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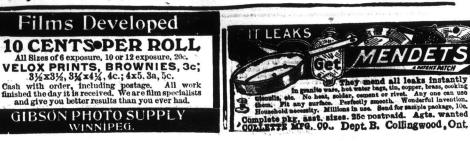
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Ainusin Japanese Clothing.

Savage Landor, who in 1893 published | the Ainu Koro-pok-Kuru, or pit dwellers, "Alone with the Hairy Ainus."

Although I have travelled the whole length of the Kurile Islands, I cannot attempt in an article of this length to do more than briefly touch upon one or two customs of the Ainu.

As their name suggests, they are a race of exceedingly hairy people. The men grow great beards, of which they are excessively proud, and their bodies are thickly covered with hair, almost like members of the monkey tribe. The women grow no hair on their faces, but seem to find a solace in this, for this imaginary defect in tattooing moustachies on their lips, and often primitive designs on their hands and arms and also across their foreheads. Young un-married women have very little tatooing on them; but once a woman is married, her husband seems to take a pride in decorating his bride with representations of hirsute adornment. The modus operandi is one which requires considerable fortitude on the part of the patient, since the crudest form of tattooing is adopted. This consists of making a number of incisions in the skin with the point of a knife. Cuttle fish black or smoke black is then rubbed into the wounds, and the operation sets up great inflammation of the lips, and is very painful.

A characteristic of the Ainu race is time arrives for these festivals.

owing to the habit of living in huts constructed over of a form of rectangular, circular or oval shaped pit, many traces of which are still to be found in the Kurile Islands.

One great trait in the Ainu character is their great bravery, and this is a quality held in high esteem among them. On the island of Zezo, bears are very numerous. The Ainu men, who are merely armed with such primitive weapons as bows, arrows, and knives, hunt and kill a great number of these animals. One species is notoriously savage. One of the most curious and unnatural costoms is puzzling as to its exact origin. At certain seasons of the year the men organize parties for hunting bears; old bears are killed, their skins and skulls being brought home. The skulls are often erected on sticks, where they remain as trophies outside the hunters' dwelling.

All young bear cubs that are captured are brought home to the settlements, where the women of the tribe adopt them, and actually suckle these beasts as they would their own children. The object is that these young cubs shall be killed and eaten at what is known as a "bear festival." Often when the cubs are too big to be nursed any longer, they are confined in a wooden cage until the

At the color of their skin, which is of a this the unfortunate bear cub is tied