

the exception of about three inches in the center of the forehead, with a series of perpendicular lines half an inch long and composed of fine dots, while on the cheeks are six oblique lines, three on the outside of the prominent cheek bones, running down to the corner of the mouth, and three on the inside, ending at the nostril. The Nufis, a tribe of the Nagos, have merely three short lines on each side of the mouth, and while the Huossas have the head clean shaven the Nufis wear a round patch of hair on the top of the skull. The Djedjis have a similar arrangement of the hair, but are marked with only one perpendicular line at the angle of the eye. The negroes of Dahomey shave the entire head, and have one vertical line on each cheek while the Egbas are unshaven and bear on each cheek two long lines curving from the eye to the chin.

Quite different from the above described system of tattooing in straight lines is that of the Yabous. They adorn themselves with three small circles on each side of the mouth, and a circle on the brow just above the nose. The Diedji chiefs of Porto Novo have a small circle on each cheek, three short vertical lines between the ear and eye, and a perpendicular mark in the centre of the forehead, while the freemen of Dagobas have the same marks as the Nufis, but the heads unshaven. In spite of all this barbarous tattooing, the character of the heads of all these tribes is remarkable for the absence of most of the traits which we associate with the negro race. The reverend missionaries have in their possession some photographs which one would fancy represented some old Romans, rather than Africans of the coast. The men of Dahomey are especially unlike negroes in the shape of the head and features ; the portrait of one exhi-