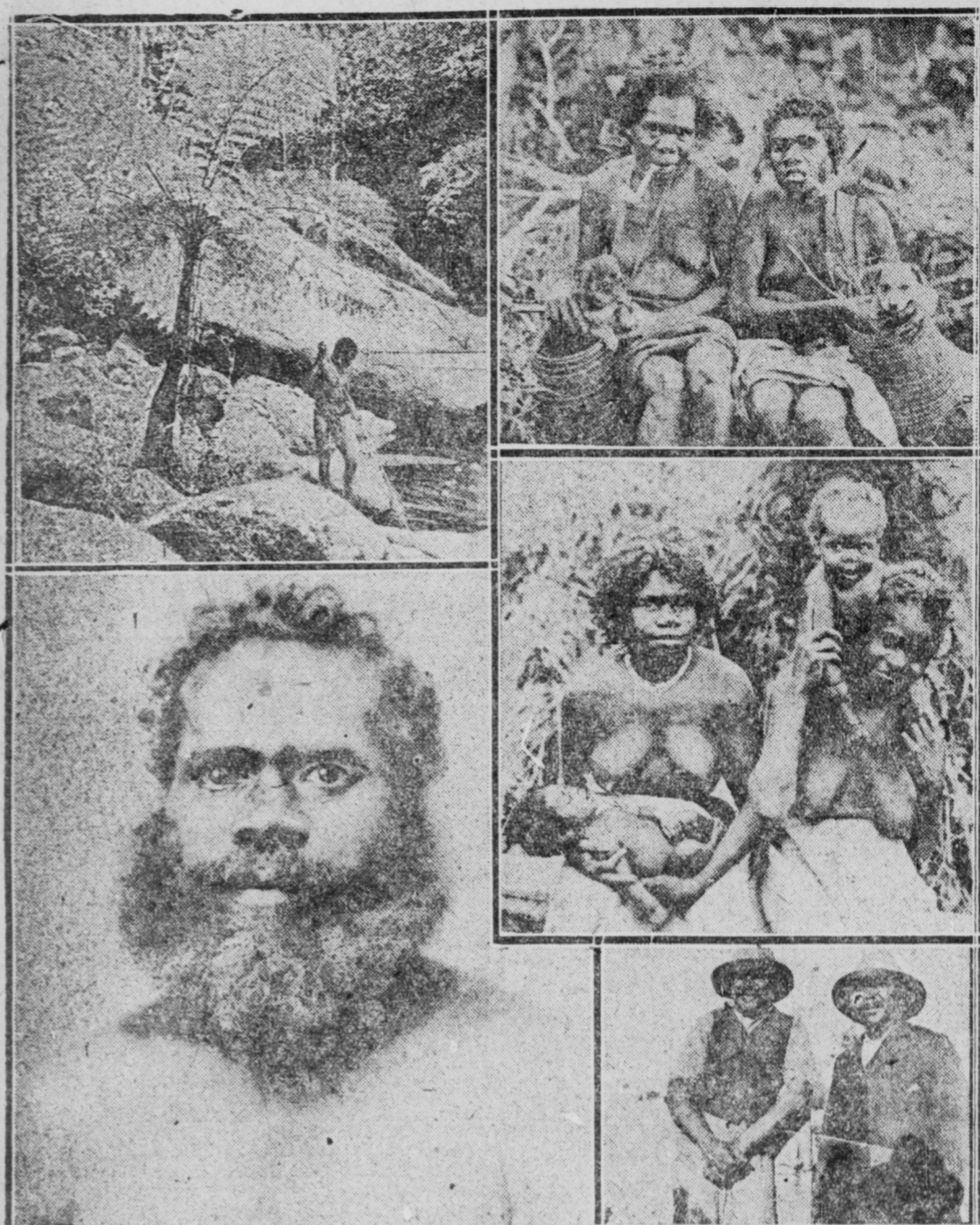


The First Australians



Top (left to right)—An Australian blackfellow spearing fish. Aboriginal women and child. Center (left to right)—An Aboriginal of New South Wales. Educated Aboriginal of South Australia. The one on the right, David Lippin, is the inventor of an improved sheep-shearing machine and is an accomplished musician. He speaks English fluently and recently gave an address in Adelaide and Melbourne on the subject of evolution that attracted much attention.

By W. D. BOYCE.
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.
AUSTRALIA.—It takes the steamer four days to come from Wellington, New Zealand, to Sydney, only 1,250 miles—and they call it a ferry!

