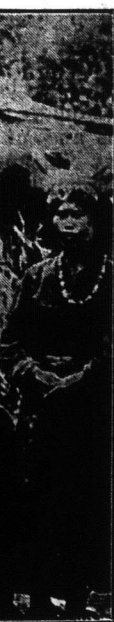


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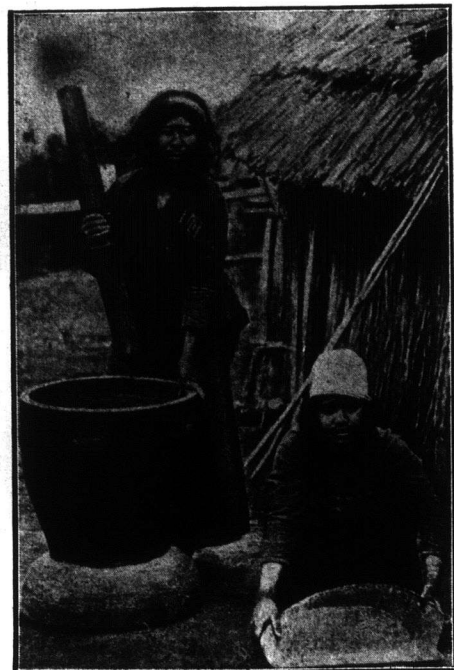
The cooking pot is probably presided over by the foster mother, who generally



Woman with bear cub.

appears rather pleased than otherwise at the impending fate of her nursing.

The Ainu, like the Eskimo, have no religion. They have no knowledge of a Supreme Being and no belief in a future state. In fact they own that they have been taught nothing and know nothing. This is really the state in which they live. Certain of the Ainu intermarry with the Japanese, and hence there is to be seen a number of half



Ainu Women.

breeds. Also where their villages are in proximity to Japanese settlements, the natives to a great extent adopt Japanese costume, whereas among the true Ainu, in warm weather, all forms of clothes are conspicuous by their absence. Perhaps this is fortunate, therefore, that the illus-



A Family Group.

trations were gathered in places where the natives came constantly in touch with the Japanese customs.

If any one, after reading this article, seeks experience among this strange people—in which he will be amply repaid—let him not pay too long a visit to the interior of an Ainu house, unless he be immune from evil smells, for I have never known anything to equal the uncleanness of Ainu dwellings, nor encountered any creatures of the human race more odoriferous than the Hairy Ainu themselves.

Mooney's Biscuit Co.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement in another column of the Mooney Biscuit & Candy Coy., Ltd., of Stratford, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man. Although less than eight years old, the business of the Mooney Biscuit & Candy Coy. has grown by leaps and bounds, until it is said that at the present time they sell more biscuits than any other any Canadian house. Early in the history of their business, before their Winnipeg factory, they displayed their progressiveness, by building their own line of private freight cars, used exclusively for shipping their own goods.

Last year they opened a large factory in Winnipeg and they have now the distinction of being the only Eastern biscuit manufacturers with a branch factory in Western Canada.

It will perhaps be of interest to our readers to know that they were the first Canadian biscuit manufacturers to realize the value of newspaper space in bringing the merits of their goods before the people of Canada, and ever since their business was established they have been consistent users of newspaper advertising. Their present campaign is of a very unique character. Their announcements are addressed to the lady of the house, and they point out that house work can be considerably reduced by having Mooney's biscuits take the place of much of the baking which is usually done at home. Mooney's biscuits are sold in air tight, dust proof packages, or in sealed tins, guaranteeing their arrival free from any contamination and as fresh and crisp as when they left the Mooney factory.

Remarkable Strawberry Crop. \$1,484 to \$1,785 Per Acre.

On the Crow's Nest Ranch, Canoe, B.C., on the Shuswap Lake, T. L. Wilkinson took 2,005 boxes (just over 85 crates) of Magoon strawberries off 1,600 plants, covering one-seventh of an acre. They were worth at the Salmon Arm Farmers' Exchange, prices lowest, at \$2.50, \$212; highest at \$3.00, \$255; or in other words, \$1,484 to \$1,785 per acre. The plants were mostly two year olds and were kept well cultivated, and free from weeds last season. They were well fertilized at minimum cost from the hen house, the cook stove and the wash up. The yield lasted over a month, from June 20th, and all through the berries were large and fine.

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