

occurrence of gold in Rhodesia was missed by the ancient miners. The finding of copper deposits such as that at Harmony also demonstrates how far advanced their prospecting knowledge was.

While some people are hesitant to credit the Bantu-speaking population with such skills, it has yet to be shown that an alien people, like the Indians postulated by Summers¹, had any effect on ancient-mining techniques. An African origin is likely as mining and metallurgy seem to have been disseminated into negro Africa overland from north Africa by Egyptian and Carthaginian contacts before the turn of the Christian era.

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'Developments in Centrifugal Milling', by A. A. Bradley, A. J. Freemantle, and P. J. D. Lloyd, Chamber of Mines Research Laboratories

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