Australia and New Zealand can hardly be termed close neighbors, and they are unlike in many respects, as we shall see. This great island-continent, whose area is larger than that of the United States, has many features all its own. Long isolated from the rest of the world, its trees, plants, animals, birds and native people are of a bygone age. Most interesting of these are the aboriginals for whom centuries were the only human beings on the continent, roaming in tribes, living by hunting and fishing, with no cattle or fields and no houses other than crude huts. When discovered by the white men, they had not risen to the use of metals. They are considered the lowest in intelligence of all humans and many scientists believe them to be the most primitive of the world's inhabitants. Although they are called blackfellows, they are more brown than black, and are unlike the negro in that their hair is not woolly, their noses not so flat and their lips do not turn outward.

Only in late years has accurate and scientific knowledge been obtained concerning the life of these strange people and their curious tribal customs.

FATAL CONTACT WITH WHITES.
It was a sad day for the Australian blackfellows when they followed the example of the white men and fell into the trap for which all-wise Nature had never fitted them, for marked the first process in their gradual extinction as a race.

They started to imitate the whites with whom they came in contact by wearing clothes, which were wholly foreign to them. With the white man, and before long they were victims of the same old ill to which the white is heir to. Rheumatism and dread pulmonary diseases, if they were not wholly new complaints among these wild children of the bush, were greatly aggravated by their contact with whites and the changed habits to which that contact gave rise. Even worse conditions came upon them.

Today, the Australian aboriginals as a race is dying out; its epitaph before many years will be written.

Since the days when sturdy Britishers first set their faces toward this land of promise, the blackfellows have found themselves gradually swept back by the insistent demands of civilization, and old hostilities and feuds between blacks and whites show that it was not always a peaceful penetration. There are black aboriginals, however, out on the fringes of the great continent, who even today have not seen a white man—a good thing, perhaps, for while there are many instances of the most humane treatment of the aboriginal by farmers and ranchers and their employees, certain types of other whites, settling in among the blacks, have been a baneful influence in their lives. From the "far out-back" or wild districts of Australia, there occasionally comes the story of a tragedy in which a black fellow is one of the central figures. More often than not, a woman is in the case. A white has thrust his attentions upon a woman of a tribe and retaliation has followed. These tragedies, however, are becoming fewer, with the establishment of close relations and with government boards and missions to watch over and care for the blacks.

That the aboriginals can be helped by the proper civilizing influences, if taken in hand when they are young, is evident from the success of missionary effort. There is even a white man who is almost incredible when we think that they have sprung from a race so low in the scale of civilization, of aboriginal chil-

dren attending a native school in Victoria, who, for three consecutive years, ranked highest in examination results of all the State schools in the colony, as Victoria was before it attained to the dignity of State of Australia.

CANNIBALISM STILL PRACTICED.

Cannibalism is not a thing wholly of the past among the wilder tribes. Not long ago, 120 miles from Thursday Island, an aboriginal woman was killed and eaten by an old blackfellow sixty years of age, on the ground that she was a nuisance. These orgies are seldom heard of nowadays, but they still exist in some places. There is also one grisly tribal custom still in practice among the wild tribes. It takes the form of eating portions of dead aboriginals who have gone to their fathers in the natural course of things, even in the natural course of things, even in the natural course of things, even in the natural course of things.

It has been a recognized practice among some tribes to eat the corpse of one of its members and eat certain portions of the flesh, parts of the body being preserved and carried about as relics or charms. As a charm, head and arms are called blackfellow, which has been largely responsible for some of these barbarous customs, the hand of a dead aboriginal would be worn around the neck. Mothers would carry the dead bodies of their children, even in a putrefying state, in their wanderings, a kind of penalty inflicted upon young mothers for causing their baby's death by carelessness.

THEIR ORIGIN IS SHROUDED IN PAST.
As the name aboriginals indicates, it is commonly believed that the blackfellows were the first people who lived in Australia although there is one noted scientist who has questioned the theory. Not long after the British settlement there were writers who regarded the blackfellows as of mixed Papuan and Malay blood. It would take more space than is available here to trace briefly all the theories of the origin of the aboriginals, but the scientific studies of the Australian aboriginals, in answer to the question, "Who are they?" That a relationship exists between them and the ancient Dravidians of India is the contention of several investigators. What is regarded as a connecting link between the two is the picture of a red right hand drawn on rocks in various parts of Australia, the red hand being the symbol of Shiva, the "creator" or "destroyer" mentioned in Hindu lore. Even this is not regarded by some as evidence that people came to Australia from India in prehistoric times. Might not the red hand have been introduced into Australia not by the Indian race direct but by a Malay people, "who," says one scientist, "have certainly carried hither sure tokens of Hindu logical influence." The controversy is almost endless. Perhaps, when the aboriginals have all melted away, one of their wise spirits will rise and say precisely what the history of the race is.

