

## **M0015769: Photograph of the side view of the skull of Rhodesian Man**

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### RHODESIAN MAN

Rhodesian Man suffered severely from dental caries. Of the sixteen teeth set on the upper jaw, ten are affected with this disorder. The remaining six, including in this group the missing incisor, are worn but free from disease. At the roots of the molar and other teeth abscesses have formed and broken.

Evidences of rheumatic change are to be seen in his left knee joint, manifested chiefly by a "lipping" of the outer margin of the articular end of the tibia. The hip and ankle joints of the same side were sound. The rheumatoid change in the knee may be a consequence of "oral sepsis".

Some considerable time before his death, Rhodesian man received a severe wound, one inch above and in front of his left ear passage. The blow must have been given with a hard, pointed implement which left a perforation of the skull about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (Om.006) in diameter. The victim lived sufficiently long to allow healing of the edges of the bone. Certain trails on the surface of the adjacent bone suggest that pus had formed and tracked in several directions.

There is a peculiar erosion on the hinder wall of the left ear passage, large enough to take the terminal joint of a man's little finger. This eroded hole is of obscure origin, but it may have been caused by an abscess which tracked behind the ear from the wound in the skull. The punctured wound lay over the second convolution of the temporal lobe.