

RACES OR PEOPLES.

A.

ABYSSINIAN. (See *Semitic-Hamitic*.)

ADERBAIJAN TURK. A name applied to certain Turks of Persia. (See *Tataric*.)

ADRIATIC race. (See *Caucasian*.)

AEROEMOYRET. Same as **Evre-meiseti**. (See *Finnish*.)

AFGHAN or **PATHAN.** The native Iranic race or people of Afghanistan, from which the country takes its name; Caucasian in physical type and Mohammedan in religion; related in language (Pashito) to the Persians and to the northern Hindus (see); commonly known in India as "Pathan." Of the 5,000,000 inhabitants (estimated) of Afghanistan, only one-third are Afghans. More than 500,000 are Hindus and about that number are Tajiks, that is, Persians. As in Persia, there is a great variety of other races or peoples in Afghanistan, Turko-Tataric, Mongolic, and Aryan. They do not come to America, so far as is known.

AFRICAN (black). (See *Negro*.)

AFSHAR. A nomadic Turkish tribe of Persia related to the Osmanlis. (See these and *Tataric*.)

AINO. A primitive Caucasian-like people in Japan, now numbering less than 20,000. (See *Japanese*, *Caucasian*, and *Mongolian*.)

AISSORE or **AYSSORE.** (See *Assyrian* and *Syrian*.)

ALBANIAN (native name, *Skipetar*; ancient name, *Illyrian*; called by Turks *Arnaut*). The native and aboriginal race or people of Albania or western Turkey. Unlike most of the so-called European "races," this is a distinct race physically and not

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merely linguistically. It has the smallest population of any independent division of the Aryans in Europe and does not even appear by name in immigration statistics.

The Albanians are perhaps less known in a scientific way than any other European people, unless it be certain tribes of the Caucasus. Not only is their classification uncertain in the newer science of physical anthropology, philologists also are still disagreed as to their place in the Indo-European family. (See article *Aryan*.) Misled by the Greek loan-words in it, scholars first classified Albanian as a Hellenic dialect. Others as vainly have tried to place it in the Italic division or in the Slavic. It appears to be really one of the eight or nine distinct branches of the Aryan family tree. It is the most backward in cultivation of all. It hardly has a literature. Like the neighboring Servian or Croatian (see), it labors under the misfortune of being written in different alphabets, in both the Greek and the Latin, according to the religion prevalent in each locality. It is not surprising that the rate of illiteracy is one of the highest in Europe.

From a physical point of view, a more favorable judgment can be awarded Albanians. Tall and muscular, of rather blond and regular features, the Albanian is clearly Caucasian, although subject to a race Mongolian in origin, the Turk. (See articles on these.) Yet in one respect he resembles the Asiatic type; he has one of the broadest heads not only of Europe but of the world. The face is broad, in sharp contrast with the long, oval face of the pure Greek type, which adjoins the