, yet I could not distinguish any difference whatever between this and the other weapons.

Burleigh then walked a distance of 200 feet or more from the blacks and bid Carnboo throw to him. The native looked at him a moment rather curiously, then, comprehending what was wanted, he selected one of the heaviest of the missiles, and, turning half round, threw it with great force in a direction almost opposite from where Burleigh stood.

The weapon sped smartly for 60 or 70 feet, then tacked in an instant and flew directly at Burleigh, and had he not most expeditiously ducked, he would have received a hard thump, if nothing worse. It struck the ground 20 or 30 paces beyond. This feat brought out a broad grin, and something like a chuckle from the whole of them. Carnboo even intimated that he would like to try another cast, but Burleigh expressed himself fully satisfied.

Mr. Smith, however, offered to "take a shot," but not at too short a range. We were standing in front of one of the store-houses. Carnboo placed Smith in front of the door and stood with his back to him, with Smith's hand on his shoulder.

None of us knew what sort of a manoeuvre he had in his mind, not even Meyers. Standing in this position, the black threw the boomerang straight ahead. Immediately it curved in the air. Then it disappeared around the corner of the building, and before he had time to guess what was meant, it came around the other end (having passed completely around the store-house) and gave him a sounding slap on the back which made his eyes snap.

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SWALLOWING A CENT.—Dr. Gibbs, one of the editors of Hall's Journal of Health, who is himself an educated physician and surgeon, while on a railroad train the other day was consulted by one of the employes on the train in relation to his little boy, who had that morning swallowed a cent. "What have you done for him?" asked the doctor. "We gave him a dose of castor oil," was the reply. "Good practice so far; as soon as you reach home give him the white of three raw eggs daily; let his diet be bread and milk, and nothing sour." The directions were followed faithfully, the whites of the eggs repeated every day, and the dose of oil at night; and on the fourth day the cent was discharged. It was one of the new copper coins, and considerably corroded by the action of the gastric juices. Since fatal results often follow the swallowing of a copper coin, the judicious treatment advised in this instance should be remembered by all who have the care of children. The essential points to be borne in mind are simply these. Aliburn or the whites of eggs, a bland diet free from acids, and castor oil.

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own case I sowed clover with timothy and oats, then wheat, then grass five or six years, then corn. By this rotation the soil would be or as expected, and would be according to quality of condition of soil. Trouble has arisen in consequence of the considerable failure of the oats crop. Expedients have been tried, but none have succeeded. The soil is now in a state of exhaustion, and the crops are generally as remunerative as possible, and that the soil should be rested by a rotation of crops.

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to apply them directly to the soil, where needed, or to store them until they will not be wasted until all the manure is used. As to applying all important manure to the soil in the spring, and immediately plowing and planting with corn, my experience opposes, as in a dry season the soil is last year there is a danger of harm than good. My plan should be to apply all manure in the fall after seeding wheat, and not to be plowed for two or three years. In this way I will get all the benefit from all manure applied.

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