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### Nations That Vanished.

SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN CITY.  
By CAPTAIN F. A. M. WEBSTER, F.R.G.S. (late King's African Rifles).  
From the immortal writers of tales of mystery and adventure have found Africa a fertile field, and many fine books, such as "Allan Quartermain" and "People of the Mist," have been built up on the legend of the East African natives still tall, and in which they firmly believe, of a white race lost but still extant in the very heart of the interior of Africa.  
The legends are tantalizing, and taken in conjunction with the presence of the very Jewish-looking Somali people, who absolutely refuse to consider themselves natives, set one dreaming of the lost tribes of Israel.  
But there is, I think, a much more logical explanation of the legends which the natives relate seldom but always with the same sure touch and significance of detail.

**The Wood-carving Wonder.**  
Before giving the explanation, however, I must call attention to a curious matter which, for long past, has puzzled white men stationed or resident in East Africa, and which is connected with native craftsmanship.  
Almost every East African native is addicted to wood-carving and is exceptionally skilful with his knife. In their spare time the natives make the most ornate walking-sticks, fashioning the handle frequently in the shape of a man or woman. The faces of both figures are essentially Egyptian in features and character, and the woman is always portrayed with clothes and culture of ancient Egyptian fashion.  
This was the more surprising as many of the carvers have never seen an Egyptian, nor, for that matter, journeyed north of the Equator.

**Mr. Roscoe's Discovery.**  
That matter has, however, been cleared up by the Rev. John Roscoe, who has just returned to England from a year's sojourn in the Bunyoro district, which borders the eastern shore of Lake Albert in the Northern Province of Uganda.

Mr. Roscoe, who is one of our greatest ethnologists, has now proved, beyond all possibility of question, that an Asiatic people (Semites) traversed the Nile from Egypt as far south as Zululand long ago. These people, no doubt, brought with them many of the customs of ancient Egypt, which died out elsewhere a thousand years ago, but which still survive in some parts of Central Africa, and, incidentally, they almost certainly instituted stick-carving on the present pattern.

It is stated that this tribe has kept itself almost entirely separate from other tribes and that the men and women, who are light-brown in colour, are very handsome, even when judged by our Western standards.

The fact that these people are light in colour, European in appearance, and exclusive, and that they must originate from the East, Egypt, which died out elsewhere a thousand years ago, is quite enough to account for the East African legend that a white race is still extant in the interior.

Quite recently an American explorer, returned from a sojourn in the African wilds, electrified the ethnologists by announcing that he had discovered an entirely new race of pigmy negroes in the forest mass bordering the Semliki River between Lake Albert and Lake Edward.

**Descendants of the Aztecs?**  
This American stated that his pigmies were known to other natives as the Mbatti, and were not in any way to be confused with the Wambatti, a race of pigmies discovered by Stanley in the same locality.

This statement has a distinctly amusing side since in the Swahili language "Mb" is the singular and "Wa" the plural prefix to the same proper noun.  
In South America the legend has survived for many generations, of the Golden City, which the Elizabethan adventurers sought in vain among the mountains of Matto Grosso, the westernmost and last known province of Brazil.

It is in this city that the descendants of the Aztecs may survive.  
That the city does exist was made almost certain by an artillery officer sent by the British Government to Bolivia to demit her frontier, and who is now driving, under the auspices of the Brazilian Government, to find the Golden City of South America and to resolve all doubts as to the nature of its population.

### Household Notes.

Fry ham in some of the ham fat from a previous trying. It will cook quicker and be less dry.  
Add a teaspoonful of vanilla and of strong coffee to chocolate syrup for making milk-shakes.  
An elastic band slipped around the bell of the alarm clock will diminish the noise of the bell.  
Black satin slippers will look brighter if wiped off with a cloth saturated with ammonia.  
In preparing fruit to place on a toothpick in each piece and place on oiled paper ready to dip.  
A shelf of canned goods is a great resource to the housewife when the unexpected guest arrives.

## Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

IN REGARD TO NOSES.



RUTH CAMERON

What funny things noses are! At a lecture which I was attending the other evening, during a period when the lecturer was repeating some facts I had heard once or twice before, my mind eluded me and went wandering. It is, I am ashamed to say, a trick it sometimes has. And yet it often brings me back such amusing and beguiling thoughts that I cannot be as cross with it as I ought to be.

This time my mind called my attention to the long row of noses which, by leaning slightly forward in my seat, I could see. They with their accompanying owners were all pointed so unself-consciously toward the lecturer that it gave me a chance to study them without being intrusive. It was a big hall and I could see about 12 in one direction and 20 or so in the other. And no two were alike and not one was beautiful.

**How Often Do You See a Beautiful Nose?**

Lest that latter seem an invidious statement let me hastily assure you that I do not think one finds one beautiful nose among 1000, that is one nose that is straight and well-formed, neither too long nor too short, neither too thick nor too thin, and without the drawback of unsightly pores and in perfect proportion to the face. Take notice of the noses you meet to-morrow to see if you really find one to which you can give the word beautiful. Or the day after, or the day after that. I would not be surprised if it should be weeks instead of days before you find one. And in the meantime you will have found dozens of beautiful mouths and eyes and dimples and chins and foreheads and eyebrows.

