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YAP CURRENCY.

Much has been said recently about the little island of Yap because it is a strategic cable station connecting America with Asia, and its relationship to the Peace Treaty. This island is one of the Caroline group, north of Australia, seized from Germany by Japan, and which it is alleged the latter nation will hold under the terms of the Peace Treaty.

One of the most interesting facts about the island of Yap, is the form of money used by the natives, which consists of large, flat, circular stones, with a hole in the middle, resembling an old-fashioned American grindstone. These stones are quarried in the Pellow Islands and carried over to Yap, on large rafts. Each man's wealth, as it is acquired, is simply piled against the wall of his house where it remains unmolested by his neighbor.

A stone in Yap weighing 500 pounds will buy a pig, while it takes a stone weighing 1,000 pounds to purchase a wife—a wife considered twice the value of a pig. Ornaments worn by the natives such as beads and brass rings may be bought with stones weighing from 100 pounds or more. There is little commerce on the island. Bananas and other food are so plentiful that exchange of this nature is unnecessary and beyond a string or two of beads the clothing problem is unknown.—*Everyday Life.*

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