CONVICTED BY A MONKEY.

HIS DUMB EVIDENCE SENDS A MAN TO THE GALLOWS,

Life-The Murdered Man Was the Owner of the Mon ey --- Convincing Evidence night, and he certainly had not arrived Furnished In Court by the Simian.

"Louisiana has just furnished a senbeen equalled in modern history," said hind the craft and a bush which grew The man was sentenced to be hanged were smeared with human blood. and the woman has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The evidence in the case was all purely circumstantial-except that given by the monkey. for if ever an animal spoke that monkey did.

"It is simply one more tragedy of the old Mississippi, whose turgid waters have been reddened more than once with human blood. The story sounds more like a narrative of the ante-bellum days on the river, so replete is it with incidents reminding us of bygone times.

"Perhaps you know that the houseboat has not quite disappeared from the Mississippi. As a usual thing they erman, the officials considered that his start in below St. Louis, fitting out action had the greatest significance, either at Memphis, Cairo or some other and some even averred that he had point not too far from the scene of been a witness of the crime. their operations. They are equipped with groceries, provisions, small farmget what they want.

oars, from the stern. It is wonderful days on the river. It was all the sherperform when the sweep is in the ing on Starr and his wife as soon as hand of an experienced riverman. his little eyes rested on them. These traveling emporiums used to do thing to see one nowadays. They belong to a past epoch.

"A few months ago a man by the quently known as Bill Ackerman, came down the river in one of these heuseboats. He was a shrewd fellow. penitentiary. and had realized that there was little down from the north to attend the

of Starr and his wife grew more and more suspicious, and an investigation

"Finally the suspected pair were ar-Cold of Space Felt by Man, rested by the authorities of West Bat-The atmosphere forms an armor

on Rouge parish, in which Devil's which is almost impenetrable to the Landing is located. The evidence was A Woman Accomplice Sent to Prison for purely circumstantial. It was true meteors that are constantly pelting the earth. Most of the meteors are small. that Ackerman had not been heard of since he left the landing on that April They come rushing through space, strike the atmosphere, and the friction against the molecules of air heats at Cairo, whither Starr said that he them to a white heat, and sets them

was going. An axe with blood on it was found in the houseboat. Chips ablaze. Sometimes part of one may sation in jurisprudence that has never from the skiff which was towed bereach the earth, but as a rule they are consumed, and the dust alone, cosmic dust, drops upon the surface. One of Julius McGreath of New Orleans. near the water's edge, all of which "What do you think of a monkey as a | had dark stains on them, were brought the earliest known meteors fell in 204 witness in a murder trial? Oh, that is for inspection. They were examined B. C. in Phrygia, where for a long time not all of it, for his testimony led to and analyzed by Professor Dosson of it was worshipped. It was carried to the conviction of the man and woman | Louisiana State University, and he said Rome, and was supposed to be a mescharged with murdering his master. that all of them, including the axe, senger from the gods. Livy describes a shower of meteoric stones. The peo-

was made.

"Sixteen persons gave testimony at ple were greatly alarmed, and declared the trial, which took place during the a nine days' festival to propitiate the month of September. Their evidence was damaging, but it practically proved nothing.

literature there is mention of meteors "The main witness was the monkey. which fell in 644 B. C. The oldest Had it not been for him it is doubtful if Starr and his wife would even have been arrested. He showed a tremen dous aversion to the couple, and would not allow them to come near him. He chattered and uttered shrill cries whenever he saw them. He sometimes tugged furiously at his chain and gnashed his teeth in impotent rage pounds, and hangs to-day in the parwhen they were in his presence. Knowing the love Jocko had for Ack-

"To cap the climax of this strange proceeding, the monkey was locked up ing implements, notions, calico prints, in a cell at the parish jail the same as in fact everything which one would a human witness. He was kept there expect to find in the in the stock of a until the trial came off, and no one country store. They drift down the who was present at that time hesicurrent of the river, stopping at ham- tates to say that his was the testimolets and houses on the banks, driving ny that placed the noose around Starr's shrewd bargains with the inhabitants, neck and condemned his female acwho sometimes find the inland store complice to a life term in prison. The too far away, or too poorly stocked to poor little brute, handicapped by reason of his dumbness, did not fail to "Sometimes a rude sail is hoisted avenge his master. He was brought when it is desired to cross the river, into the court room, dressed in his but this is not often done. The tub- scarlet coat and cap, just as when he like craft is steered and half propelled used to make the rounds taking pen-

by means of long 'sweeps' or clumsy nies from the spectators in the show to see the evolutions the houseboat will iff could do to restrain him from leap Swedish ship was so struck, the stone

