

the perforation usually dragged down by the suspension of ornaments, so that in a profile view of the face the large aperture in the septum is looked through by the observer.

Some of the natives (about one in every fifteen or twenty) have most remarkable long Jewish noses, as at Humboldt Bay. It was at first imagined that this form of nose was produced to some extent by long action of excessively heavy nose ornaments, but one youth of only sixteen or seventeen was seen with such a nose very fully developed, and more than one woman with a well-marked arched nose with dependent tip, and the women appear to wear no nose ornaments.

The earlobes of all the men were enlarged, being slit and dragged down into long loops by the weight of suspended ornaments.

The women wear as their only covering two bunches of grass, one in front, the other behind. The dress of the men, besides a white cowry shell (*Ovulum ovum*), consists occasionally of a narrow strip of bark cloth about 5 feet long and 6 or 8 inches in breadth, which is almost white when new and clean (see Pl. XXIX.). The cloth is in the form of a long natural sac, open at both ends, being evidently loosened from the cut limb of the tree from which it is made by beating, and then drawn off entire. This cloth is sometimes reddened by being rubbed with a red earth also used by the natives for smearing their bodies. No better native cloth was seen; and the natives apparently do not know the method of fusing the fibrous material from several pieces of bark together, so as to form tappa, like that of Fiji or Tonga.

The hair in the women, young and old, is cut short all over the head, and worn in this simple fashion, without decoration of any kind. In the boys the hair is short, probably cut short, as in the women, and in the older men the hair is always short. Only the young men of apparently from eighteen to thirty or so wear the hair long and combed out into a mop or bush. The mop of hair in the young men, possibly the warriors (though numbers of adults still in full vigour, had their hair short), is carefully combed out, often reddened, and greased. A triangular comb is usually worn in it (see Pl. I. fig. 4), also cocks' feathers or plumes of the Nicobar Pigeon or the Night Heron, bound together in tufts and fastened on to the ends of short sticks of wood, are worn as hairpins.

It must be remembered that the native ornaments of the Pacific Islands are all made to show on a dark skin. White shell or tusk ornaments look exceedingly well against the dark skins of natives, although when removed and handled by whites they show to little advantage. The young girls at the Admiralty Islands sometimes wear a necklace or two, but they are never decorated to the same extent as are the men, who seem averse to part with any of their finery to the women. The old women have no ornaments. One girl was seen with only a necklace of the beads procured from the ship; and another had one of small unshaped lumps of wood, worn apparently rather as a charm than an ornament.