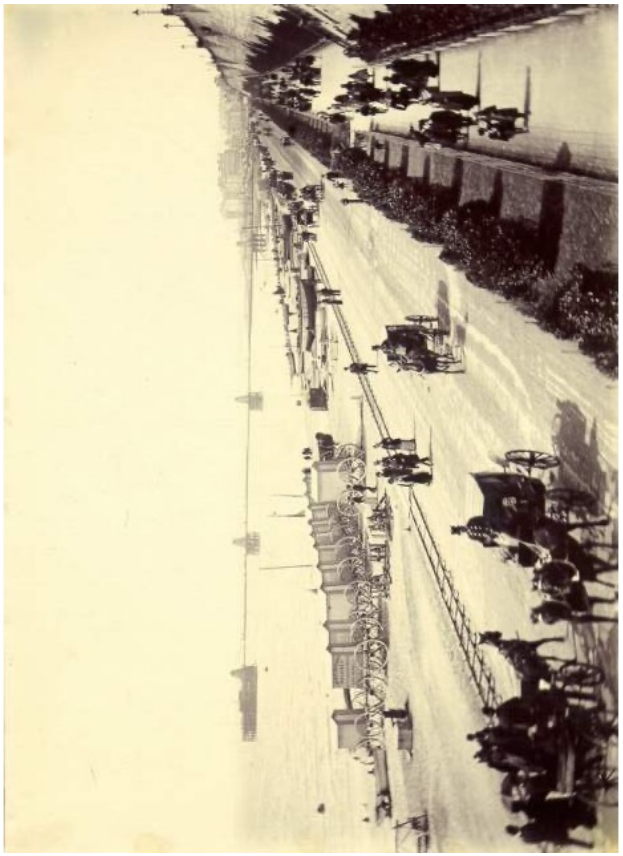
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1. Map of Resources in Africa that Europeans were keen to get hold of



2. The Three Kings and Charles Willoughby



3. Madeira Drive 1895



4. Brighton Beach 1895



5. British people in Bechuanaland



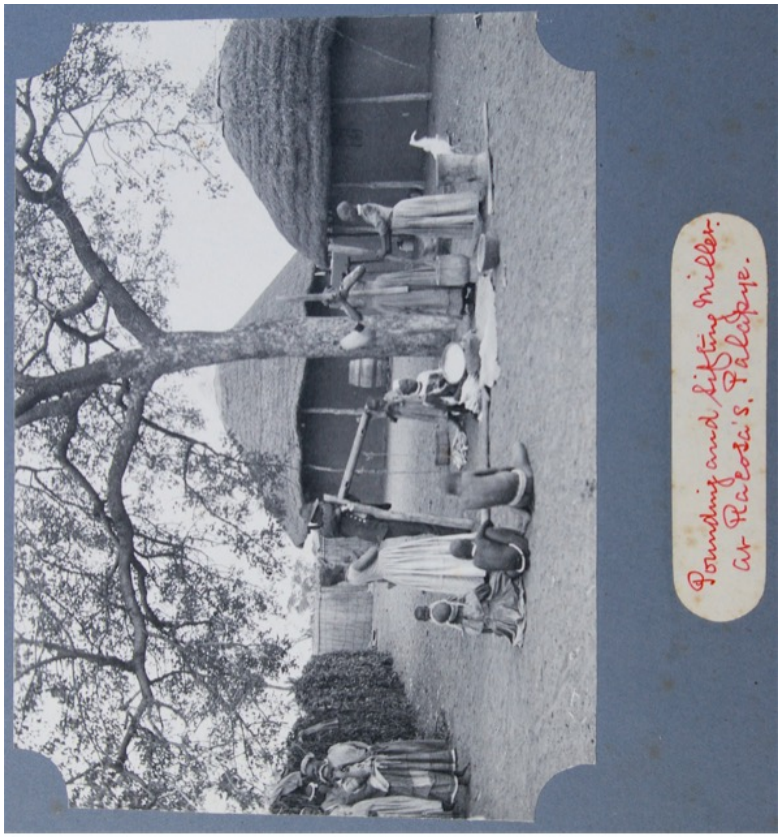
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MAN'S HAT of native workmanship,-
imitation of imported design.
BECHUANALAND, SOUTH AFRICA.
Presented by the Rev. W. C. Willoughby,
March, 1936. Reg. 4007/61.





