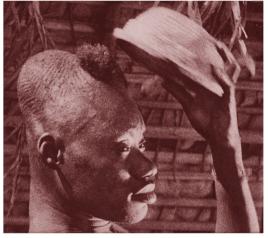


## THEY CALL IT BEAUTY: AFRICAN "LONGHEADS" BIND THEIR BABIES' SKULLS TO MAKE THEM DEFORMED FOREVER





UCKED 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-ofround 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.



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