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South African Natives
Their Home and Customs





A Native Wedding Dance

A wedding is made the occasion of great rejoicings amongst the Natives. The men are here seen rhythmically stamping their feet whilst the women in the background keep time by means of clapping their hands, gradually increasing the speed until the men are urged to frenzied gestures and movements.



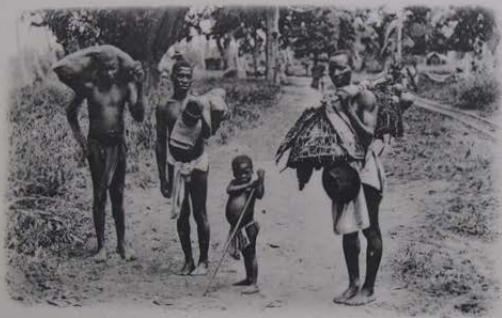
A Chief and his wives

The Natives are polygamists and it is not unusual to find a petty chief with 30 wives. The principal one is called the great wife, then comes the wife on the right hand, followed by the wife of the ancestors; those remaining are wives of minor importance.



Grinding Corn

Here a native woman is seen performing an everyday task, whilst the youngest child keeps her company.



Going to Market

The Natives when disposing their produce are not difficult to deal with and a bargain can soon be struck with them.



Tillers of the Soil

It is the duty of the women to look after field and garden,
whilst the men take it easy.



*A young Native belle
Showing the peculiar hair-dress
and neck ornaments.*



*A Native warrior
Only men of proven mettle are
allowed to enter the ranks of a
chief's impi. In battle they are
brave and heedless of all danger.*



Enjoying a Smoke

The Native is very fond of smoking, abandoning himself to the full enjoyment of a tobacco of his own manufacture called "Insanga" whenever he has an opportunity.



A gathering of Natives

*In the foreground will be seen "Ringmen" or petty chiefs,
whose distinctive badge is a ring worn on the head.*



A Native musician

The weird sounds, which the Native manages to extract from the instrument of rude construction here shown would sound very strangely to the European ear accustomed to modern musical instruments.



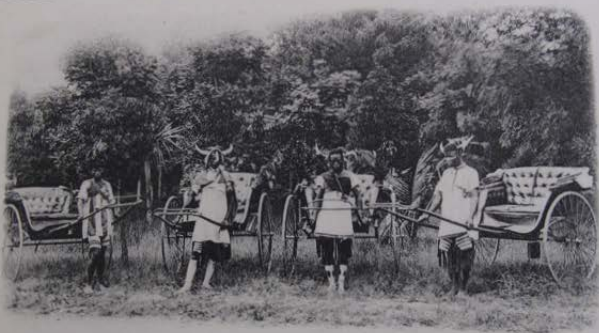
Native mothers

In the performance of their duties Native Mothers do not allow their children to interfere, but carry them on their backs, securely fastened thereto, whilst they attend to all necessary work.



Town and Country

On one side we see a Native girl wearing the ornaments peculiar to her tribe, whilst on the other side her sister swells with pride in being able to display her adopted European dress.



Jinriksha Boys

Picturesquely attired, these goodnatured Natives often perform surprising feats of endurance when running along swiftly with no perceptible effort for very great distances. To secure a passenger they vie with each other in proclaiming their individual merits.