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Description: Justifies himself: 1) He is indeed guilty to have promised marriage to a girl in Islington. Case explained. 2) He did not claim to be a trained missionary 3) The missing box was stolen. When speaking of Rev. Riis, he always says "the Riis". p.6. A reference with drawing, to the Obussumpra (Bosompra) fetish of Abiriu, which he describes as the head fetish of the whole of Akropong. No one may appeal to it without having handed a few (einiger) slaves to the fetish. Surrounded by woods, in a small valley (reached by a steep slope - in einem kl. Thale oben auf einem Berge) (a) is a heap of stones which is covered with palm leaves on which stands the whitened jar (h), (b) is more jars 'whose significance cannot tell', (c) is balls of pure clay, which are whitened every Saturday, (g) an inverted jar, (d) three stones and burnt sticks on which the food for the fetish is cooked, (e) several stones, (f) shattered jars. The drawing is ,natur getreu' he could do no better because he had only a pencil with him.

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