

EXPLORER FINDS GIANT'S SKULL IN SOUTH AMERICA

**Brings Back Bones of Men Who Lived
Fully Four Thousand Years Ago—
Ancient Operations**

Captain J. Campbell Besley has arrived in New York from his second expedition in South America, bringing a number of scientific treasures, including the skull of a human being who must have been eight feet in height. Other curiosities of great interest were human skulls thought to be four or five thousand years old, on which trepanning operations had been performed. These were found in Bolivia, in the Inca ruins.

"A tradition among the Indians of Peru and Bolivia makes the ancient race a race of giants," said Captain Besley. "This may be a legend which weighed between 100 and 200 tons. It might be that we stumbled upon an isolated giant who was as much a wonder when he lived as he would be today."

Skulls trepanned by sawing out a square section, fitting metal through it and replacing that section, were found before by excavators in Peru and Bolivia. The particular interest in the trepanned skulls found by the Besley expedition is that they are thought to belong to prehistoric periods and to show that some surgical skill existed in South America thousands of years ago.