

EAR STRETCHERS

When a child is very young the lobes of the ears are pierced and small sticks are inserted to keep the hole from closing. After a time a bit of banana leaf is placed in the opening thus made. The leaf is so wound and twisted that it acts as a spring, continually stretching the ear lobe until the hole is large enough to admit the ear plugs which all men and women wear. Crude wooden or bamboo plugs are sometimes used when the stretching is about complete.

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