Because of impaired constitutions, the result of unhealthy lives arising from changed habits since their contact with the whites, it is regarded as probable that in the older days of Australia there will not be a full-blooded aboriginal surviving a few years hence.

There has done away with many old customs, but one use of lore letters is as readily understood today as it was by at least one of the native tribes of Australia, whose gallantries were expressed in the form of a bit of twig, about an inch and a half long, and marked with three small notches—one representing the "demon," or postman, and the other two the lovers.

CARRIED LOVE LETTER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.
The story of one who has seen these "letters" in course of transmission is worth the telling: "A black boy fished it out from the lining of his hat, where he had sewed it up. He carried it in this receptacle for several months until he had an opportunity of delivering it to the girl for whom it was intended.

Mr. Boyce's article in next week's Times will be on New South Wales, the mother state of Australia, which is larger than Texas, with a population only half as great, is the newest and one of the most of the world and, with its diversified climate, produces all the fruits of cold, temperate and tropical lands.

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APARTMENTS TO BECOME OFFICES

Two Buildings to Be Remodeled for New Use.

Following the consummation of two sales yesterday, it is announced the Knickerbocker apartments, 215-217 East 12th street, and the Schrader apartments, 318 North Pennsylvania street, soon will be remodeled into office buildings.

The Knickerbocker apartments were purchased by Charles M. Drake, James M. Drake and William S. Taylor, officers of the Empire Health and Accident Insurance Company, who will in turn sell the building to the insurance company, which is being reorganized. It is expected the insurance company will occupy the main floor and basement and the remaining two floors will be fitted up for physicians and dentists' offices.

The Schrader apartments were leased by Hugh J. Baker, president of the High J. Baker Engineering Company, for a place for the company's headquarters in the Knickerbocker building deal was \$70,000 and for the Schrader apartments, \$125,000.

Library Notes

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New books at the Junior High School, by L. C. Peterson.

MAN APPOINTED UNDER PROTEST

Governor Overruled by Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Declaring that he had no discretion in the matter under the law, Governor Warren T. McCray, in a statement issued last yesterday, affirmed the appointment of Dr. R. C. Julien of Delphi as secretary of the State livestock sanitary board. The action of the Governor followed a meeting of the board in which it reaffirmed its previous selection of Dr. Julien which had been opposed by the Governor.

The Governor's statement follows: "In the matter of the appointment of a State veterinarian, I find that the working of the law in this matter is as to the selection of the secretary entirely in the hands of the livestock sanitary board. The Governor has nothing to do with the appointment, his only being necessary only as to the amount of salary to be paid to such official."

In view of this fact I will ratify the appointment of any selection made by the board, having faith in its judgment in the final determination of the matter. The board did not insist on the appointment of Dr. W. B. Craig of Indianapolis as assistant secretary, but declined to employ him part of the time for special work.

The Governor asked Dan Reed of Attica, a member of the board, who announced his resignation as a result of the controversy over the Julien appointment, to reconsider his decision. He promised to "think the matter over."

reos, exhibitions of which are at rare intervals given in big cities or towns on some special occasion. The corroborees, exhibitions of which are an idea of enjoyment, and closes with a weird crash of echoing yells. The males are usually the sole performers, the women sitting in front by great fires and beating time by striking sticks together or clapping their hands. The dancers, smeared in colors, and their limbs sometimes decked out with sprigs, engage in a wild wriggling of the body.

The folklore of tribes has revealed those children of the great Australian bush as possessors of great imagination and a vein of humor. They are not degraded savages, as the outside world has thought; but only a primitive people, creatures of a period and of conditions unknown to us, a dying race.

RICHARD DAMPIER GIVEN A \$100 JOLT

City Court Fine on Blind Tiger Charge Is Stayed by Louis Brown.

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Friday Specials

No Mail, C. O. D. or Phone Orders

50c Billy Whiskers, 35c
One hundred copies of the popular edition.
—Pettis books, street floor, aisle four.

60c Stationery, 35c
A special purchase of Eaton, Crane & Pike's French Lawn Writing Paper. Box of 72 sheets best quality paper, envelopes to match, 2 packages, 35c.
—Pettis stationery, street floor, aisle three.

