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THE WONDER OF WONDERS.

The usual argument against the Darwinian theory, that man and monkey had a common origin, has always been that no animal has hitherto been discovered in the transmission state between monkey and man.

“KRAO,”

a perfect specimen of the step between man and monkey, discovered in Laos by that distinguished traveller, Carl Bock, will be on Exhibition in the New Lecture Room, during the Afternoon and Evening.

ALL SHOULD SEE HER.

SEE OPINIONS OF THE PRESS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

SOME OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"A strange hairy little creature is now being exhibited at the Aquarium by Mr. Farini, as 'The Missing Link.' Krao is not a monster, but a very bright-looking and intelligent child. The shoulders, arms and body, have a covering of hair from an inch to an inch-and-a-half long."—TIMES, January 2, 1883.

"In support of Mr. Farini's theory that the little creature is but half human, it may be stated that she has a double row of teeth on the upper jaw; that she can, in the hollow of her cheeks, stow away food to be eaten when required as the monkey does in his 'pouches,' and that the fingers and toes bend backwards and forwards to the same extent and with equal ease."—STANDARD, January 1, 1883.

"Krao, introduced by that industrious wonder-seeker, Mr. G. A. Farini, afforded a select party on Saturday a private view of what is undoubtedly worthy of public attention and careful scientific examination. Krao is of the feminine sex, and has nothing repulsive in her appearance. Her head is adorned with thick black hair: her limbs and body are completely enveloped in a natural soft fur of a dark colour."—DAILY TELEGRAPH, January 1, 1883.

"Krao is quite hidden beneath a thick growth of raven black hair. Her face, indeed, in spite of the thick hair about it, is not at all displeasing."—DAILY NEWS, January 1, 1883.

"Krao possesses in several well-marked particulars the characteristics of a monkey. Still it must be added that in her appearance there is little, if anything, to repel, while beyond doubt there is much to excite a perfectly legitimate interest. There are many who condemn, and perhaps with justice, the taste which takes the form of looking upon 'freaks of nature,' but Krao, it must be recollected, does not come within that unwholesome category, because her peculiarities are hereditary. Farini has secured an attraction which the public are eager to see."—MORNING POST, January 1, 1883.

"Krao is covered with long black fur-like hair. Medical opinion goes to show that the lower portion of the body is more like that of a monkey."—DAILY CHRONICLE, Jan. 1, 1883.

"Krao possesses hirsute developments such as probably were never seen on any human being since the days of Adam. From the thick black hair of the head descends a pair of luxuriant whiskers, and with the exception of the hands, her whole body is covered with a soft fur, longer on the arms and legs, but everywhere remarkable for its density."—MORNING ADVERTISER, January 2, 1883.

"In addition to her hairy covering, the peculiarities that distinguish Krao from an ordinary human being, are a double set of teeth in the upper jaw, an absence of certain muscles of the arm, and of the upper cartilage of the ear. The existence of an additional joint in the vertebrae is also held to indicate the possibility of the development of a rudimentary tail."—THE GLOBE, January 3, 1883.

"There is certainly nothing repulsive about the exhibition. Krao has large lustrous eyes, a double row of teeth, and well-developed pouches in the cheek for storage of spare food, double-jointed knuckles, with a silky and universal covering of hair—a veritable fur coat—and evidence of soft, silky manners."—LAND AND WATER, January 6, 1883.

"This human monkey is no *lusus naturæ* such as bearded women, spotted dogs, or giantesses. She is a regular production in the regular order of Nature; the descendant of a hairy father and mother, belonging to the tribe of hairy people. The fur on her body is about two inches long, on her forehead somewhat longer. Her eyes are large, black and very brilliant."—BELL'S LIFE, January 6, 1883.

"Some portions of her anatomy very much resemble the monkey. Excepting the growth of hair on her face, there is nothing repulsive in her appearance."—NEWS OF THE WORLD, December 31, 1882.

"I have seen Krao, Mr. Farini's latest, and, whilst scarcely prepared to say that it comes up to my preconceived idea of what the 'missing link' should be, cannot but express my conviction that the fact of the existence of a hairy race has been proved beyond a doubt."—WORLD, January 3, 1883.

"The expression of the features is pleasant, and reminds one of 'Pongo.' The hairy covering is most prominent and dense on the head and face and the upper part of the body. The joints of the fingers and toes can be bent backwards as well as forwards."—PEOPLE, December 31, 1882.

"Through the courtesy of Mr. Farini, I have had a private interview with this curious little waif. The head and low forehead are completely covered, down to the bushy eyebrows, with a deep black, lank, lustreless hair. The whole body is also overgrown with a dense coating of soft black hair, about an inch-and-a-half long. The nose is extremely flat, with excessively broad nostrils merging in the full-pouched cheeks, into which she has the habit of stuffing her food, monkey fashion."—NATURE, January 12, 1883.