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Dear Monsieur Cartailhac,

I am sending you a number of Vedda slides and one Sudan slide which will I hope be of interest to you. Unfortunately I cannot get lantern slides of the same size as those you lent me. I however find that my lantern slides will stand up in your carrier, although they are a little loose. You could of course if necessary ungum my slides and have them remounted.

I also return the slides you so kindly lent me. I am told my inaugural lecture went off well, and that it did so was very largely due to your kindness in lending me these slides.

I shall be very grateful indeed if you will have slides made for me of all except numbers 43. 57. 1. and the table of Pleistocene Strata. I don't know whether it is possible for you get these made on plates of English size, if not will you be so good as to ask your man to reduce them as far as possible to 7 centimeters by 7 *centimeters* so that if necessary I can cut the positives with a diamond



and remount them.

Will you also be so good as to let me know the name of the site from which the objects shown in your slide No. 31 (I mean the site near Cracow) were ~~found~~ obtained, and will you let me know where I can find an account of these?

With all good wishes in which my wife joins

Yours very sincerely

Abelignann



List of Vedda slides.

In this list the two important and comparatively big rocks shelters in which Veddas were living at the time of our visit in 1908 are named, the smaller rock-shelters which are more rarely used are not given any name.

- 119 General view of Bendiagalge rock-shelters.
 113 ditto showing especially upper shelter.
 362 ditto showing especially lower shelter.
 115. Early morning in lower shelter. Bendiagalge.
 121. ditto

In 115 and 121 note the bows ^{standing} ~~stood~~ against ~~the edge~~ a termite heap occupying one corner of the shelter. The pellet bow, which is seen in these two photographs, has been borrowed from the Sinhalese and is used by the younger Veddas as a toy.

359. Left-handed Vedda using bow. Note position of Veddas on rock behind archer. These people belong to the Hennebedda community and when not living in the caves make such good houses are shown in 67a.

67a. Part of chena settlement of Hennebedda Veddas.

This community also makes use of the three small rock-shelters shown in Nos. 122. 365 and 131.



The drip ledge cut above the mouth of No. 131 is a relic of Sinhalese occupation about 2000 years ago. The two drawings which can just be made out in the mouth of the shelter are not Vedda, but have been made by Tamils who sometimes come and use this rock-shelter when searching for jungle produce. As a result of this, this shelter is little used by Veddass at the present time.

92. Pihilegodegalge rock-shelter.

97. One end of this rock-shelter. The community of Veddass using this shelter have never made houses or cultivated, and were the least sophisticated Veddass that we met. Their rock-shelter contained more rock drawings than any other shelters, and some of these are shown in slide No. 92.

100. Pihilegodegalge drawings. The two long objects that look like centipedes represent monitor lizards, the vertical lines representing their ribs. Below one of these lizards is a dog. The right of the slide shows a leopard, and above this a dog, above this is a sun-like object representing the skin vessel called hangotu in which the honey of the Bambara is collected. The white dots in the centre of the hangotu figure represent the lumps of comb that have been collected in the vessel. The two rather rough drawings to the left of this seem to represent white men on horseback, certainly the top one does; I could not ascertain any ^{certain} ~~definite~~ meaning for the two indefinite