

THEY CALL IT BEAUTY: AFRICAN "LONGHEADS" BIND THEIR BABIES' SKULLS TO MAKE THEM DEFORMED FOREVER



THE BABIES suffer no pain during the operation.



TUCKED away in a remote section of the northeastern Belgian Congo are the originators of the big squeeze—or should we say that the Manbetu tribe practices artificial elongation of the skull . . . that's how the dark gentleman above acquired the sausage-like profile. Two weeks after he was born his head was securely bound with a vine wound spirally from the base of his skull almost to the top. At the end of a year his head had reached an approximate length of 18 inches. Although the binding was never repeated the tribesman's cranium had retained its out-of-round look when Leroy Phelps of the Denis-Roosevelt Expedition (Universal's "Dark Rapture") took this picture. Skull binding seems to have no ill effect on the tribe's mentality.

A MANBETU belle visits her hairdresser.

