

THE MONKEY MEN OF NEW GUINEA.

There is also a race of blacks peculiar to Dourga strait, on the coast of New Guinea, that spend much of their time among the branches of trees. Their huts are built upon the ground, where a clearing is made for the purpose, but they are nearly always found, as are the monkeys, with which their territory is thickly populated, either resting on the limbs of trees or making their way by leaping from branch to branch, by which they travel for miles without once touching the ground.



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The tribes of this part of New Guinea are by no means agreeable specimens of the *Papuan* race. They are barely of middle size and lightly built. Their skin is decidedly black, and they ornament their bodies with red ochre, paying special attention to their faces, which are made as scarlet as ochre can make them. They are a dirty set of people, and are subject to diseases of the skin, which give them a very repulsive appearance.

Dress is not used by the men, who, however, wear plenty of ornaments. They mostly have a belt made of plaited leaves or