"These actions decided the case. The a thriving business a good many years | jury listened to the arguments of the ago, but lately the railroads and other counsel for both sides until late at auxiliaries of civilization have forced night, and went to the room for the them to the rear. It is a very rare night. They surprised all by returning a verdict of 'guilty as charged' within a few minutes. The judge convened the court on the following day

name of H. N. Aackerman, more fre- and pronounced sentence. The man was sentenced to be hanged, and the woman was given a life term in the

> cisco Nov. 20, 1897. During a severe trial, and the estate of the murdered storm a large and brilliant meteor was and by a system of pockets, this hair man was taken in charge by the probate court. The merry-go-round, the dogs, ponies, and the faithful monkey were disposed of at auction. I believe that Ackerman's son-in-law got the little fellow, but I am not certain of that. It seems rather strange that so remarkable a case should have attracted so little attention throughout the coun-

FACTS ABOUT METEORS MR. GABBER ON GIVING.

A Fragment of Comet's Tail-The Intense His View Before and After Aunt Jane's Message Came.

"Isn't it almost time to decide about Christmas presents, dear?" timidly asked Mrs. Gabber. Henry dropped his paper and glared savagely, just as Mrs. Gabber expected him to do.

"Of course it's time!" he exclaimed, 'It always is time. I never got in the middle of an interesting editorial in my life that it wasn't time to decide some nerve-rasping thing! Now it's 'What'll we give Aunt Jane, and Bobby wants an automobile, and what can we do about Uncle Peter? The same old story, year after year-how to give thirty people a hundred dollars' worth of things they don't want, for twenty-six dollars and thirty-two cents!"

"I've saved forty-eight dollars and nineteen cents," put in Mrs. Gabber triumphantly,

"That won't be enough to supply your Canadian cousins," sputtered Mr. Gabber. "Then there are five of us, the cook and the maid and Mike, dozens of relatives, scores of dear friends, hundreds of ordinary friends, thousands of intimate acquaintances, millions of regulation acquaintances, and billions of waifs, strays and vagabonds! In another five years we'll be deeply in the earth. It weighed 260 in the poor-house, victims of a blamed old custom that grows worse all the time! In ten years-"

"Henry! Do listen a moment! It isn't half as bad as you're making it out, and you know it. The hardest presents to choose have always been Aunt Jane's, and she writes me that, owing to the hard times, she won't be able to make presents this year, and wishes us to distinctly understand that she is unwilling to accept any. If you'd only kept still I'd have told you this in the first place."

Mr. Gabber looked as if he would burst with righteous indignation.

"Well," he howled, "of all the stingy, miserly, close-fisted old women I ever heard of, your Aunt Jane takes the prize! After we've given her, to teorite of several tons' weight fell in my knowledge, fourteen afghans, an easy chair, and two foot-rests, she has the presumption to sing 'hard times!' What does she think Christmas is for, anyway? To hang on to every penny you've got, and begrudge a few measly presents to your friends? Well, if I was as mean as that I'd leave this land and seclude myself in some heathen country, where the glorious practice ing from New York to Bremen when of giving has never been heard of!"

Mrs. Gabber, being wise among wo men, said not a word .-- Wallace Dunthe vessel from southeast to north- bar Vincent, in the Criterion

The Sirdar's Camel Corps,

The saddle was of wood throughout, with broad fans, the splay of which could be altered to suit a camel's back without much trouble by the native saddier attached to each company; the pad

GREAT SEA THOROUGHFARE.

It is Illuminated More Completely Than Many Chicago Record. City Streets.

Mariners about our English coasts, says the London Mail, have the sen marked out for them into roads and streets as definite and obvious as Piccadilly or the Strand. It is only by extreme negligence or by an absolute unforeseen combination of adverse circumstances that a ship can lose its way nowadays when it is within twenty or thirty miles of the English coast. The greatest sea road in the whole world is the Swin Deep, at the mouth of the Thames. It is not too much to say that every foot of it is surveyed and marked down on the chart. It is lighted more completely than many city thoroughfares, and to the sailor it is more homelike and familiar than the Commercial road or the Whitechapel High street.