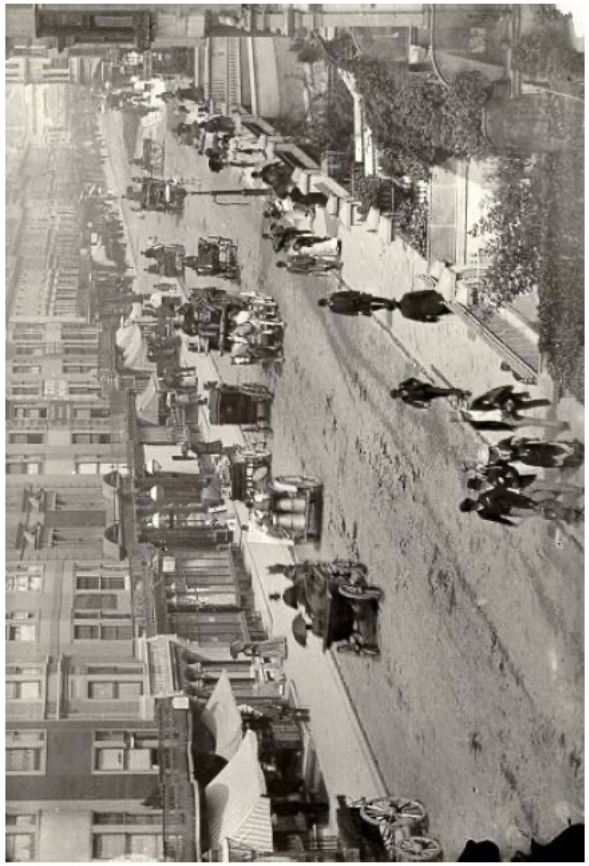
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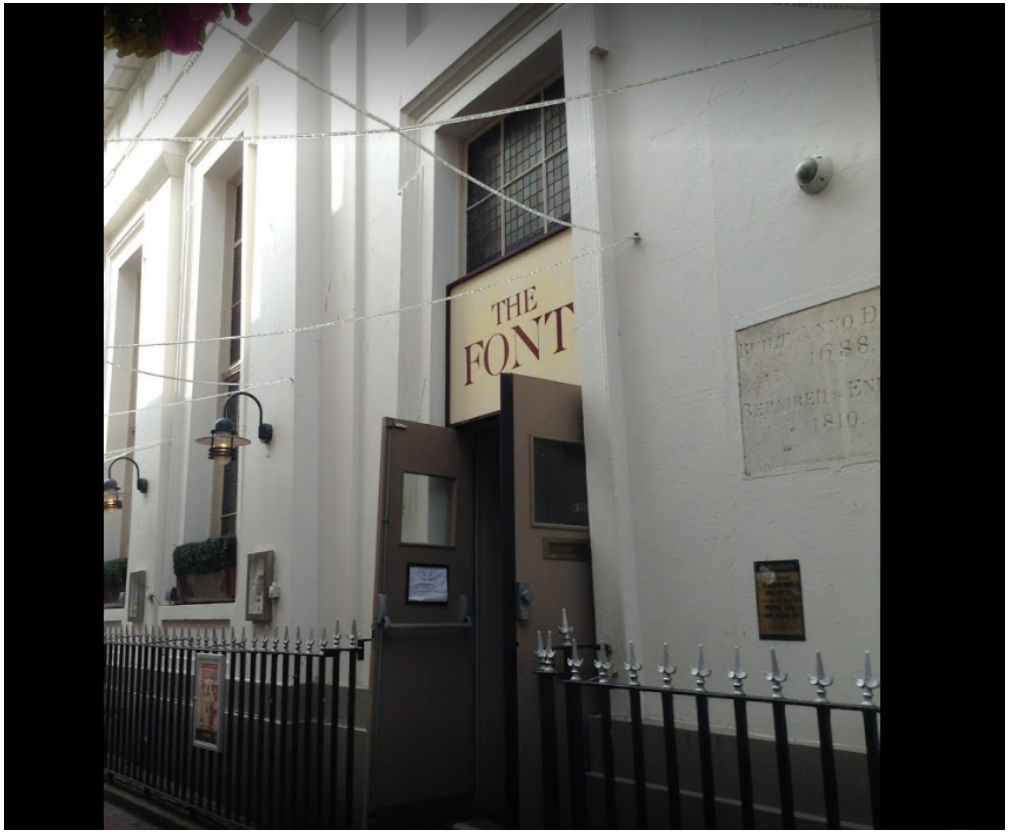
13. All the places the Kings visited

14. The Willoughby family




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Edinburgh
SCOTLAND
NORTH SEA
IRELAND
IRISH SEA
Bradford
Leeds
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Manchester
Liverpool
Sheffield
Worksop
Stoke-on-Trent
Leicester
Melton Mowbray
Birmingham
Ilkeston
Wellingborough
WALES
ENGLAND
Ipswich
Aberystwyth
Newport
Bristol
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Windsor
London
Chatham
Gerrards Cross
Southampton
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Clyvedon
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15. The Font pub in Brighton which used to be the Union Street Church (Willoughby's church)



16. Statues of the Three Kings in the capital of Botswana called Gaberone



17. A picture of the Kings and Willoughby

Newspaper Article

From Eastbourne Gazette 18th September 1895

Khama in England - Mr Willoughby, (is) the missionary who accompanied the three Bechuanaland chiefs to England, and was with them at Brighton from Saturday till Monday…

In an interview with Mr Willoughby….the press (*media*) was informed that what had struck the African chiefs most since their arrival in London was the towering height and colossal proportions of the buildings, such as for instance, as St Paul's Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament, none of the chiefs had ever seen a stone buildings before in their lives. Khama, who is a great judge of horses, has, however, been equally struck by the very large number of horses in the public street suffering from sore feet as evidenced by defective motions (*not moving properly*). Asked as to the probability of a visit to the Queen, Mr Willoughby replied that the chiefs are most anxious to bring this about, in order to assuage (*reassure*) Her Majesty personally of their continued loyalty and steadfastness.

