

# HAS MAN ADVANCED?

HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OUR ANCESTORS?

Intellectually It may Be Claimed Mankind Has Made Great Advances.

Every now and then civilisation has a fit of dejection, and begins to ask itself whether it is worth while, and whether the average twentieth-century man would not have a happier time of it if he could be transplanted back into the savagery in which his ancestors lived thousands of years ago.

Some distinguished American professors have recently been discussing the question afresh, and it is curious how widely they agree that mankind has made rather a bad bargain in adopting civilisation.

Medical opinion holds emphatically that, as healthy animals, we are not to be compared with our savage ancestors. We are steadily losing teeth, hair, and toes. We are ravaged by indigestion—a disease which, with its consequences, one professor has called far too heavy a price to itself to pay for civilisation. Our sanity, too, is steadily being undermined by nervous diseases.

None of these maladies were known in primeval times; nor was consumption, another scourge of civilisation. In spite of the brilliant deeds and discoveries of medical and surgical science, the civilised world is simply undermined with disease. Civilisation, in fact, is unhealthy, and these centuries of disease have permanently weakened the human body. A savage terribly mangled by a tiger will recover steadily without assistance from wounds, which even the healthiest of Europeans, under the most skilled medical attention, could not survive for an hour.

## A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

In fact, medical opinion declares that the civilised man will, after a few thousand years more of civilisation, be a toothless animal, with small, shrunken legs and arms, and a massive, bald head, with large, half-blind eyes.

Even though the average man of to-day undergoes more physical suffering in a month than his far-off ancestor did in a lifetime, it may be claimed that intellectually mankind has made tremendous advances.

That is true; but intellect does not add to all-round happiness. The professors of philosophy are of opinion that if the finer modern brain gives a wider circle of pleasures, it also makes sorrow more bitter. Our more sensitive nerves, too, find causes for worry and depression in trifles that would fail to make any impression whatever on a simpler, sturdier brain.

Then the digestive troubles, from which practically every civilised man suffers more or less, cloud and darken the capacity for happiness. The civilised world affects superiority to the childlike glee which makes a savage stand on his head or dance when he is pleased; but that, say the philosophers, is simply a sign that civilisation has dulled men's capacity for joy, and made them poorer.

## TAKING TROUBLES SIMPLY.

Are we an improvement on our savage ancestors morally? That is a point on which opinions are more varied. There certainly seems in civilised countries a spirit of kindness and charity that is not common among savages, who are usually quite indifferent to the sufferings of others. The spirit which has produced the great charitable organisations, and which is shown, to take only one instance, in the general hatred of cruelty to animals, must have been quite incomprehensible in the days before civilisation.

The cruelty that young children often show to animals weaker than themselves is simply a cast-back to primeval days. Education and the example of their elders soon drive this cruelty out.

But another school of thought points out that, from the point of view of personal happiness, this tendency to enter into the sufferings of others has been a loss, not a gain. Our savage forefathers not only took their own troubles more simply than we do ours, but refused to add the sufferings of others to their own; or, rather, their brains and imagination were so undeveloped that they were incapable of doing

so. It probably did not matter a pin to the American or Englishman of the Stone Age whether his son lost a leg in a fight or not. Our ancestors took other people's troubles easily.

## RAILWAYS IN AFRICA.

The Enterprise of the Germans on the West Coast.

The Deutsche Kolonialblatt, printed in Germany, publishes the information that the Central African Railway, starting from Dar-es-Salaam on the West Coast, has now reached the station of Tura and is now only eighty-three miles from Tabora, says the London Standard. The company is said to be now laying down the line at the rate of sixteen miles a month, so that it would reach Tabora in the spring of next year, or nearly two years earlier than was expected when the scheme came before the Reichstag in 1904. At that time, it may be remembered the concession was approved as far as Morogoro, and the line first reached this place in October, 1909. It was then decided to prolong it for another 460 miles to Tabora.

The first part of the new section was difficult, and at the beginning of 1910 the work had only got as far as Kidetun, a little more than eighty miles. From here onward, however, a vast tableland stretches almost to Lake Tanganyika, and the 330th mile is now under construction.