Down this great high road of the sea much of the trade of the world is carried. Ships from the farthest parts of the world patrol it day and night in an endless procession, bringing goods to London or taking English products to distant lands.

As the traveler steams down the Thames between the low mud reaches beyond Gravesend, his first glimpse of the wonderful system of lights which guides the ships is obtained at Southhead.

A red light shines out over the water, and it is a warning that the river journey is nearly finished, and that swin street is near at hand.

Tom Hood immortalized the Nore in a poem called the "Little Buoy at the Nore," but he had nothing to say about one of the most famous of our English lightships. The "Nore light," as the sailors call it, is at the very entrance to the great highway. It shows a white light, which revolves every half minute.

Every lighthouse and lightship has its own particular and distinguishable system of signaling its name. For example, the next light in Swin street is seven miles from the Nore, and is called the "Mouse" light,

In order that there may be no confusion between the two ships the Mouse ship shows a green light, which revolves every twenty seconds, and which is visible for exactly ten miles. It is also provided with a foghorn, which is blown by compressed air, and is said to have the most unpleasant voice in the whole channel.

These lightships provide the principal illumination of Swin street. In daytime each one carries a cone of iron bars of different shapes in the place where the lamp is hoisted at night, but when I went to bed at 11 o'clock I and, moreover, the name of the ship is painted upon its side in colossal white through the air port in my stateroom." etters.

One of the most powerful and curious lights in Swin street is known as was removable-leather outside, soft the Maplin light. It is at the edge of unusual attachments ever formed felt inside, the stuffing being of hair. the dangerous flat known as the Maplin and Foulness sands. These sands observed rushing down upon the ship, stuffing could be removed and shifted dry at low water, and extend for sevat will, so as to alter the pressure and enteen miles along the coast. It was found impossible to build solid masonry upon the shifting surface, and so the famous Maplin light has been bull dog. They both belonged to Mrs. built upon an enormous erection of

storms several were washed away, although they did not suffer so much as one would expect.-Correspondence in

STRANGELY ILLUMINATED.

The Weird Effect of Phosphorescence on a Ship in Bering Sea.

"I have often heard of the wonderful phosphorescence of Southern seas," remarked a traveler from the North, "and I have seen some pretty fair samples in the Atlantic between New York and English ports, but I did not know it prevailed to any extent in Northern waters until during the past summer.

"In August last I was on board the revenue cutter McCulloch, in the Bering sea, about 63 degrees north latitude, bound north, when one night about 10 o'clock I happened to go on deck, and I was almost frightened by the sight of the sea. The wind was blowing sharp enough to raise the white caps, and the whole sea looked as if it were lighted from its depths by a million arc lights, throwing their white rays upward and under the flying foam. The holiows of the waves were dark, were dark, but every crest that broke showered and sparkled as if it were filled with light. From the sides of the ship great rolls of broken white light fell away, and she left a broad pathway of silvery foam as far back as the eye could reach.

"But about this hour was the most striking display. Here it was as if the ship were ploughing through the sea of white light, and as the water was thrown back from her prow it fell in glittering piles of light upon the dark surface beyond, and was driven fat down below, lighting the depths as if all the electricity of the ocean were shooting its sparkles through the waves and turning itself into innumerable incandescents that flashed a second then shut out forever. I stood on the forecastie deck looking down into the brilliant white turmoil of the waters until I began to feel as if we were afloat upon some silver sea, and a really uncanny feeling took possession of me. The white ship was lighted by the phosphorescence of the waters, so that as high up as the deck there was a pale, weird white, that made one feel as if the 'Flying Dutchmen' were abroad upon the sea and had passed by us. The masts towered in ashy gray above the decks, and every rope and line stood out distinctly in the light, but cast no shadows. It was all as ghostly as if we had gone up against the real thing, and it was a positive relief to get back into the ward room, where there was something more human. I don't know how long it lasted, could still see the silver shining

