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CATALOGUE OF SKULLS

OF

MAN AND THE INFERIOR ANIMALS

IN THE COLLECTION OF

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"The physical or organic characters which distinguish the several races of men, are as old as the earliest records of our species."—*Crania Aegyptiaca*.

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- 44 MENOMINEE Indian of Michigan : woman, æt. 50. F. A. 75°. I. C. 77. J. A. Lapham, Esq. of Milwaukee.
- 45 ANGLO-AMERICAN Lunatic, for several years confined in the cells of the Philadelphia Hospital. I. C. 91.
- 46 JAVANESE Malay: man, ætat. 40. I. C. 93. Dr. Mead.
- 47 MALAY of the Island of Bally, coast of Java. F. A. 69°. I. C. 82. Dr. Mead.
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- 48 Embalmed head of an EGYPTIAN girl eight years of age, from the Theban catacombs. Egyptian form, with a single lock of long fine hair. Dissected by me before the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, December 10, 1833.
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- 49 HINDU: man, ætat. 70. I. C. 90. Dr. Joseph Carson.
- 50 CHOLO, or Hispano-Peruvian? From the church vault at Old Callao, into which were thrown the dead bodies of the Royalist garrison of San Filippo, A. D. 1825. Dr. H. S. Rennolds, U. S. Navy.
- 51 HINDU of Bengal: woman, ætat. 30. F. A. 77°. I. C. 70. Dr. Joseph Carson.
- 52 CELTIC Irish from the Abbey of Buttevant, county of Cork, Ireland. Woman, ætat. 50. F. A. 80°. I. C. 82. Dr. Smith (Hist. of the county of Cork) says that these are the bones of the Irish slain at the battle of Knockinoss, A. D. 15—.
- 53 INDIAN from a mound at Circleville, Ohio. F. A. 76°. I. C. 90. Dr. S. P. Hildreth. See *Crania Americana*, plate 51 and page 219.
- 54 OSAGE warrior of Arkansas, ætat. 30. F. A. 77°. I. C. 81. Dr. Z. Pitcher. See *Crania Americana*, plate 41 and page 199.
- 55 NEGRO lunatic, ætat. 40. I. C. 89.
- 56 CHINESE: man, ætat. 60. I. C. 91. Dr. T. F. Betton, 1833.
- 57 LUNATIC IRISHMAN, (Celt) ætat. 40. F. A. 79°. I. C. 82.
- 58 GERMAN lunatic: man, ætat. 70. I. C. 87.

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MAN.

59 ANGLO-SAXON head: skull of Pierce,* a convict and cannibal who was executed in New South Wales, A. D. 18—. F. A. 85°. I. C. 99.

60 Embalmed head of an EGYPTIAN lady about 16 years of age, brought from the Catacombs of El Gourná, near Thebes, by the late Antonio Lebolo, of whose heirs I purchased it, together with the entire body: the latter I dissected before the Academy of Natural Sciences, on the 10th and 17th of December, 1833, in presence of eighty members and others. Egyptian form, with long, fine hair. *Crania Ægyptiaca*, plate 10, fig. 6.

61 CHOLO, or Hispano-Peruvian? ætat. 50. I. C. 95. Dr. H. S. Rennolds, U. S. Navy. See No. 50.

62 Lunatic ENGLISHMAN, aged 30 years. I. C. 92. 1833.

* A letter addressed to me by Wm. Cobb Hurry, Esq., of Calcutta, contains the following particulars of this man's singular career:

"With regard to the cannibal Pierce, all that is known of him is, that he was a native of Scotland, or the north of Ireland, and a seaman. He was a convict in Van Dieman's land, and escaped with others into the woods. Hunger compelled them to prey upon each other, till only Pierce and another were left. A romantic tale might be made from Pierce's own narrative of the feelings with which these two men watched each other, till overcome with fatigue, the last of the band fell a victim. Pierce was relieved by a party who fell in with him, and the cannibalism of which he had been guilty being attributed to necessity, was not punished. From that time his propensities acquired their full developement, and he succeeded repeatedly in persuading his fellow prisoners to escape with him, for the sole purpose of killing them and devouring their flesh. He used to return secretly to the depot, and persuade a fresh victim that he had been sent by others who were waiting in the woods. He was at last caught; and being asked if he knew where one of his companions was, deliberately pulled an arm out of his jacket and showed it to the soldiers. Mr. Crockett, from whom I had this account, and who gave me the skull, is the Colonial Surgeon, and attended Pierce in the hospital both before and subsequently to his crimes. He stated to me his conviction that Pierce was insane, which, however, did not prevent him from being hanged."

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