

My own experience, extending over four years of intimate acquaintance with these people, hundreds of whom were brought under observation, shows that while all these views express a measure of truth, they do not accurately represent the true facts. With reference to the baldness spoken of by Mr. Lyman, it should be pointed out that, while it is a very common occurrence, it is by no means a true physical characteristic, since it arises, in large part at least, from the great prevalence of scalp diseases among the children and youth.

As to the hairiness of the body and limbs, one remarks the most extreme variations. During one of my own expeditions, eighteen Ainos were employed as boatmen. Of these, twelve were exceedingly hairy, more so than I had ever before observed man to be. Of the others, three, formerly students at Tokio, and studied by Mr. Griffis, were quite smooth, and one had a very fair skin. It has repeatedly been brought to my notice that the Yezoines are not more hairy than Europeans, while in many more cases I have observed the exact reverse to be conspicuously true. The conclusion appears justifiable that, the Yezoine in general, is to be regarded as possessing a more than ordinarily hairy body, enough so at least, to make him deserving of the epithet of "Hairy Kurile."

A stranger gains his first impression of the great hairiness of these people from their exceedingly bushy hair and beards. The latter are a general feature of the men, their absence being rather exceptional; but their very bushy growth is doubtless due as much to the fact that the men never shave and seem rarely even to clip their beards, as to any natural excess of growth.

The hair of the head is straight, black and rather coarse. It is never brushed, but is allowed to fall naturally, usually to the base of the neck, being trimmed uniformly to this length all round. There is also a frequent tendency in the hair to stand straight out from the head. The effect of all this upon the stranger is to impress him at once with the uncouth aspect and great hairiness of the people.

We shall see, however, that the Saghalien Ainos present