A Cow's Grief,

One of the most pathetic as well as among animals was rudely DIOREI Tuesday in the presence of quite a number of people on the south side, near the Sixth street intersection of the N., C. and St. L. Railroad. The two principals were a cow and a Dickie of South Sixth street, and for over three years the dog had accompanied the cow everywhere she went, slept in the same stall in the same stable and took her to the pasture and back home again every day. In the morning he was always with her when she went to the commons. At noon he appeared regularly at home for his dinner, and then returned to the cow. At night he drove her up to be fed and milked, and then made his bed in her stall, to go through the same routine day after day, until the spectacle became a common one. On Tuesday, as usual, he was going out with the cow, when he was beset The cow resented the attack made on her friend, and attempted to separate the belligerents by her horns and feet. In some inexplicable manner she killed what she had done her grief was most pathetic to witness. She moaned and groaned, and stood over the prostrate body nearly all day. Many in the

His scow contained a regular menagerie, consisting of trick ponies, performing dogs, a monkey and a merry-goround. I have forgotten where he came from, but he stopped at every town and village along the Mississippi, and he made money, for the country people have few amusements, and almost anything serves to furnish diversion for them.

"At one of the landings, about 100 miles above Baton Rouge, he picked up a man and woman who gave the name of Starr, claiming to be man and wife. Ackerman said that he needed help in his show, and agreed to give the pair a certain percentage of the profits, the woman to do the cooking and the man to help with the performance. The trio led a sort of Huckleberry Finn existence, going wherever they desired, stopping to fish, and tying up to the bank at night.

"It would be hard for the average such an entertainment, poor at the he went.

tive of his species.

business in Southern Illinois. Several Orleans Times-Democrat. people who had seen the show farther

up the river came to see it again, and they pursued their inquiries, which were sold in Kentucky for export were met with contradictory replies abroad, principally to London, Glaswhen it came to details. The actions gow and Hamburg.

EASY LIFE IN NICARAGUA.

When the Family is Out of Money Somebody Goes Out and Gets a Little Gold.

try."

"When I was in the Olancho district. in Nicaragua, last month," said a visitor who is largely interested in mining in Central America, "I had an op portunity of seeing how the lazy natives tap nature's till when they need some small change.

"Near our camp by the river was a hut occupied by a typical Honduranian person to understand the attraction family, consisting of husband and wife, grandfather and grandmother. best, would have for the people who and a dozen or so assorted children. live along the banks of the stream. The only one of the crowd who uid In many cases a railroad does not anything except rest and smoke was come within fifty miles of them, and the wife. At intervals of perhaps a about the only amusement they have week she would sally out with the is to watch the steam puckets going family tinpan, erstwhile used for cookup and down the river. The majority ing, and proceed to an old placer digof them never saw a circus, and few ging on the river bank. There she of them have ever been inside the would squat, throw a few gourds full smallest theatre. Ackerman's show, of dirt into the pan, fill it up with wa with its merry-go-round, its ponies and ter and begin the usual circular motion dogs capable of performing unheard-of of gold washing. She was very skilltricks, set the rural denizens wild with ful and would keep a little sheet of sala, Kangra, Punjaub, India, in 1860, delight. P. T. Barnum's name would dirty water spraying over the edge and a section was picked up immenot have been one-half as great a talis- like a miniature cataract. When the man as that of Ackerman. He abso- water was exhausted a few spoonfuls lutely owned the community wherever of sand would be left in the bottom of the pan, and, spreading it out thin,

"The prize of the whole combination with a bit of stick, she would go over was Jocko, the monkey. Ponies and it grain by grain, looking for 'color. dogs were ordinary domestic animals. Whenever she saw a speck of gold. but this simian, with its almost human she moistened the stick on her tongue face, was something irresistible. It and picked up the particle by adhefurnished the people something to talk sion. Each bit of the precious metal about for days to see him leap from his was sorted away in a quill. plugged master's shoulder, take off his cap, and with clay at the ends, and I have make his tour of collection. Jocko was known her to take out as much as a devoted to Ackerman, and was his con- quarter of an ounce in the course of stant companion. Ackerman never left one day. Usually her limit was about the boat without taking his pet with \$2, and when she got that she stopped. him, for Jocko would have been incon- Then the head of the house would arise solable in his master's absence. The languidly and start for the nearest monkey had more idelity than a dog, store twelve miles away. Sometimes and was a most intelligent representa- he would trade the whole amount for whiskey, but as a rule he brought "The houseboat continued down the back tobacco, salt, meal or calico.

river, and its approach was heraided "There are hundreds of native famiby word of mouth, for Ackerman de- lies who live in exactly that manner in pended on a well-satisfied public as his Olancho. Sometimes the woman will advance agent. When the show left be lucky enough to strike a rich pock-Devil's Landing in April Ackerman et, that will yield a dollar or more a was with it, but he did not appear at pan, but they never dream of washing the next stop. The people asked for it out at once and getting a stake. It him, and Starr said that he had gone simply means that they secure their north on a packet to attend to some usual amount with less work."-New

