

Imperialham.

May 29/16.

Mr. Glauert

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 29 March I have received, many thanks. - as to the matter of mouth cushions I think I meant the word to be moustache or moustachious (the hair on the upper lip) pads of hair are used by natives here. about 6" in length oval. & with an oval opening, for what purposes we have not ascertained - An instrument made out of a log. (hollow) is in use. one end rests on ground. & the performer places his mouth to the other end, & blows through. He sits on the ground, ~~the~~ during the operations of playing. the log is struck with a stick (in line with the sound.) I have seen a boy use a rag around the top of this instrument - either to prevent the jar of the striking with the stick, or to prevent any escape of wind from the performer. - any such escape would seriously interfere with the full roar of the instrument - My wife has some photos at Midland which may prove interesting - also a hair belt. & a few other curios which are in common use here. - I have some notes also which may be of interest along the ~~the~~ measurements of some 40 natives. -

Kind regards.

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