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AMONG INDIANS.

The Seri Indians, an aboriginal tribe of unmixed blood inhabiting Tiburon (Shark) Island, in the Gulf of California, off the coast of the State of Sonora, and due west from the city of Hermosillo, afford an interesting study. In the first place, they present one of the lowest types of human kind in at least one respect--they have no local habitation, no permanent shelter of any kind, but wander from place to place as the whim seizes them. The nearest approach of shelter is made by gathering the limbs of scrubby mesquites together and fastening them at the top with a strip of palm fiber, or what not. But this is no great hardship, since the climate is of the mildest, and rain seldom falls.

The one feature of this tribe's life stands out sharp and clear in contrast with that of all other aboriginals of the western hemisphere, is that the women are the heads of the families, and rule the men, if not with hands of iron, at least in the most determined and effective manner. Some see in this novel arrangement the foundation of the old legend encountered by the

Conquistadores of a land far to the northwest of the Aztec kingdom inhabited by Amazons, and this indeed may be correct.

Mother Fixes Marriage.

While of marriage ceremony, there is little or nothing, nevertheless their customs in this respect are a trifle odd and interesting. When a young man wishes to marry a girl, he makes application to the mother. The father is ignored--it is none of his affair. If the mother be disposed to look with favor upon the match, the youth is at once for all the wants of the family of his adored one. He must be the hewer of wood and the drawer of water, likewise the killer of sharks and the purveyor of food of all kinds. He is not allowed to associate with the family, not even to recline in the shade of the particular mesquite brush which they may have selected as a temporary abiding place, but must keep at a distance and under the shelter of his own special bush, where he cooks and eats his own food and otherwise comports himself in the humble manner of a suppliant for a great favor--the acquisition of a feminine "master." At the end of a year, if he shall have proved himself a good provider, he is accepted as a member of the family without further ceremony and the young couple begin life

together under another mesquite clump.

A Bloody Massacre.

These Indians occasionally come to the mainland and even visit Hermosillo, the capital of the State. Old residents tell a bloodcurdling tale of the wholesale massacre of a party who had been induced by the authorities some thirty years ago or so to come to the mainland on an assurance of peaceful treatment, but which was merely a subterfuge for the attempted extermination of the tribe. This undoubtedly accounts for the timidity of the present members of the clan and their determination not to permit strangers to visit their remote island home unless properly attended and vouched for. When they do visit the mainland, they are objects of curiosity to all. Their island is in the pearl-oyster district, and they bring many pearls with them which they trade off at a fraction of their value. Many of these pearls are taken by them from beds of "dead" shells, and without value, but occasionally they become possessed of "live ones" which they have no difficulty of disposing of, since they have little or no idea of their real worth.

Whether any movement has ever been inaugurated on Tiburon Island for the introduction of "male suffrage"

is not known. But judging from appearances and from the accounts given of the "mistressship" of the women, it would not in all probability be especially conducive to the health of any mere man who undertook to introduce such an unheard-of innovation. But-falo Commercial.

AGreat Reformer.

Miss Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimean War, died at the age of 91, on August 13, 1910, at her residence in South Street, London. In 1854 (she had been trained as a nurse) the harrowing descriptions in the "Times" of the condition of the hospitals at Scutari stirred her to the heroic effort of her life in the Crimean War. In November, 1854, on the very eve of Inkerman, Florence Nightingale landed at Scutari at the head of a band of Protestant and Roman Catholic nurses, not trained women, but the best that could be got, and with full powers from the Government for the reform of her own branch of hospital administration. At one time she had as many as 10,000 men under her care. The hospital was in a state of chaos. The commissariat had broken down, there was no proper food, change of clothing, medical comforts, or hospital comforts. The rapidity

with which order was restored and dirt banished was simply amazing, and in a short time the death-rate had fallen to two per cent. The poor wounded had clean linen instead of filthy rags; good food instead of badly-cooked rations; tender treatment instead of clumsy efforts of untrained hospital orderlies. As an example of her difficulties and her methods, it was told how some stores arrived from England, and from the want of them sick men were dying. They were locked up until the official inspector arrived. Florence Nightingale called a couple of orderlies, led them to the door, and ordered them to break it open. The stores were distributed. Before she returned to her native land, Miss Nightingale, in the summer of 1856, began to be embarrassed with honors and awards. The most valued of these was a magnificent jewel sent by Queen Victoria, with one of the most touching letters that a Sovereign ever penned to a subject. The jewel bore the inscription, "Blessed are the Merciful." The Sultan of Turkey presented her with a bracelet. In England, subscriptions were opened for a national testimony, and £50,000 was collected; but at Miss Nightingale's request the money was devoted to the maintenance of a hospital for training nurses; while she herself had, where once

three nations met in battle, a gigantic cross erected on the hills of Balaklava, which shows clear against the sky, bearing the inscription, "Lord have mercy upon us!" the only memorial she wished. On her return to England she spent a fortnight at Balmoral as the guest of Queen Victoria.

One can hardly fail to sympathize with the Australians and New Zealanders who object to the commercial use of the name "Anzac," a puzzling word until one knows that it is made of the initial letters of the "Australian and New Zealand Army Corps," and its wide appearance on bottles and in advertisements. Yet it is doubtful that any vigor of objection can legally prevent the abuse. History offers a parallel case in the word "Yankee," which has been applied to a long and miscellaneous list of objects that were expected to sell better under that title. Perhaps they did. The important thing, as a suggestion of comfort to the Australians and New Zealanders, is that the word remained superior to such uses, and is to-day as honorable a term as anyone can desire. So it will probably be with Anzac, and those who meet it in commercial use will be constantly reminded of its finer and permanent meaning.

How the word "Anzac" was first used is, of course, a little story in it-

self. It is a story of a telegraphic code as a matter of fact, for Anzac was merely Sir W. R. Birdwood's code word, chosen by him to serve as telegraphic address for the Australian and New Zealand corps when he took command. He may not have realized that, in coining a word from the initial letters of important distinguishing words, he was following a well-known method of advertising experts in devising trade names for goods of particular quality; nevertheless, the Anzacs were "the goods," and they deserved, as they received, the name which they, and nobody else, could make famous.

(From London Bightly.)

A young man entered the village shop and complained to the owner that a ham he had purchased there a few days before had proved not to be good.

"The ham is all right, sir!" insisted the shopkeeper.

"No; it isn't," insisted the other. "It's bad!"

"How can that be," continued the shopkeeper, "when it was cured only last week?"

The young man reflected a moment, and then suggested:

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