

the metal ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ neighborhood.
 He does know much about the country
 outside La Rochelle of about 10 miles - as
 our present is afraid of the terrible snows & very
 metals. which may have a dangerous effect
 on the mission - he has got copper rods
 but all the of course is outside. the
 matter of nature. The natives have a
 great regard for dogs. & then we did give
 them one ceremony. some died a month
 ago but as they were taken immediately
 away. & Smith spent the last part of an
 opportunity to see what happened. It seems
 that they always take him from the
 actual spot they met their death.
 Che - come to their devil. but I am
 now filling the book sent with the vocabulary
 as far as I can. - La-la. or il-lan
 is the good spirit - & aneligo the
 home of the departed. - the photo enclosed
 is the Forementioned warrior. He is about
 6 ft. & typical of the Dudaway tribe?

Forrest R. Mason
 Wymetham.
 Dear Sir

Your letter has reached me - & I feel
 pleased that the information which I sent
 has been of interest. - As to the giving
 of the game to a second person. The
 first call on the hunter is to those of his
 class with whom he has quarrelled and is
 given as a sort of peace offering otherwise
 to ^{no} ~~any~~ particular person & not necessarily
 the relations you mention: as far as we
 can learn. - The hair is collected
 from any persons head. - boys as well as
 women. One case in point. a warrior ^(a native) X
 has a belt made from his wife's hair & is
 called only oyé la. They do know how to
 hold the gun. I believe is from the tree called
 the blood gum. & I have not for some time
 along with the launch & leaf. -
 I think it you mean in the mouth relations
 the instrument they blow through at their

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dames - 21/1 Can you obtain a good
map of our district for us I believe such
are given away in Perth. It would be
useful to check off the native boundaries
and other matters which may be of importance.
There is some ceremony here having
to do with a pearl shell of which we
are trying to get inside knowledge - It
appears that a young man is sent
out into the bush for 3 days without
food & when he returns he is given
a pearl shell to wear instead of the
usual rag. - The weaving of the
rope of hair or wool for the middle
is a simple operation - the material being
first twisted in the case of old cloth -
& fixed on the right toe - The two hands
are then pressed over the material & rubbed
giving the material a sharp twisting motion
the other end when it reaches sufficient length
is held in teeth. The operator sits on the
ground - I have only seen the women work

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belts. The making of the spear
points - The operator sits on the ground
with a large block of stone as a bench in
front of him. He has a "harp" with a hardened piece
of wood, a suitable piece of stone or glass
into its rough shape. - A piece of rag
is placed over the bench & the edge of
the material to be shaping is placed on the
edge of the bench & finally shaped - later
when this has been made to suit - the
spear point is put on ^{the} edge - and the
piece of wood or stick which has a
point to press so to speak into the
edge of the spear - little fimbriae are split
off - resulting ultimately in the finished
weapon. The cloth in the stone of curved
mutilates the chance of us under pressure
and gives a better hold for the work -
It also safeguards the finished needle points
when the hand is reversed - all of
two of us have seen points made of
Gold bearing quartz & showing that there is

are held at regular intervals - during the year, - at one the but Corroboree - a woman was set apart in the middle of the ring & outraged in turn by all the males of the class & in view of all old & young. - At the Snake Corroboree, a most disgusting operation took place on similar lines although the woman was not actually seduced. - The sevirum was obtained from the vagina & rubbed over an old seaweed. - The local witch doctor - stepped the performance.

Enclosed photo re line better samples. but not taken for scientific purposes. My wife - who resides at the Swan 1/2 east mission - has a collection of what we have in a book here. Mr. Truman has kindly offered to let me have the plates if any that will likely be of use. & in the meantime he shall try & obtain others.

rules N-W of us & fresh water - all have but child father child relationship to other father's. no 2 The father claims his own child but there are tremendous complications with the Totem relationship - The child possesses another father who only claims as far as he can gather tribal possession. on the same plan the child is endowed with many brothers & relations - we have not evidence sufficient yet to show that any other person is looked upon as the father of the child but the actual person concerned.

3 yes. That about sums up the position in relation to the post-mentioned method of copulations.

