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European moving in hammock, Dahomey, circa 1895

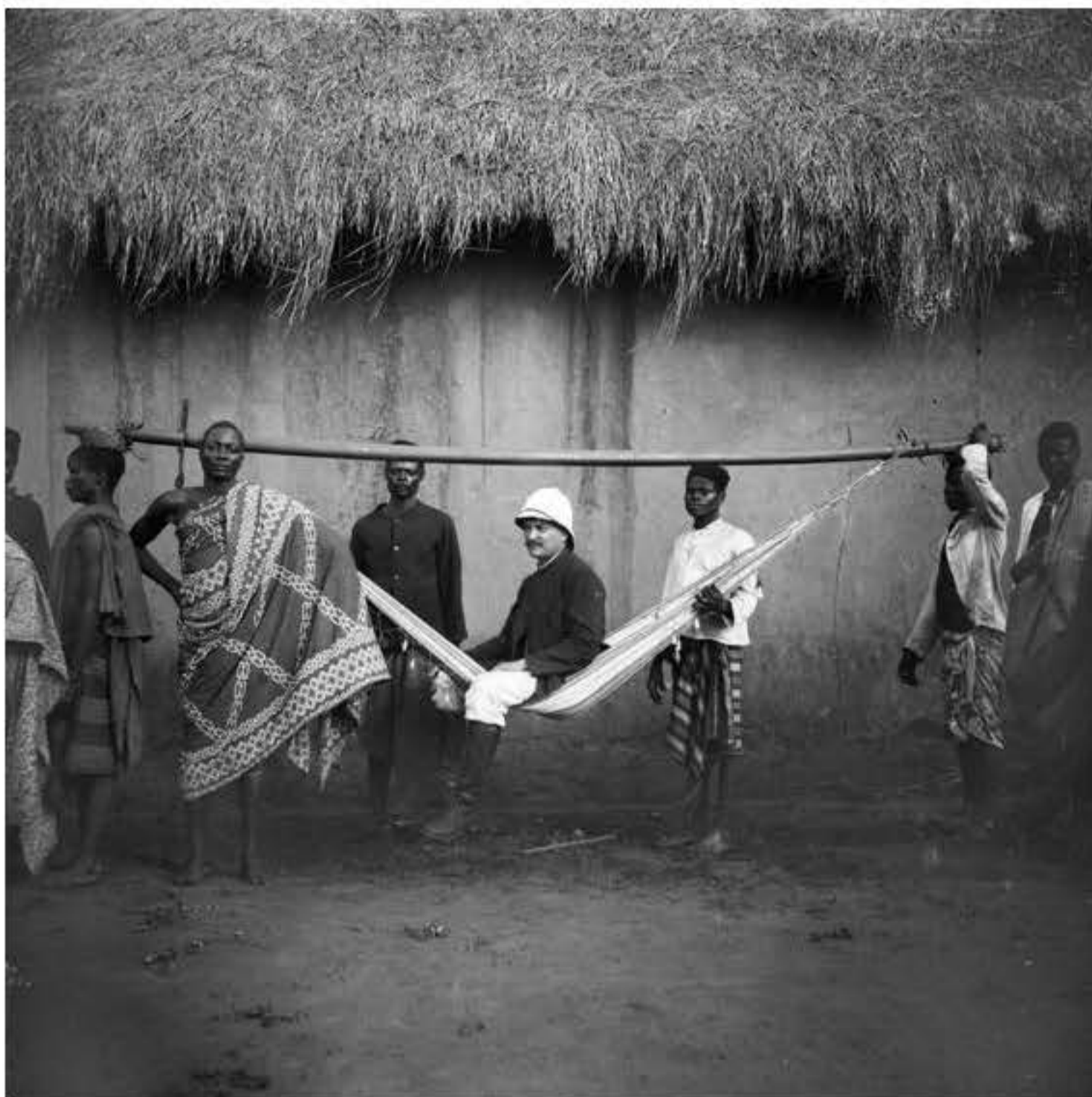


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Being carried in a hammock was a form of special treatment given only to those of high status. This picture was taken in the kingdom of Dahomey, present-day Benin, in West Africa. The Dahomey kingdom was made a French colony in 1894 and gained full independence from France in 1960.

