

[Undated newspaper cutting (early 19th century?) about Dock, the Wild Indian Venus, a Brazilian of the Butucudos tribe with a lower lip plate and ear tips resting on her shoulders, to be seen "at the Crown Hotel".]

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TO BE SEEN ALIVE, at the CROWN HOTEL,
DOCK,

THE WILD INDIAN VENUS,

*The First of her Tribe ever seen in Europe, who arrived
in the ship Hope, from the Brazils,*

WITH SPECIMENS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTS OF WAR,
BOWS, ARROWS, &c.

This WILD INDIAN VENUS is the wife of a Chieftain of the Savage Tribe, called the BOTUCUDOS, inhabiting the interior of South America. Her complexion is a copper colour, her hair a jet black, straight and stiff. Her head is of a very peculiar form, the tips of her ears rest on her shoulders. To her ears and her lower lip she has a circular piece of wood most curiously attached. Though under the middle stature, she is extremely well proportioned, is about 35 years of age, and was considered a complete Venus in her native country. She is decently attired, and perfectly kind to strangers.

They wander in the forests, and feed upon the various produce of the chase.