75c Dance Folio, 39c
The Gem Dance Folio reduced for this sale.
—Pettis music, street floor, aisle four.

Odd Pair Curtains, One-Half Price
Including sample Curtains slightly soiled. Lace, Marquisette, Scrim, Voile and Madras Curtains. A clearance lot.
—Pettis curtains, third floor.

\$1.29 Sunfast Drapery, Yard, 89c
Plain color Drapery Madras. Highly mercerized. Colors, rose, blue, brown and green, 50 inches wide. Can be split for overdrapes.
—Pettis draperies, third floor.

79c Chair Cushions, Each, 55c
Cretone covered cushions in a good assortment of patterns and colorings. Just the thing for porch chairs or canes.
—Pettis pillows, third floor.

22c Colored Curtain Scrim, Yard, 15c
Lattice pattern Scrim in dark, rich colorings, blue, rose, brown and mulberry.
—Pettis curtains, third floor.

29c Fancy Scrim, Yard, 17c
Fine, sheer fancy colored border Curtain Scrim with plain centers. Some with allover patterns.
—Pettis curtains, third floor.

35c Hemstitched Pillowcases, 25c
Soft finished and in the most wanted size, 42x36.
—Pettis domestics, street floor.

Wearwell Sheets, Each, \$1.20
Your choice of two sizes, 72x90 inches and 81x90 inches.
—Pettis bedding, fifth floor.

Moire Ceiling Paper, Roll, 10c
New Ceiling Paper; 50 rolls limit to customer.
—Pettis wall paper, third floor, annex.

50c Washable Wall Paper, 27 1/2c
Washable Wall Paper for bathroom, kitchen and other places requiring a washable paper.
—Pettis wall paper, third floor, annex.

25c Wall Paper, Roll, 15c
Wall Paper for bedroom and kitchen, printed on grounded stock.
—Pettis wall paper, third floor, annex.

40c Wall Paper, Roll, 25c
Paper for the living room in tapestry and foliage designs.
—Pettis wall paper, third floor, annex.

Men's Shirts, 59c
Made of soft finish washable percale with 5-button front in a good line of patterns; neckband style.
—Pettis men's furnishings, street floor, west aisle.

Men's \$1.95 Pajamas, \$1.48
Fine lustrous cloth, in assorted solid colors. Trimmed with silk frogs or loops.
—Pettis men's furnishings, street floor, east aisle.

Men's Chalmers' Poroknit Union Suits, 95c
Bleached, short sleeves, three-quarter length. Slightly irregular.
—Pettis men's underwear, street floor.

Women's 59c Union Suits, 43c
Sleeveless loose and tight knee. Soft finish yarn.
—Pettis women's underwear, street floor.

35c Vests, 21c
Sleeveless Vests with tailored tops. Very elastic.
—Pettis women's underwear, street floor.

Full Fashioned Fiber Hose, 66c
Fiber silk stockings. Full fashioned in black and white.
—Pettis women's hose, street floor.

45c Stockings, 25c
Fine gauge semi-fashioned stockings. Gauge weight, in black, white and brown.
—Pettis women's hosiery, street floor.

Children's Stockings, 15c
Black, white and brown, fine gauge, combed yarn. Extra spliced heels and toes.
—Pettis women's hosiery, street floor.

Record Albums
Two \$1.50 10-inch albums, Two \$1.75 12-inch Albums, \$1.75.
—Pettis Victrolas, fifth floor.

Boys' 89c and 98c Hats, 49c
Sizes 3 to 10. Plain and fancy patterns, in straw or wash fabrics.
—Pettis boys' clothing, third floor.

Boys' 25c and 35c Bathing Trunks, Each, 11c
Sizes 5 to 15 years. Colors black or blue only.
—Pettis boys' clothing, third floor.

Boys' 89c Sports Blouses, 69c
Sizes 6 to 18 years. Good percales in neat patterns.
—Pettis boys' clothing, third floor.

Youths' \$1.25 Bib Overalls, 89c
Sizes 26 to 32 waist (all lengths). Good weight denim. (Our guaranteed make).
—Pettis boys' clothing, third floor.

Men's \$1.50 White Overalls, 95c
Also jackets. Sizes 38 to 44 only. A good weight and quality.
—Pettis men's wear, third floor.

\$3.00 Pink Lady Candy, \$1.50
Two-pound box choice assorted chocolates. Dilling's best.
—Pettis confectionery, basement.

