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Dear Dave:

I don't know whether or not you find this kind of thing interesting, but in case you do, I'll tell you about the fact that — leaving aside the probability of some Polish broade having been raped when the Tartars invaded that area — it is not unlikely that we have in our veins some few drops of Central Asian nomads. You neadn't go to the mirror and anxiously searching your face to assure yourself that there is no hint of yellow in your complexion, cause the nomads in question were white, thank heaven.

We tend to think of all steppe nomads as Montolian types, but actually in ancient times the nomads of the westernly parts of Asian steppe were white. According to Herodotus, some of the tribes were blond. Later, the Tartars and suchlike mongoloid nomads pushed westward and absurbed those of the earlier nomads who did not move out to escape them. Among these earlier nomads of Western Central Asia were the Samiratians. I had previously encountered references to them in various books, but recently I came across an interesting by by one Professor Sulimirski, *The Sarmatians*, which supplies a great deal of information about them. The following information comes largely from this book, but also from other things I've read.

The Sarmatians were not a single tribe or nation, but an ethnic group — loosely related tribes spread over a large area. Some of them, apparently, were of the dark-complected Mediterranean physical type, while other groups were of a more northern racial type, since they had hair "incling to blond" according to one ancient writer. Like other Central Asian peoples they were horse-riding nomads who subsisted largely on the milk and meat of their livestock, though some groups praticed agriculture to a certain extent. Like other pastoral nomads, they were warlike, and, if my memory serves, one of the gods or idols that hey wershipped consisted of a naked sword stuck in the ground. Unfortunately, their society had a rigid caste system. Their language was an Iranian — and therefore Indo-European — dialect.

The Sarmatians apparently were the first "knights" — they wore armor and charged with lances, like the knights of the middle ages. Their armor, which covered practically their whole body was either of hardened leather, or of metal disks sewn onto leather, giving a scale-like effect. One ancient writer speaks of the Sarmatians being unable to rise when once they have fallen, because of the weight of their armor. Apparently they were quite formidable: Tacitus says that "hardly any line of battle can stand against them". This is impressive, since the Roman infantry were the best soldiers of their time. Of course, the Sarmatians never posed a serious threat to the Roman Empire, because they lacked the discipline and organization of the Romans; and also I imagine their heavy cavalry was only effective on open ground, where they could maneuver. I forget to mention that the Sarmations existed during the last few centuries B.C. and the first few centuries A.D.

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Later, when the more eastern nomad groups pushed westward many of the Sarmation groups were forced out and moved into Europe — those who stayed behind were absorbed by the mongolian nomads. Groups of Sarmatians and/or Alans<sup>(1)</sup> fanned out all over Europe, some getting as far west as Spain, France, and England. Apparently a considerable segment of them ended up in Poland and made a significant contribution to the racial and cultural composition of that country.

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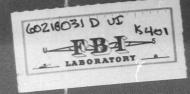


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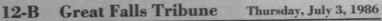
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long-standing Polish tradition that (5) the country is of Sarmatian origin. Moreover, certain symbols that were used in Polish heraldry up to the early 20th century were direct descendants of ancient Sarmatian religious or magical symbols! Did you get the letter I sent you in care of Hoken? Just in case there was some hitch or they forgot to give it to you ove something-Yes, you may send me that book for my birthday, provided it is not more than 7" wide, cause if it doesn't fit in the box I'll have to go to the post office to get it, which is a pain in the anus. Also, if you send it, it must be understood that if I find the book not to my taste, I won't read it, but will trade it in where & 6 trade books and get something.
I like better.

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p.s. the etymologists are all wrong about the origin of the word "pederasty". Actually it comes from "peter" + "ass".

If convenient, you might some time look up for me in your Spanish grammar book something that my book doesn't cover fully -maybe your book does cover it. Usually when a Spanish feminine word starts with "a" or "ha" the articles "el" and "un" are used with the word instead of "la" and "una". But there are certain exceptions: la architectura, la Argentina, and I've seen la arena, etc. Now as far as I can remember, with all these exceptions, the letter following the "a" is "r"—the only exception to the exception being "la América" so far as I have noticed. So I conjecture that (with some few exceptions) the rule is: "la" before a feminine word, except use "el" if the word begins with a or ho, except that if the letter following "a" is "r", then use "la". Is this correct? — Ted





#### Bishop

Australia's newest Anglican bishop, Kiwani Dai, was consecrated this week on Thursday Island in the Arafua Sea, which separates Papua New Guinea and Australia. Dai attended the ceremony wearing a grass skirt, cassowary feathers and a bone through his nose. He is the first Torres Stari islander to become a bishop of the Anglican Church.

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