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across a small circle of fine cane about besides ta king and arguing what of the fibers of some plant was constructed, leaving a small hole in the is not so very many years ago that it paper next week. and others like it were objects of deadly terror to the natives of many of the Pacific Islands, particularly those of Manahiki (Humphrey Isl and), for the simple-looking thing was a "soul catcher"—that is, a destroyer of human life.

Manahiki is one of a group of lowlying atoil islands to the north north west of Samoa, and its people to-day are about the best educated of all the Malayo-Polynesian people. They elect a king and Parliament, have one of the most beautifully adorned churches in the Pacific Islands and nearly all the younger members of the community can now not only speak, but read and write English. The island is-for an atoll—unusually fertile, and the people a fine stalwart, handsome copper-colored race. The main industries are the making of "copra" (dried cocoanut) and diving for pearl shell.

"Soul catching" in the heathen days (prior to 1863) could be and was prac ticed by any one who desired revenge or the life of an enemy. Indeed, al-Christians in 1873, it was still ir you off!" vogue. The modus operandi is very | The drunken man collapsed and was simple: Say that two men, Rika and led away by a friend.—New York Sun Tetoro, quarrel. Rika accuses Tetoro of going out into the lagoon at night time, lifting his (Rika's) fish traps. and abstracting the contents. He holding hands, and one runs round therefore demands compensation. Te outside the ring, and touches one of toro denies the theft. The relatives the other players, who must immedi of both men take sides, and the quar | ately leave his place in the ring and | with bloodshed. It may be that Te posite direction to the player who toro is a man of means, or chiefly rank and influence, and treats his accuses with scorn.

"Very well," the injured Rika cries "if I cannot get justice from you, I shall snare your soul and you will die of a wasting sickness."

gins to feel uneasy at this threat, and player is "he" and another Tertias. while vigorously denying the theft 'He' chases Tertius until the latter offers Rika a present of a pig to end stands in front of one of the other the matter. Rika's relatives at once couples, when the player at the back clamor, not only for their original de las to run off and try to get in front mands, but for the pig as well. Pos of another couple without being sibly a free fight ensues, and Rika's buched by "he." If the Tertius is This is a letter for you. people get badly used, and threets of souched before he reaches the front of

"soul snaring" are heard on all sides Then Rika's wife makes the enare for Tetoro's soul. Taking her mat out into the village square, or upon a wellfrequented road or path, she suspends
the snare from the branches of trees,
or sticks placed in the ground in such
a position that she can closely watch the orifice in the center of the square. Rika's friends—male and female flies with which the island is infested If but one fly crawls through the hole Tetoro is a dead man, unless he suddenly give in and allows himself to be bled. For not only do Rika's poople watch the snare, but his own as well No one of them would dare attempt to the interferer by occult power would certainly follow.

times for days-many pairs of eyes watch the little circle of cane, Tetoro and his friends are now ready to yield, but feel that still more extortionate demands may be made through, and a shout goes through the

ately imagines he feels ill. His wife and relatives crowd about him and try to cheer him up, but his face assume a melancholy look, and as the time passes on he refuses his food. Per haps he may confess that he did steal Rika's fish and tremblingly offers to make full restitution if Rika will catch a fly and make it go through the cirthe payment of so much property to Rika, and a feast for which both par ties provide the viands.—Pall Mall

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