50c Steel Cut Coffee, Lib, 35c
Choice of one-pound tins Ross Weir, Monarch and Bright's Best.
—Pettis coffee, basement.

Four Loaves Bread, 24c
Best pan loaf in the city. Special price for Friday.
—Pettis bakery, basement.

\$1.25 Benjamin Two-Way Plugs, 83c
Permits the use of electric appliance and light bulb at the same time.
—Pettis electrical, basement.

New Beginners Dinner Sets, \$1.98
Four Dinner Plates, 4 Fruit Sauces, 4 Cups and Saucers, one Meat Dish and one Vegetable Dish, in best grade white semi-porcelain.
—Pettis dinnerware, basement.

25c Glass Butter Dishes, 18c
Oblong shape to hold one pound of butter.
—Pettis glassware, basement.

Checked Dress Percalae, Yard, 17c
Yard wide, best size, Shepherd Check in blue, yellow, green, red and black.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

Cotton Challis, Yard 15c
Yard wide, new lot of new designs and colorings. For house dresses, draperies, quilts, etc.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

New Lot Choice Dress Gingham, Yard, 15c
In small patterns, best styles and colorings, excellent dress quality.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

All-Silk Georgette Crepe, Yard, 95c
In good light and dark colorings.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

Silk Dress Poplin, Yard, 79c
Yard wide, plain and changeable effects. Plenty of white, navy blue and black. Excellent for draperies.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

Black Satin Messaline, Yard, \$1.25
Yard wide, yarn dye, colored edge Dress Satin; black only.
—Pettis wash goods, street floor, west aisle.

\$2.25 All-Wool Serge, Yard, \$1.45
Full twill Dress Serges, 50 inches wide; navy blue, brown, gray and wine.
—Pettis dress goods, street floor, west aisle.

Cotton Dress Foulard, Yard, 25c
32 inches wide. A clearance lot at a very low price. Some dots, stripes and figures.
—Pettis dress goods, street floor, west aisle.

\$3.98 Hand Bags, \$2.00
Real Leather Hand Bags, good size, in plaid grain, silk lined. Colors are navy and gray.
—Pettis hand bags, street floor.

\$3.00 Silk Gloves, 79c
Above the elbow length, heavy quality Silk Gloves. In black and all colors. Manufacturer's samples.
—Pettis gloves, street floor, aisle four.

\$4.50 Pearl Beads, \$1.59
French Filled Pearl Beads, graduated sizes, 27 inches long.
—Pettis jewelry, street floor, aisle four.

Rogers' Silverware Sets, \$4.98
26 Pieces—6 Knives, 6 Forks, 6 Tablespoons, 8 Teaspoons, 1 Butter Knife, 1 Sugar Shell. Only 14 sets left.
—Pettis silverware, street floor, aisle four.

Brocade Corsets, \$1.98
Special purchase of beautiful brocade corsets, elastic top, for the slender type figure.
—Pettis corsets, second floor.

Hat Trimmings, 24c to 37c
Fine flowers and fruits for millinery trimming, formerly priced at 59c to 98c.
—Second floor.

Flower Wreaths, 44c, 79c, 97c
These attractive trimmings, formerly priced at 98c to \$3.98.
—Second floor.

Wool Sweaters, \$2.98
Tuxedo style, plenty of navy blue; formerly \$3.95 to \$6.95.
—Second floor.

Smocks, \$3.98
Up to \$6.95 values, Japanese crepe voile and linen—all colors—embroidered.
—Second floor.

Scarfs or Sashes, \$2.75
Fiber silk—in attractive colors; formerly \$3.95.
—Second floor.

Crepe Kimonos, \$2.97
Japanese Crepe Kimonos—hand embroidered; formerly \$3.95.
—Second floor.

House Dresses, \$1.79
Extra size—Percale Dresses—in light patterns; formerly \$3.50.
—Second floor.

Angora Yarn, 29c
Regular 49c size; for knitting and embroidery; in white only.
—Fifth floor.

Lunch Sets, 49c
13-piece Lunch Sets, stamped in two pretty designs; formerly 79c.
—Fifth floor.

25c Djer-Kiss Talcum, 16c
Limit two cans to a customer.
—Street floor.

17c Certified Complexion Soap, 10c
Limit three bars to a customer.
—Street floor.

35c Seneco Tooth Paste, 15c
Limit two tubes to a customer.
—Street floor.

29c Composition Ivory Combs, 9c