

THE LORE OF SKULLS

GREAT STORY TELLERS TO THOSE WHO CAN INTERPRET THEM.

Chat With a Professor of Skull-ology Who Is in Charge of the Rochester Museum of Human Osteology—Ancient Fashions of Deforming the Head.

It is not generally known that probably the most complete museum of human osteology is located in Rochester under charge of Professor Charles H. Ward, who has an international reputation as an authority on this question. "Skulls are great story tellers," said Professor Ward. "For instance, the original of this cast of the top of a skull overturned the theories of half of Europe, and probably its discovery was the most sensational thing in the realm of science of the decade. Before this piece of bone, which you can hold in your hand, was discovered, nothing had been found which tended to show that human life existed in the preglacial period, in the days of the cave bear and other anteglacial fossils. Not only does the place where it was found indicate all this, but the skull comes nearer to supplying the much laughed at 'missing link' than anything ever before discovered. There is no question whatever that it is a portion of a human skull, but the forehead is lower than that of any normally developed skull ever found, and the superciliary or superorbital arch is heavier than ever before seen on a human skull. This is one of the most marked points of distinction between the skulls of a gorilla and of a man.

"You can see what I mean from this picture," continued Professor Ward. "The arch is that of the eyebrow, just over the eye socket.

"One of the most interesting things in the ology of skulls is the fashion of deforming the head prevailing among the savage races of North and South America. It is accomplished by pressure brought to bear on the skull through infancy. The cliff dwellers flattened the back of the head. Skulls have been found on an island in the gulf of Mexico which were divided into two lobes, evidently produced by fastening a strap from the back of the neck to the forehead of the infant. If there had been more travel in those days, the fashion might have spread. The fad of flattening the front of the head evidently prevailed among the ancient inhabitants of Peru, as the mummy remains clearly indicate, and this has led to a belief that there is some race connection between the ancient Peruvians and the Flathead Indians of today.

"You can see the effect produced by the process I have described from this picture. Were this deformity produced on the head of a grown man, it would be followed by insanity and death, but the brains of the infant gradually accommodate themselves to the new conditions, I should judge, however, that it would be difficult to have a very highly developed intellect with a skull of that shape. Here, you see, is the skull of a Peruvian lady of high rank. We know that this was some Inca queen by the pomp with which she was buried. She paid the usual tribute to fashion, or her parents did, in having her skull flattened up to the latest style.

"Here," said Professor Ward, "is the skull of a maiden of 18 years, who, with a number of her companions, was knocked in the head with an ax and was eaten on an island in New Zealand several centuries ago at a great feast."

"For goodness' sake, how could you find out all that?"

"Simply enough. You can tell it all for yourself, with a little help. Of course we know from the place where it was found that it was in a land where cannibalism prevailed. Father found no less than seven skulls, all with a fracture like this horrid one, where the victim was struck with an ax or some similar implement. Then all have the hole knocked in at the base of the skull, evidently with the purpose of extracting the brain, for the human brain is considered a great delicacy by cannibal epicures. We know from the sharpness of the edges of the orbital cavity and other infallible indications that this is a woman's skull, for an expert can always tell a male from a female skull at a glance. Lastly, you can see by counting for yourself that the dentition of this girl's skull is not complete, and that therefore this is, as I have said, the skull of a New Zealand maiden of 17 or 18.

"I had a curious instance not long ago of the way in which an observer can find a story in a skull. A skeleton was sent me from a hospital in Vienna to be mounted. The skull had not been opened. The man had been taken ill on the street suddenly and had been taken to the hospital. In polishing the skull I found a fine black line which would not come out. I opened the skull and found that the line was a portion of the point of a blade which projected half an inch in the skull, and which had broken off so short that it would have been impossible to tell of what the man died unless the skull had been opened as I opened it. Here was a murder mystery which the law will never probe, for the wound was mortal."—Rochester Post-Express.

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