

16-11-30-44 Tincore Matchegon, a Hindu male. The turban is loosely applied to the head. The front teeth are prominent but clear and clean. One finds a certain range of personalities in the Hindu peoples as is found in our own race. This particular one reminded me of an individual in the states. Had a particularly interesting incident with the fellow in that I was helping him carry the rice shalks in from the field and as we passed one of his neighbors they started to laugh and with such emphasis that it embarrassed the poor fellow, at least to the extent that he asked or rather forced me to let him carry his rice. For me to have carried or worked for a Hindu in such a low caste was probably unthinkable. Our position is considered relatively high in the eyes of the Hindu. This fellow is one of the many who has encouraged the growth of his whiskers.

17-11-30-44 Pictorial shot at two Hindu cows, in front yard of Indian home. Dwelling quarters on right, cow shed to left, paddy fields in background. The cow is the most sacred animal in India, and no Hindu will allow it to be used for food or beaten and when it is too old will send send to a rest institution where all the aged animals are fed and cared for until death, like pensioning riding and working horses when too old to be of further service in America. The cow will enter Hindu bizzars and will frequently munch a ^{long} handful of vegetables and for this act is supposed to go unbeaten, however, I have seen differently, but presume that they do or would not consider actually killing the beast. This sacredness and respect is due to the usefulness of the animal in the agricultural economy but so is our cows of our country so would presume that it is based more on their religion than in their respect based on a practical viewpoint. The main purpose of the cow is to plough the paddy fields, pull carts and supplying manure for the land in the form of dung. I understand that in some areas where fuel is scarce the natives will follow a cart for miles to avail themselves of the dung the might be passed along