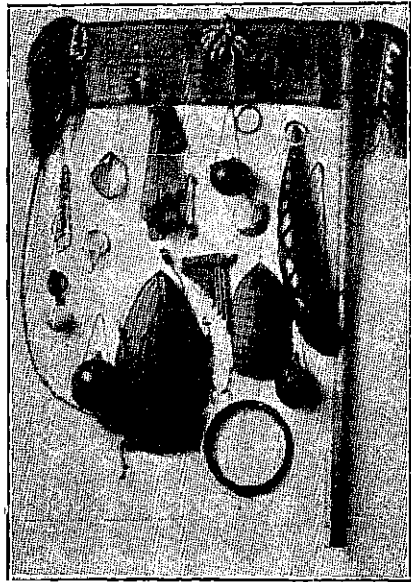
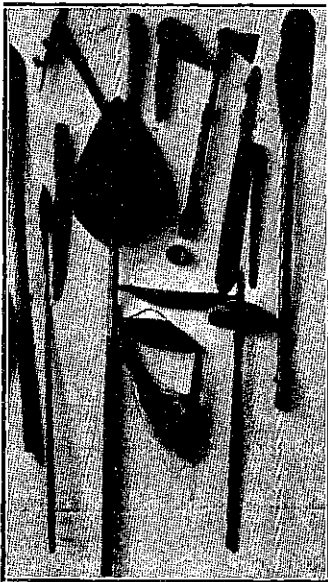


walking behind. Relatives and friends preceding a long line of empty carriages slowly moved toward Rue d'Alma, the main street, thence through the town to Hospital Hill, on the outskirts. Here the carriage entered and the remains were carried to their last resting place, four miles further out. Those who did not care to continue the journey returned, myself amongst the number."

The inhabitants of this place are rather mixed. The Chinese and Japs take up a small corner for their wares. The Tonkinois, with blackened teeth from the chewing of

is found, but a native spotted like a leopard is of greater rarity. Hired at one of the largest stores is just such a curiosity. From head to foot this freak is covered with large spots of black and greyish white. There is no disease, no sign even of that dreadful elephantiasis which attacks such a large number of natives.

Riding towards Canala one day we passed a most startling object. It was a native. One leg was about six times the size of the other. Apparently he had no pain, only a considerable inconvenience when walking. Apart from the



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beetle-nut, are chiefly seen working amongst the shipping. The indolent Malabar lounges lazily about or snores under the shade of a neighbouring banana. Next come the New Hebrides and New Caledonian natives, both used as labourers in the coffee plantations, shops and private houses. These Kanakas range in colour from copper to deepest black. Like the African nigger the blacker the skin the handsomer they are considered. As in all races, an occasional albino

natives there is also a strong population of English and French, the latter being chiefly military.

The streets and government buildings are kept in perfect repair by the convicts. They are sent in squads into the town every morning at six o'clock, under the care of a keeper. During the heat of the day, from 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., they, as well as the inhabitants, breakfast and indulge in a siesta, after which work is resumed until 5 p.m. The day ended, the convicts