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10th April 1871 Market today -
over 700 market people passed my door
It seems a pleasure of life to haggle & joke
and laugh & cheat - many go away with
care worn countenances - many are
old and carry heavy loads of dried
cassava earthenpots which they dispose
of for oil fish and relishes for their
food - The men go flaunting in
gaudy lambas and carry little save
their iron wares fowls & grass cloth
Bought two fishes with long snouts
very good eating

12thNew last night of 4th Arab
month - New house to be finished
today - The affair of Mteza resolves
itself into a party of 25 Turks from
Suez under Ishmael coming up to
Lower Tanganyika & living on an
island - Took ivory by force and
then - went away but five went to
visit Mteza - He was kind to them
Afterwards [^][when powder was spent] all ran away leaving all
their ill gotten ivory - Mteza said
to be circumcised & to order his people
to undergo the rite but so many
lies are told one can believe nothing
The idea of a mission seems first
to have entered the Arab mind by
the beginning of bp Mackenzies - but
tales very from Mteza walking in
white and reading the Koran in
Arabic to the missionary getting
500 slaves & 500 frasilahs of ivory
and nothing else being done
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8thChitoka = bring a
tusk among the Babire - Zulampela's
people went off today homewards - [...]

9th River rising steadily & covering an island

10th = the chief Pyanamomba came yesterday
from the other side South West - is of same
family as Kimburu - Abed bought two
and a half frasilahs of copper bracelets
with cowries = many white birds pass
North = daily = one is Ibis religiosa

11th River rising fast and bringing
great quantities of aquatic grass & duckweed
colour of water a little darker than at Cairo
People leaving islands for the higher forest
lands - men brought one canoe down to the
water yesterday = and the men off trading
on our West are heard of as near - When
they come we shall set off though with only
one canoe - Babire very friendly - they
are on this side the Lindi - The Benya
on the other side use bows and arrows
They are not spoiled yet by the slaves =

A man here told me that he was going
to fight on the West of Lualaba and eat
those killed - Human flesh said he is better
than goats - saltish and even peppery - the
people here do not deny cannibalism save
as to people not slain in war - some say
it is not nice to eat their victims for they
dream of them afterwards - they throw away
the heads = Women never partake of it
in any part of Manyema - nor the young -

Afternoon Abed's people returned
at 2 PM from 2 days distance from
Lomame - with a great number
of slaves and 16 tusks - "My soul is wearied
because of murderers" Abed says they must
be shot down these people - They want
to fight and eat us - great crowds
were slain as population is dense