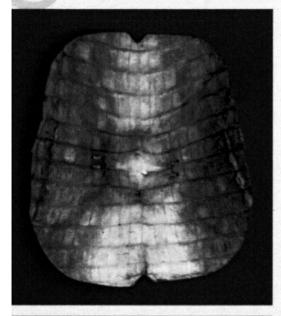
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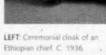
LEFT: Shield: Beja: Eastern Sudan: Before 1856 Crocodle hide: H. 48 on Ex Antoine Brue-Rollet Muses Real: - Armenta Reale; Turin.

BELOW: Figurative pendants. Luba: Democratic Republic of the Congo. Second half of the 19th century. Nov. leather, glass beads. H. 16 cm.

Ex Pietro Antonio Gariazzo. Museo di Antropologia ed Etnologia, Turn



LEFT: Ceremonial cloak of an Ethiopian chief. C. 1936. Velvet: fiber, fur, gold: H: 126 cm. Gift from an Ethiopian commander to King Vittorio Emanuele 81. Musei Reali - Artemia Reale, Turin.



Forgotten Collections

TURIN—The Chiablese gallery of Turin's Musei Reali is hosting an exhibition titled Africa. Le collezioni dimenticate (Africa: The Forgotten Collections) until February 25, 2024. The fruit of collaboration between various Italian institutions and curated by Elena De Filippis, Enrica Pagella, and Cecilia Pennacini, the show features more than 160 artworks, such as sculptures, ornaments, weapons, musical instruments, and other objects—most of which have never before been on public view. It is divided into several sections, each focusing on professions of Turin residents—diplomats, adventurers, engineers, among others—who visited Africa in the second half of the nineteenth century and collected works that later

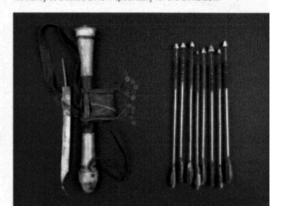
found their way into public collections, where many have since lain forgotten.

Between 2022 and 2023, the Musei Reali and the directors of several regional museums began preparing to bring these artworks back into the limelight through conservation work and the study of several African collections, specifically those in the Royal Armory storerooms and in the collections of the Aglie and Racconigi castles. This effort also encompassed research centered upon historic photographic albums held at the Royal Library in Turin and in the two Savoyard residences. And finally, hundreds of works, a selection of which are shown in the present exhibition, were inventoried.

Various experts in African history and members of the communities of origin were consulted, fostering an intercultural approach and creating a bridge with the contemporary realities of the African continent. This led to collaborations with the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography at the University of Turin and conceptual artist Bekele Mekonnen Nigussu. The latter is a professor at Addis Ababa University who, thanks to Lucrezia Cippitelli's efforts, was invited to the Musei Reali for a residency to created a work specifically for the exhibition.



RIGHT: Quiver and arrows. Somalia. Second half of the 19th century. H: 51 cm. Giff from Gorgio Sorrentino to King. Umberto 1, 1897 Music Real: Anneta Reale, Turin.



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#### KATIE KING, LO SPIRITO CORPOREO

«Quando la sagoma di Katie era in piedi davanti a me nella stanza, udii distintamente un suono singhiozzante e lamentoso». Il fisico e chimico britannico William Crookes nelle sue Researches in the Phenomena of spiritualism (1874) descrive un incontro con Florence Cook (ritrata in alto), una delle prime medium europee a tenere spettacolari sedute nelle quali evocava il fantasma di Katie King, figlia di John King, lo spirito del bucaniere Henry Morgan. Prima che Katie si materializzasse in abiti chiari, Florence appariva sofferente per poi cadere in stato di trance. In molti pensarono al solito trucco del travestimento della medium, i cui lineamenti erano simili a quelli del fantasma. Di diverso avviso il giornalista Luigi Barzini secondo cui Katie «venne fotografata quaranta volte, due o tre volte insieme col medium che giaceva in terra in trance [come nell'immagine a destra che ritrae Florence Cook e il fantasma alle sue spalle], il che esclude in modo sicuro il trucco di un suo mascheramento». Crookes riuscì persino a farsi immortalare a braccetto col fantasma.



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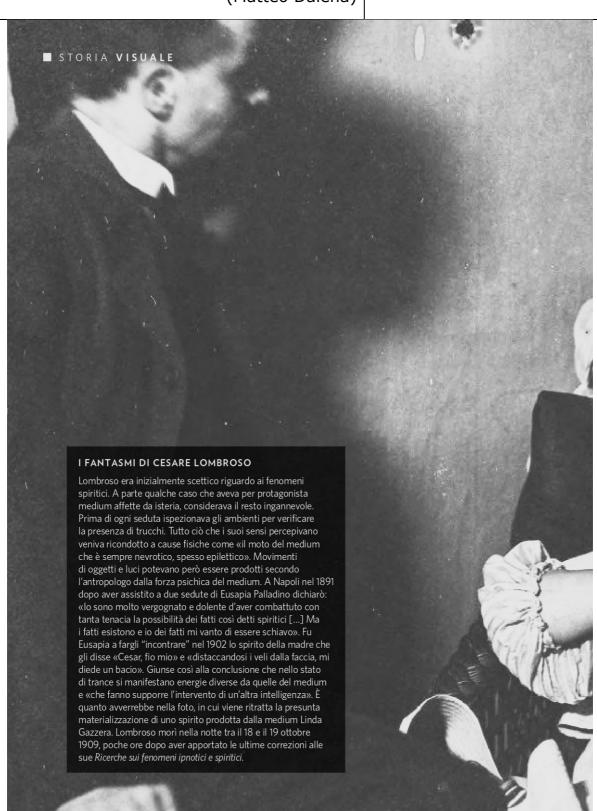


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