

The usual colour of the natives is a black-brown, often very dark, and darker than that of the natives of Humboldt Bay. As is usually the case with dark races, the young girls and boys appear much lighter as a rule than the adults. Some one or two of the young women were of a quite light yellowish brown, as was also one young man, who came from a distance to the ship to trade. No doubt there is a mixture of blood, and the light coloured natives observed belonged to the light coloured race described by Jacobs as inhabiting the eastern part of the main island, and as constantly being made war upon by the dominant black race.¹

The hair of the head, which is worn long only by the younger adult males, formed in them a dense mop, projecting in all directions 6 to 8 inches from the head, but appeared less luxuriant in growth than that of the natives of Humboldt Bay. The hair is crisp, glossy, and extremely elastic, and every hair rolls itself up into a spiral of small diameter, thus in general appearance it is fine curly, like that of Fijians. On comparing it with a very small sample of hair of the natives of Humboldt Bay taken from several native combs, the hair of the latter proves to be somewhat coarser, but in other respects the two hairs are closely alike, the diameters of the spirals of the curls being the same. Some hair from a native of Api, New Hebrides, is of about the same coarseness as the Admiralty Island hair, but the curls are of much smaller diameter; the hair of the Api Islanders seems to be remarkable for the fineness of its curls. The fineness of the curl of the hair in various Melanesian races seems to be pretty constant in each race and characteristic. It might be estimated by measuring the diameter of the circles formed by the separate spirally twisted hairs, and taking the average of several measurements. No doubt a certain curve of the hair follicles corresponds with and produces the curl in the hairs, as in the case of the hair follicles of the negro as discovered by Mr. Stewart,² but the amount of curve will be peculiar to each race. The hair of both head and body of the Admiralty Islanders is naturally black, that of the head being of a glossy black. The hair of the men's bodies was not at all abundant, nor by any means so plentiful as it is often seen to be on the bodies of Europeans, the hairiness of whom is apt to be underrated. Eyebrows were generally absent in the Admiralty Islanders, having very probably been shaved off; the natives made signs when offered razors that they used obsidian knives for shaving.

It was not noticed that the natives seen at Nares Harbour had excessively large front teeth. This fact was observed by Baron de Miklucho-Maclay³ on his first visit, and he has since examined most interesting cases of macrodontism on subsequent excursions to the islands.

The septum of the nose in all the adult males is perforated, and the lower margin of

¹ Jacobs, *loc. cit.*, p. 176.

² Charles Stewart, F.L.S., Note on the Scalp of a Negro, *Microscopical Journal*, vol. ix. p. 54, 1873.

³ Verhandl. der Berlin Gesellsch. f. Anthrop., *Zeitschr. f. Ethnol.*, Bd. viii., 1876.