

Kauffmann and were designated "Duisburg." Two were isolated from human feces, and the third from salad in the Duisburg outbreak of food-poisoning reported by Müller.¹⁰ These resembled *S. pullorum* in their deportment in cysteine-gelatin and in tartrate agar. Kauffmann¹¹ also noted minor differences between these and his fowl-strains.

The 120 strains of *S. pullorum*, all from fowls, produced no changes in the cysteine-gelatin, either when incubated at 37°C. or at 20°C. The reactions of the 11 strains of *S. typhi* (all of human origin) in cysteine-gelatin more nearly resembled those of *S. pullorum* than *S. gallinarum*. (See Table I.)

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Distribution of the Sub-groups of A and the M and N Agglutinogens Among the Blackfeet Indians.

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The original observations of Matson and Schrader¹ on the Blackfeet and Blood tribes of American Indians revealed a distribution of the 4 blood groups vastly different from what was formerly believed to be characteristic for Indians. Group A was observed to have the same high preponderance (76.5%) among these tribes as group O has among other tribes of Indians.^{1, 2, 3, 4} These findings suggested that, contrary to former speculation concerning the origin of Indians, the "Blackfeet" did not separate from the rest of the human family before the A agglutinogen developed in the race.

In contrast to the characteristic differences of the two sorts of Indians with regard to the distribution of the 4 blood groups, subsequent work by us has shown that the Indians thus far studied, behave alike in having a high incidence of the M factor.²

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The present study which deals with the distribution of both M and N factors as well as the incidence of the sub-groups of group A, shows an exceedingly high percentage of the A¹ factor. The results are tabulated in Table I.

TABLE I.
Distribution of the Blood Groups, the sub-groups of A and the M and N Factors
Among the Blackfeet Indians.

	O	A	B	AB	A ¹	A ²	MN	M	N
Putative full-bloods	No. 25	77	0	1	92	1	38	52	5
	% 24.27	74.76	0	0.97	99	1	40	54.74	5.26
Whites	No. 123	130	30	8			151	50	71
	% 42.27	44.67	10.31	2.75			55.52	18.38	26.10

These findings as to A and B agree with our previous observations of 103 putative full-blood Blackfeet Indians, a high proportion (77 individuals or 74.8%) belonging to group A.

Of 93 individuals* belonging to Group A, all but 1 (99%) belonged to sub-group A¹, as determined by tests with a serum of group B previously absorbed with cells A². This figure is to be contrasted with the corresponding values of 84% for whites and 55% for negroes in the studies of Landsteiner and Levine.⁵ In this connection, reference may be made to the 100% incidence of A¹ among 237 group A Hawaiians observed by Nigg.⁶ Incidentally, the distribution also of the 4 blood groups among these Hawaiians (36.5% group O, 60.8% group A, 2.2% group B, and 0.5% group AB) resembles that of the Blackfeet Indians.

In agreement with our previous findings among these Indians and with those of Landsteiner and Levine⁷ among Indians in Kansas reservations, the percentage distribution of the M factor was found to be high and that of N low. The gene frequencies of M and N for the Indians and the white race examined in this study, are 9.7 and 9.4 respectively.

Summary. Our previous findings with respect to the distribution of the 4 blood groups and the M factor among the Blackfeet Indians have been confirmed and a surprisingly high incidence of the A¹ sub-group was observed.

* Part of these were tested in a previous study.

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⁶ Nigg, Clara, *J. Immunol.*, 1930, **19**, 93.

⁷ Landsteiner, K., and Levine, Philip, *J. Immunol.*, 1929, **16**, 123.