

were decorated with colours (see Plate K. fig. 1). With them were suspended large quantities of balls of human hair, some evidently old, others of recent date, which were sometimes suspended in networks of string, sometimes in small receptacles of a very open basket-work (see figs. 258 and 259). Both the bunches of hair and the

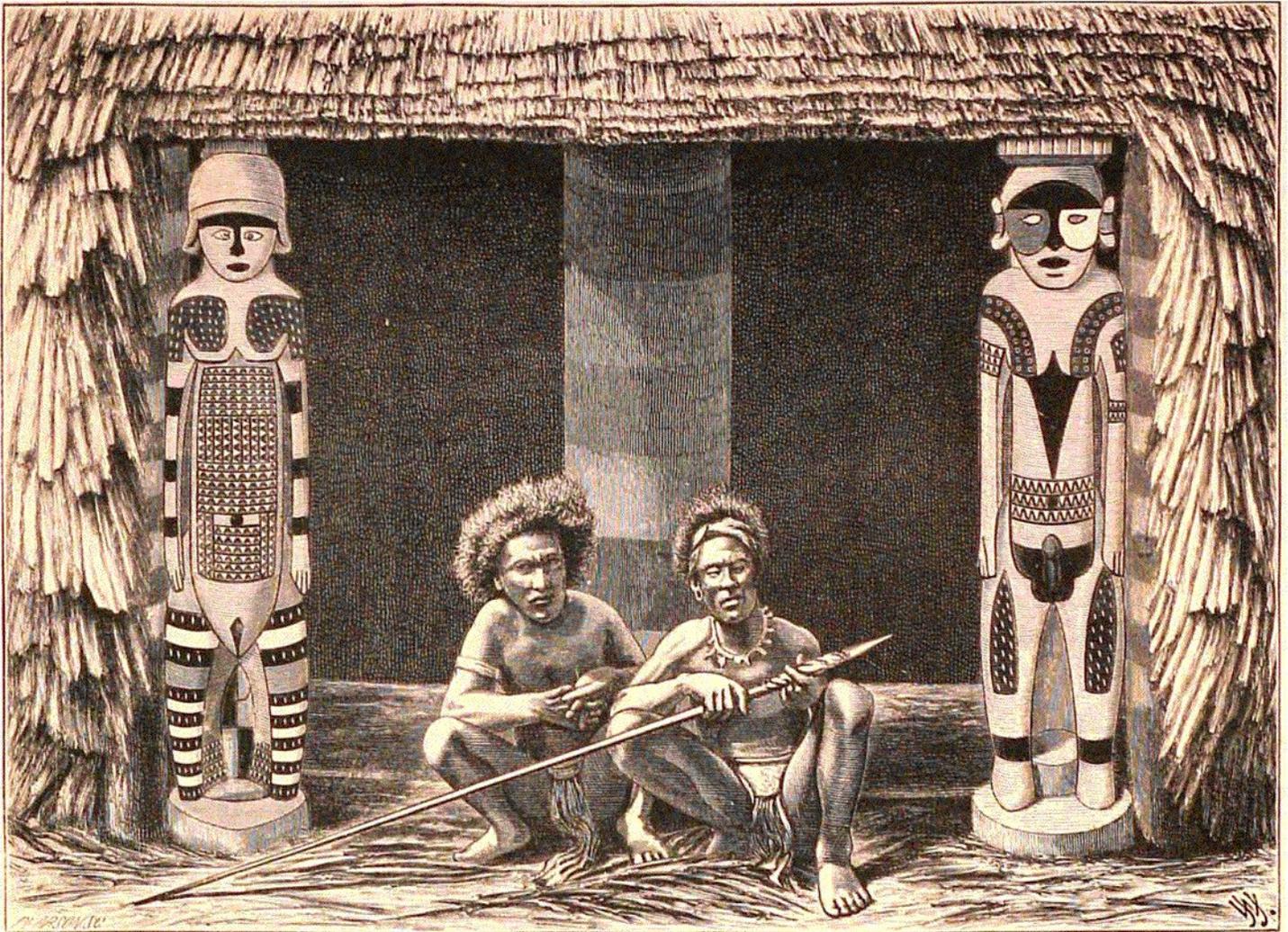


FIG. 257.—Entrance to a Club House, Wild Island, Admiralty Islands, with carved and decorated door-posts.

skulls appeared often to have regular owners, though set up in the club house; the natives parted with both freely for barter.

Skulls of a Dugong and a Porpoise were also produced for barter. As appears from what is published of Baron de Miklucho-Maclay's researches on the Maclay coast of New Guinea and other sources, the club houses, as already stated, belong to certain associa-