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## PALEONTOLOGY

# "Chinless" Ancestor Found

➤ ONE of man's oldest ancestors was a man without a chin. Report of the discovery of his bones has just been received from France.

In a cave called Coupe-Gorge, opened accidentally by quarry workers at Montmaurin, Haute-Garonne, one of the excavators found some interesting bones and called in L. Merco of the Toulouse Museum. Under his direction the workman dug up a lower jaw of Neanderthal type which had been buried there about 50,000 years.

This jaw is complete, but only three molars remain on each side, the other teeth having long since disappeared.

The teeth show that the gentleman of Montmaurin was a youth about 20 years old. The most striking feature is the entire absence of a chin. In this respect this mandible resembles the Mauer jaw, known as Heidelberg man (*Homo heidelbergensis*) and attributed to a period about 250,000 years ago. However, since Neanderthal Man roamed Western Europe from 75,000 to 40,000 B. C., the man who left his jaw in the Mauer sands may have been a direct ancestor of our new friend from Montmaurin.

In a personal communication Mr. Merco writes that Prof. H. V. Vallois, of the In-

stitut de Paleontologie Humaine in Paris, examined the new jaw and agrees that it is one of the most primitive types known.

The Abbe Henri Breuil, world's foremost prehistorian, examined the site recently and estimates that the Coupe-Gorge mandible is as old as the stone implements found in the lowest Mousterian levels, attributed to the last interglacial period.

The Mousterian tools are so called because they were found at Le Moustier, Dordogne, France. They are really the handiwork of Neanderthal Man who was given his name because his bones were originally discovered in 1857 in the Neander Valley near the Rhine.

The discovery of the Coupe-Gorge jaw adds an important link in the chain of evidence for the range of Neanderthal Man. It is now known that he lived in regions all the way from the rock of Gibraltar on the west to Tashkent in Soviet Central Asia on the east. His Mousterian cultures have been found far more extensively across Europe into Siberia, in Asia and Africa.

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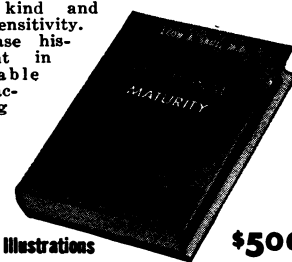
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