



Fig. 210. Unga babisakvinnor med deformerade tänder. Kapatahalvön. Bangveolo. Foto. förf.

village, but only those whom they capture from a town or village that is hostile to them. *They often file their teeth to a point, in order, they say, that they may eat the flesh more easily.*<sup>1</sup>

I was told not long ago of a native who was passing through cannibal country with some friends in the Congo Free State. They were all captured, but managed to escape, with the exception of the man in question, who was next day tied naked to a tree, in front of which a large fire was built, and his leg was amputated just below the hip, the wound being seared with a glowing brand from the fire, in order to prevent the subject from bleeding to death. The leg was then cooked and eaten in front of its late owner, who was made to watch the feast before being cooked and eaten himself.\*



Fig. 211. Armring av koppar, mässing och järn. Babisa. 2/a. Sv. Riksm. etnogr. saml. 12. 6. 378.

Det är emellertid fullkomligt säkert, att många stammar med skarpfilade tänder ej äro kannibaler och jag är övertygad, att varken babisa eller batwa förtära människokött.

<sup>1</sup> Kursivering av E. v. R.