18. A report in a newspaper about the visit

19. From The Evening Standard newspaper November 1895

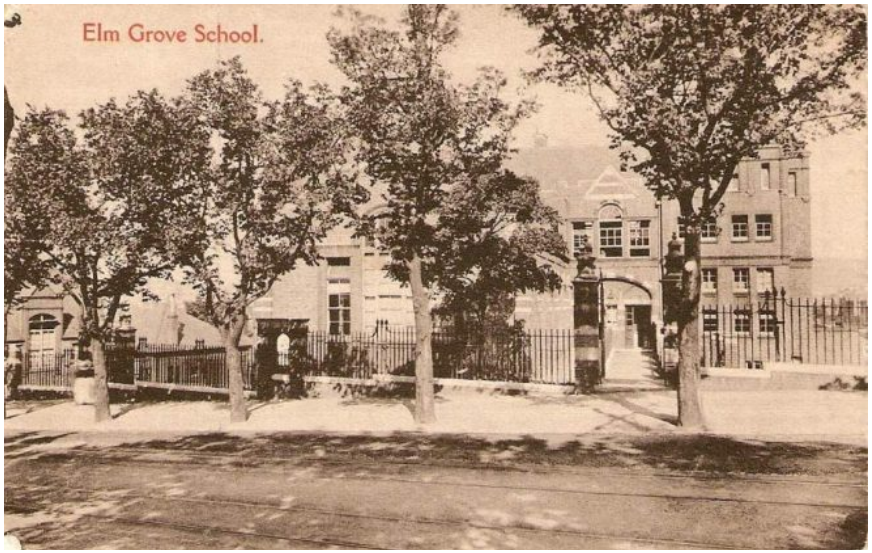
The Bechuana Chiefs, having concluded their mission to this country, left London on Saturday to return to their native land. They travelled in a reserved carriage from Waterloo to Southampton, where they embarked for South Africa. The chiefs took with them the Queen's presents, the gifts of Mr Chamberlain, and a considerable collection of mememtoes. They were cheered as the train departed – a compliment which they acknowledged by saluting in military fashion.
The Chiefs have addressed the following letter to the Editor of the Times of Africa

Southplace hotel, London November 23rd 1895

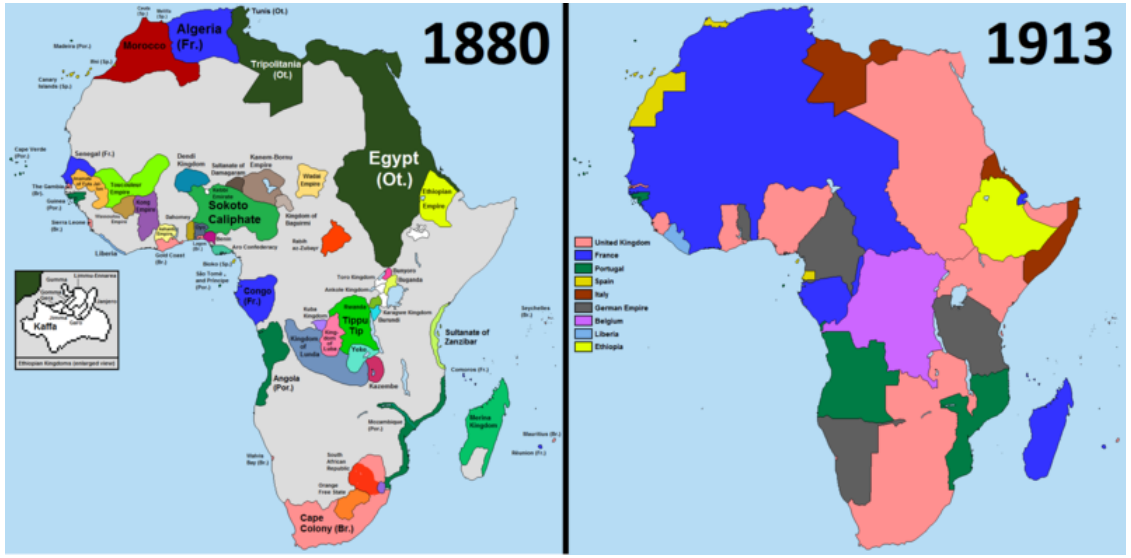
"Sir, As yours is a paper devoted to African matters, we have thought it right to use its columns to bid farewell to the English people. We thank them very cordially for the great kindness which they have without exception shown to all our party. They have made us feel as though we were indeed brothers of theirs. We have partaken of their hospitality and seen the inside of their homes. We shall return to our own country with very grateful recollections indeed. And now, we have one and all to say, that we hope that God will bless this great country of England and



20. A cartoon to illustrate England taking colonies for the Empire



21. Elm Grove School in Brighton where the Kings saw maypole dancing



22. A map to show how the Europeans grabbed parts of Africa between 1880 and 1913



23. Charles Willoughby who hated Cecil Rhodes and helped the Kings.