There is little doubt that when Tabora is reached the line will be further prolonged to Oujidi, on the lake, as soon as the Reichstag has approved the extension. Although the line has a certain commercial value, its principal object is political, and it must be looked at in conjunction with the great scheme of the late King of the Belgians for a transafrican line which he placed before the Geographical Congress of Brussels in 1876. It lay dormant for many years, but has lately been taken up again seriously.

At present the Belgian-Congo Railway runs from Matadi to Leopoldville, and from there a steamer service goes up the Sankuru River 1,124 miles from the Atlantic coast to Lussambo. There remains a little more than 460 miles between Lussambo and Lake Tanganyika. A Belgian company, styled the Company of the Upper Congo and African Lakes, has already commenced operations by surveying for a line from Lukuga to the lake at Cabalo, and is applying for a new concession to join Cabalo and Mutombo, thus completing the Belgian-German chain of railway and steamer services across the continent.

It is calculated in Belgium that the line from Cabalo to Mutombo could be finished in 1914, which is about the date the German line should reach Oujidi. That this is no "wildcat" scheme is proved by a recent announcement in the Kolnische Zeitung that the capital of the above named company was to be raised from £2,000,000 to £3,000,000, in order to bring the terminus at Tanganyika opposite the German one. It is more than probable that in the negotiations now proceeding at Berlin this transafrican railway project of Germany will be taken into consideration.

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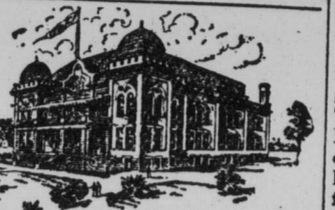
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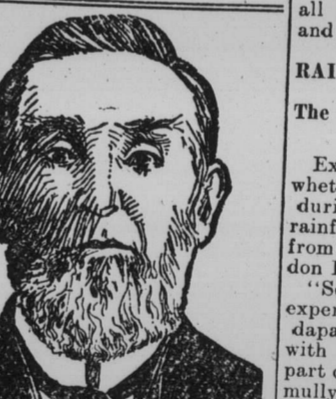
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This night we had our first experience in a Japanese sleeping car, says a writer in the Railway Gazette. The track is narrow gauge and the standard sleeping cars have six seats running lengthwise, each seating two passengers, with a centre aisle. The upper berth is the regular Pullman style and a section will accommodate two passengers. The night was during the extreme heat of midsummer, the car was crowded, and in addition to the regular curtains each berth was provided with a mosquito bar, which added to the general discomfort. Passengers were taken on and let down at all stops, so there was constant progression through the aisle all night. Part of the car was reserved for local accommodation, and those who sat up smoked incessantly, so that long before morning the atmosphere became intolerable.



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The host and hostess then showed us all over the house. It is a turf structure, and is typical of the older farm-house, with narrow, dark, windowless corridors, winding in labyrinthian maze from room to room. One passageway leads to a large open mound, where a fire is made to smoke meat and fish, and incidentally the whole house and everything in it. Another passage leads to another kitchen with a modern stove. The walls are all of turf, as is the roof, with just enough driftwood in the roof to make a framework to hold it in place. Very steep stairs lead up to the badstofa, or sleeping apartment. The badstofa frequently forms the sitting and common work room of the family, especially in winter, as well as the sleeping room of the entire household.

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The Use of Rockets on an Estate in Southern India.

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"Some years ago," he says, "an experiment was tried in the Cuddapah district of southern India with considerable success. I am part owner of an estate in the Seramulla Hills, which is situated in a particularly dry zone. For several seasons poor coffee crops withered away from lack of rain during July and August.

"When I was visiting the estate in July, 1905, I noticed that heavy clouds gathered every afternoon and I thought that if we had been in a position to fire explosive rockets from the highest peak of the hills, about 4,500 feet, a shower of rain might have been produced.

"I therefore arranged to have a supply of rockets kept on the estate and fired off every afternoon at the rate of one rocket every five minutes, but only when the condition of the atmosphere was such that heavy rain threatened on all sides.

"Whether rain has fallen in response to these explosives or not the fact remains that ever since we first tried the experiment we have been fortunate enough to catch sufficient moisture to enable the crops to survive the drought."

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