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KNOWLEDGE OF BRONZE POSSESSED BY THE BANTU.

THE question has been put to me whether any Bantu in South Africa possessed the art of mixing copper and tin to form bronze, and as the question is an important one, I think it right to publish here what I know upon the subject. I never met an individual of the Bantu family who had such knowledge, nor could any one who assisted me in the inquiry in all parts of the country learn that the Bantu were ever acquainted with the art. Dr. Peringuey, director of the South African museum, informs me that no specimen of a bronze implement made by Bantu hands has ever been seen in that institution, though several, not of Bantu manufacture, have been found at Zimbabwe. Still. the evidence that some individuals knew how to produce bronze ornaments is so strong that it cannot be disputed, though it is possible that the knowledge was obtained by them from Europeans or Asiatics. In the instance mentioned by the reverend Dr. Motfat the description of the hammer and the cold chisel proves contact with some more highly civilised people. The evidence is as follows :---

In a report to the governor and council of policy at the Cape, dated the 3rd of August 1723, Jan van de Capelle, an official of the Dutch East India Company at Delagoa Bay, wrote :---

"In laatste van't jongst gepasseerde jaar aan la goa neegers sijn geweest, uijt de landschappen paraotte en machicosje die niet alleen koper, maar ook tin met haar bragten om aldaar te verruijlen; het koper was seer mooij van couleur, $\times \times$; het tin is meede mooij van couleur dogh wat weekelijk en ligt, gelijk uijt twee stukjes van staafjes gesien kan werden; het eene is veel harder van specie, dan het andere, gelijk sulx bij omsmelting hebbe gevonden.

"Dit thin seggen sij gevonden te werden in de landstreek machicosje, aan de kanten der revier, in mandjes opgeraapt, gesuijvert van het zand, en dan door de negers tot staafjes gebragt om te verruijlen, alle de inlanders gebruijken dit thin, ook het geene zij van ons inkoopen, om onder haar kooper, tot hals en armringen, te smelten: waar door 't sonder twijffel komt, dat haare ringen, so een glans hebben, en buijgeamer zijn dan d' Comps ringen, die daar sijn geweest."

In 1826 the reverend Robert Moffat visited the Barolong near the Molopo, and at Kongke, one of their kraals, he saw a Mohurutsi making

bronze. He says on page 466 to 468 of his Missionary Labours and Scenes in Southern Africa:—

"Having occasion to mend the linchpin of my wagon, I inquired for a native smith, when a respectable and rather venerable man, with one eye, was pointed out. Observing, from the cut of his hair, that he was a foreigner, and inquiring where he practised his trade, I was affected to hear him reply, 'I am a Mohurutsi, from Kurrechane.' I accompanied him to his shop, in an open yard at the back of his house. The whole of his implements consisted of two small goat-skins for bellows, some small broken pots for crucibles, a few round green stone boulders for his anvil, a hammer made of a small piece of iron about three-quarters of an inch thick, and rather more than two by three inches square, with a handle in a hole in the centre, a cold chisel, two or three other shapeless tools, and a heap of charcoal. 'I am not an iron-smith,' he said; 'I work in copper,' showing me some of his copper and brass ornaments, consisting of ear-rings, arm-rings, etc. I told him I only wanted wind and fire. He sat down between his two goat-skins, and puffed away. Instead of using his tongs, made of the bark of a tree, I went for my own. When he saw them he gazed in silent admiration; he turned them over and over; he had never seen such ingenuity, and pressed them to his chest, giving me a most expressive look, which was as intelligible as 'Will you give them to me?' My work was soon done, when he entered his hut, from which he brought a piece of flat iron, begging me to pierce it with a number of differentsized holes, for the purpose of drawing copper and brass wire, Requesting to see the old one, it was produced, accompanied by the feeling declaration, 'It is from Kurrechane.' Having examined his manner of using it, and formed a tolerable idea of the thing he wanted, I set to work ; and finding his iron too soft for piercing holes through nearly an half-inch iron plate, I took the oldest of my two handsaw files to make a punch, which I had to repair many times. After much labour, and a long time spent, I succeeded in piercing about twenty holes, from the eighth of an inch to the thickness of a thread. The moment the work was completed, he grasped it, and breaking out into exclamations of surprise, bounded over the fence like an antelope, and danced about the village like a Merry-Andrew, exhibiting his treasure to every one, and asking if they ever saw anything like it. Next day I told him, that as we were brothers of one trade, (for, among the Africans, arts, though in their infancy, have their secrets too,) he must show me the whole process of melting copper, making brass, and drawing wire. The broken pot or crucible, containing a quantity of copper and a little tin, was presently fixed in the centre of a charcoal fire. He then applied his bellows till the contents were fused. He had previously prepared a heap of sand, slightly adhesive, and by thrusting a stick about two-eighths of an inch in diameter, like the ramrod of a musket, obliquely into this heap, he made holes, into

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which he poured the contents of his crucible. He then fixed a round, smooth stick, about three feet high, having a split in the top, upright in the ground, when, taking out his rods of brass, he beat them out on a stone with his little hammer, till they were about the eighth of an inch square, occasionally softening them in a small flame, made by burning grass. Having reduced them all to this thickness, he laid the end of one on a stone, and rubbed it to a point with another stone, in order to introduce it through the largest hole in his iron-plate; he then opened the split in the upright stick, to hold fast the end of the wire, when he forced the plate and wire round the stick with a leverpower, frequently rubbing the wire with oil or fat. The same operation is performed each time, making the point of the wire smaller for the less hole, till it is reduced to the size wanted, which is sometimes about that of thick sewing-cotton. The wire is, of course, far inferior in colour and quality to our brass-wire. These native smiths, however, evince great dexterity in working ornaments from copper, brass, and iron."

ABSENCE OF PHALLIC WORSHIP AMONG THE BANTU.

ANOTHER question which has been put to me is whether there are any traces of phallic worship among the Bantu of South Africa. To this I can reply: none whatever, unless the occasional use of phalli as charms by individuals belonging to some of the interior tribes can be regarded in that light. Among the Basuto a childless woman procures charms which she earries about with her in hope that through their efficacy she may become a mother. These are sometimes, but not always or even commonly, phalli. I have seen the neck of a calabash formed into one, and covered with beadwork, and others that could not be mistaken, elaborately adorned. But in no case were they regarded in any other light than as charms to be employed for a particular purpose, and among the coast tribes I never heard of them even for that use.

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