4 yes I am not particularly acquainted with the Greenlands method - But here the female is stretched on the ground. The male seems to get on his knees & the woman's legs are placed across his groin. He is in an upright position although crouched

and the connection takes place. This is the position my friend has noticed from actual observation. Although no one here would guarantee that any other method would not be employed. ^{as they practice} circumcision, subincision and mutilation of women

5 (a) They practice circumcision.

(b) By subincision I take it you mean that the penis is slit on the underside. This is so but slightly.

(c) Not sure.

The tribe is divided into groups. Three are very prominent in our knowledge here namely - Kangaroo - cockatoo & the Snake. - There are others which we have no particulars of just now. Ceremonies are celebrated with generally a representative of the Totem as a scenic ornament - A snake on a stick or pole placed in the midst of a ring of dancers. These dances all

answers to friend's note

① no - I have made several enquiries of different members of the tribe and all agree that the child enters the womb from the waters of a place called

"Den-un-gee iuridee, mafumbi"

Sexual intercourse is only considered in the light of pleasure otherwise. - The women are taken during pregnancy to the spot & stay 2 or 3 nights. The ^{woman} condition of the ^{woman} seems to be only a sign to them for the initiation to the above pool to take place. No one believes that there is a child in till the return - one man here volunteered the information that there were plenty dead men in pool & plenty piccaninnies implying that the children came from the dead - we do know.

I plenty burials all along the cliff bottoms having some of the bones near the spot.

An old man on the station is called mafumbi. others are named - iuridee & Den-un-gee. including in the two latter girls as well as men. The pool is sometimes

it on the head with a stick - the body was
matted over & put in a tree. The residues of
the body was allowed to fall on a hollowed
stone - when the witch doctor rubbed himself
over with the stuff. - The body was then buried

I am placing other information in the
book - you have kindly sent on - as this
is an immediate answer to your letter -
& shall manage to get the gurn & bunch
which is used for spears etc - in various
other gurns or hats made from the cells
of wild bees - the common name being
sugar bag. - Thanks for keeping this
information confidential at this stage for
I fear there are quite a number of
people here who resent any information
of this kind being made known for
whatever purpose - and our endeavours
are very much hindered & restricted &
discouraged. - I am sending all my
love to Mrs. Dobson & hope all the
best to you & the children.

to the standard needed - possibly you
would care to glance over them & let me
know or my wife when I can send you
the plates on - In the event of your
having the plates would it be demanding
too much to have a print of each one
as I am collecting as well - my wife
is nurse Dobson - Surgeon's wife & aboriginal
mission Midland Junction -

I am filling the excellent query book
as far as is in my power & should
be delighted if you would send another
one for a duplicate of things as at (change)
seems to find that some of the words
and particular chants or songs are similar
in many to what I found in Africa and
among some branches of the Bantus
tribes - I have a knowledge of Kuruahiti &
a few phrases of Kayas language -
'Sodom' here is common & sanctioned
& there are common women for the single

men of the tribe — children of 3 & 4 years are outaged. & the prevalence is to see old men with a number of young wives —

Here is a common song, but only sung by young boys: Bunde Bunde. nalla nalla - de warra de warra
This is repeated for hours —

Bunde = is beat. without hair. (scalp).

nalla nalla = fighting stick like a brown handle, used by women only.

de warra = is to strike downward —

We have had a woman brought on to us from a tribe on the N East side of the Gulf (coast). No one can speak her language here. ~~it~~ ends with a sort of chut at the end of each phrase. — Another man I met to day has devoid of the negroid type of feature he comes from a bunch on the coast side his features are European except for the eyes which were unusually narrow. — We don't know the name of this lot — The principle tribes surrounding us are

The Barva-nallia Bimba Kolarr & Dadaway. I've heard of the natives talking a lot of the Umbar country East of us. which leads one to think of a tribe in that quarter —

A noticeable thing here is the regular ages of the natives — given one their impression of having been born in batches & at the same time with considerable periods in between — a number of small boys about 6 years old with nothing in between until we come to another bunch about 15 and then the next lot 20 & then 30 years or so — he wonders if it is the periods of famine which is the cause, or some custom — he knows women destroy their offspring & believe that this takes place only if the child is likely to come with in a period set apart for the functions (set apart) in connection with the respective totems. In a late case the child was born & the male struck