

**"STONE AGE" FISHERIES STILL IN VOGUE :
SPEARS, BASKET-NETS, & CORAL TRAPS.**

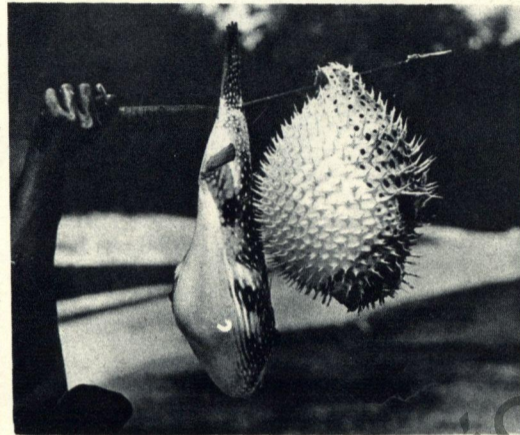
**MEN AND WOMEN FISHERS OF AUA :
PRIMITIVE METHODS & STRANGE CATCHES.**



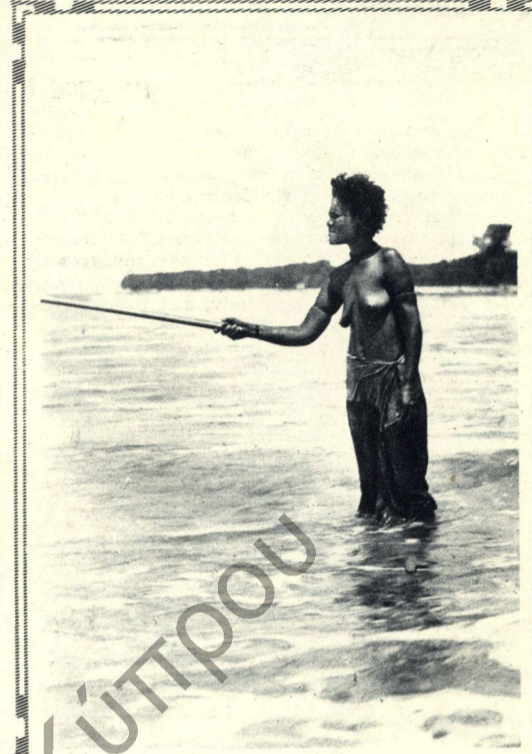
1. WITH HIS CATCH ON THE END OF HIS SPEAR : A NATIVE FISHERMAN OF AUA, A PACIFIC ISLAND NEAR NEW GUINEA.



2. SPECTACLED FOR UNDER-WATER WORK : A SWIMMER BEGINNING TO PULL OUT A NET FROM THE LAND, AGAINST WHICH BEATERS DRIVE THE FISH.



3. STRANGE FISHES SPEARED IN POLYNESIAN WATERS : AN AUAN FISHERMAN DISPLAYING HIS CATCH SUSPENDED FROM HIS PRIMITIVE LANCE.



4. AN AUAN WOMAN ANGLING FROM A CORAL REEF WITH A ROD OF SAGO PALM : A BRANCH OF THE NATIVE FISHERIES PRACTISED ONLY BY WOMEN.



5. THE FEMININE SIDE OF THE AUAN NATIVE FISHERIES : SHOCK-HEADED AND GARLANDED WOMEN PREPARING TO NET THE FISH IN THE FAMILY "CORAL HOLE" TRAP—THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS.



6. NATIVE WOMEN THROWING OUT, ONE BY ONE, THE STONES WITH WHICH THE CORAL HOLE IS FILLED : THE SECOND STEP IN FEMALE FISHERCRAFT AT AUA.



7. AUAN WOMEN, ALMOST SUBMERGED BY THE RISEN TIDE, CLEARING THE LAST STONES FROM A CORAL HOLE : A METHOD OF DRIVING FISH HIDDEN UNDER THE STONES INTO A COCONUT BAG AT THE BOTTOM.



8. PICTURESQUE AUAN FISHERWOMEN, WITH FLOWER-DECKED MOPS OF HAIR, LIFTING THEIR CATCH TO THE SURFACE IN THE LARGE COCONUT BAG : THE LAST STAGE BEFORE THE FISH ARE TAKEN ASHORE AND COUNTED.

Aua is a small coral island in the New Britain—New Ireland group, formerly part of German New Guinea. The natives live in what is practically a Stone Age state, almost untouched by contact with white men; and from a study of their pristine condition Mr. George Lane Fox Pitt-Rivers, the well-known anthropologist, who sends us these interesting photographs, has drawn valuable conclusions on Stone Age culture. Of photograph No. 2 he says: "Arrived at the fishing grounds, one man jumps overboard and spreads the net out in a fan-shaped line between the canoe and the shore. A line of beaters then drives the fish against the net, and when they are congregated there they fall an easy prey to the divers with their spears." Of the female pursuit of trapping in coral holes he writes: "No

man ever takes part in it, except in the preliminary work of constructing the hole in the coral reef. When finished, the holes are filled up with flat stones. The first proceeding consists in placing nets round the hole. One by one the flat stones are thrown outside the net. As the tide rises the fishers are out of their depth and have to dive for the stones. Meanwhile, a long coconut bag is placed at one end of the hole; the stones are removed in such a way that the fish, seeking always to keep beneath a stone, are eventually congested on one side against the mouth of the bag. Finally (No. 8) the bag is closed; women lift it out of the water; it is carried to the beach, and the catch is counted. As many as 300 fish have been caught in one hole."