There is a type of nose, however, which is much commoner than the beautiful nose almost as much. I refer to the pug nose that is just slightly retroussée. I don't of course mean the heavy pug, just the slightly tip-tipped nose. It belongs with a

short upper lip, a mouth of which the corners curve up, and upward swooping eyebrows, and when it appears with that perfect background it makes for a provocative charm quite as alluring as beauty.

**The Hump Denotes Force of Character.**

A hump on the nose is supposed to indicate a strong character. I heard a woman who lectures on character building say that by her own efforts she had put a hump on her nose in the last few years. If I could have my choice I think I would take the character without the hump if I didn't have to have both or neither.

The nose I like least is the kind that sags at the tip and comes out strong at the end. I also dislike the kind of nose that seems to sit down snugly between puggy cheeks (found only in middle aged people).

**The Thin Aristocratic Nose.**

The thin nose even if not regular has a certain beauty sometimes and an aristocratic intellectual look always.

One of the women at the lecture had a blunt nose that stopped too abruptly for correct line but somehow gave her a nice dependable look that I liked.

Queer that the nose should express character when we don't express emotion with it as we do with the eyes or the mouth. One would think that a feature would express character because the sum of many emotions had moulded it into one form or another, but one cannot imagine the emotions having any effect upon the nose, can one? Noses, as I before remarked, are funny things.

**What Becomes of Stolen Jewels.**

"Get rid of them as quickly as possible," is the motto of all those who have anything to do with stolen jewels. It is only by keeping them constantly in motion from one place to another that the police are baffled.

The "fence"—or receiver of stolen goods—is no exception. All the stones are removed from their settings before they are weighed, and, as soon as the thief has left him, the receiver begins sorting. All stones

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The very small ones are sent to a man who is willing to buy them for the making of glass-cutters, and the more valuable stones have to be disposed of to unscrupulous dealers in England and other countries.

Most stolen diamonds go to Holland—to Amsterdam or Rotterdam—where, of course, exist the most expert cutters of diamonds (illicit and otherwise) in the world.

A considerable number of stolen stones, however, are sold to not-particular merchants in England. There are some diamond dealers who, although they wouldn't touch a stolen jewel (so long as it is easily recognizable) don't mind talking business if one stone is split into two or three.

In this connection it may surprise many of my readers to know that certain fencibles actually have a staff of commercial travellers working for them. They display as much business organization in selling stolen jewels as do merchants who make an honest living by dealing in precious stones.

Not only are there unscrupulous dealers, but I know many travellers who have no objections to making some extra money by a useful "side-line."

These men, while representing firms of whose "straightness" there can be no doubt, will buy a few stolen gems from a receiver, and, using their firm's name, sell them—keeping the money themselves.

Such men, however, do not last long as a rule. It is so easy to make a little extra money that the temptation to make a lot overcomes them. They go too far, and then crash.

Some stolen diamonds have actually been sent to South Africa, and there sold and resold in the mining districts. So the stones continually go round and round. While there are women in the world there will be a demand for diamonds, and while there are buyers or fences or receivers there will be thieves. And so the criminal will always be putting his brains against those of the keepers of the law.

A little story. One of the most beautiful ladies of London was staying in Paris with her husband, not so very long ago.

While out shopping one day she saw, in a jeweller's shop, a necklace which attracted her very much. The diamonds in it were good, and the general design of the ornament was pleasing.

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Dinner over, he examined the diamonds more closely, handling and fingering them.

Suddenly he drew his hand away sharply—one of the stones having scratched him. Sending for a microscope, he unfastened the necklace and examined it carefully.

His wife was astonished to hear him give a cry of surprise. "Look, dear," he said, handing her the microscope. "This is the very diamond upon which I cut my initials when we were first married."

Sure enough it was. Several years earlier the lady had lost a very valuable necklace, and the affair had almost been forgotten when, in Paris, she purchased another ornament in which were several of her own jewels!

In this case the owners were able to recognize their diamonds for the simple reason that they had not been re-cut.

It would be most interesting to know how many people there are who, to-day, are wearing their own jewels carefully "disguised," re-cut and re-set! The craftsmen who "touch up" such stones are sufficiently skilful to deceive experts—as has been proved by the number of times Hatton Garden merchants have been swindled.

Did you read, in the papers recently, of how a very old trick had been successfully worked again? It could hardly be called a jewel robbery, but it shows how well versed in all sides of the game are crooks.

A man bought a diamond from a merchant, paying (we'll say) £1,000 for it. He wanted two exactly alike, and the merchant promised to try hard to obtain a second stone.

Weeks passed, and the buyer went so far as to offer £2,000, if only another diamond could be found to match the one he already had. The dealer was almost in despair, when a man turned up with an exact replica of the £1,000 diamond—but he asked £1,500 for it.

"Well," thought the merchant, "I shall still make £500 profit. So he paid the money—and later discovered that he had bought back his own stone for £500 more than he had received for it!

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