Ten carloads of black waluut logs

and with a roar and filling the air with fumes of sulphur it passed between the masts of the ship and fell into the sea not fifty feet from the rail.

gods. There is at Mecca a meteorite

which fell in 600 A. D. and is still wor-

shipped by the faithful. In Chinese

known meteorite which was seen to

fall is now on exhibition at Ensis-

heim, Alsace, Germany. In 1492 it

came crashing down through the air

with a roar that prostrated the peas-

antry with fright. It buried itself

The Chupaderos meteorite, which

weighed twenty-five tons, fell in Chi-

huabua, Mexico. The largest meteor-

ite known is the Peary stone, which

weighs approximately 100 tons. The

stone of Canon Diable weighs at least

ten tons, and exploded high in air, the

pieces being found all over the sur-

rounding country. In Italy several in-

stances are known of the loss of life

from meteorites. A peasant was sit-

ting in his cabin and was killed by an

an iron mass that crashed through the

roof. The act was regarded as a visi-

tation of divine anger. The city of Mi-

lan is perhaps the only one that has

been struck by a meteorite. A me-

the heart of that city in the year 1660,

on the authority of Paolo Maria Tez-

More remarkable are the falls at sea.

That a ship should be struck would

seem an extraordinary chance, yet a

killing two of the crew. On Dec. 1,

1896, the ship Walkomming was sail-

her officers noticed a brilliant meteor

that appeared to be bearing down on

west. It passed with a loud roar and

hissing sound, and plunged into the

sea ahead of the ship. That it was a

meteor of large size was evident, for a

few minutes later the ship was struck

by a tidal wave. Even more remarka-

ble was the experience of the British

ship Cawdor, which reached San Fran-

zayo, and struck a Franciscan monk.

ish church.

One of the greatest curiosities possessed by man to-day is a supposed fragment of a comet in Mazapil, Mexpart of the tail of Biela's comet. In wreck occurred; Biela's comet may have collided with another comet; in any case, the comet divided and many living observers remember seeing the two parts gradually separating. Some fatality pursued one part of the comet and it met its fate in infinite space. literally went to pieces and became a wreck upon the shoreless sea of space. Astronomers predicted that if the wreckage would become visible as 1872, there burst from the heavens a cloud of shooting stars. During the loons and leather galters. display one piece dropped upon the earth, and was secured at Mazapil, Mexico, and was declared to be a part of the great comet.

The average meteorite immediately after its fall is intensely hot, but at least one, which was handled imme- and self-contained fighting force, diately after falling, still held the in- which in its own element, the desert, tense cold of space. A few men can say that they have experienced this. A meteorite exploded above Dhurmdiately by some natives who dropped it with expressions of pain. The explosion had exposed the interior of the meteor which had been chilled by the intense cold of space, and was so cold that its effect was like a burn. This sity, making the air within almost unfragment is now to be seen in the bearable. But the trader does not Field Museum. Of it, Dr. Farington, mind this. Dressed in a pair of trousthe curator, said: "This is perhaps the only instance known where the cold of shirt, he reclines on a convenient part space has become perceptible to hu- of the counter, and with the aid of his man senses."

A New Kind of Umbrella.

Two students arranged to have a but before starting on their perambu- of glasses will be produced. Should lations one hurriedly returned to his he, on the other hand, be a native, the fuel on his fire.

As they walked along they were ed smiles. At last some corner boys shouted out:

"What a fancy cane he carries!" umbrella, having forgotten to make the flour, meal and coffee are kept, exchange after replenishing his room fire .-- Pearson's Weekly.

from 20,000 to nearly 2,750,000.

prevent it hardening and forming into lumps, the men being taught to constantly remove and pull the stuffing of their saddles.

Each saddle was fitted with one large piles. leather "khorg." or bag containing six ico. The fragment is believed to be a days' forage, and with two smaller 1846 something happened in space; a spare clothing; besides which each skins, to be filled according to requirements. Thus equipped, a seven days' desert trip could be undertaken, if there were wells containing sufficient to water the camels about every third day.

The men were armed with a Martini rifle and bayonet, and carried 300 ship in the channel. The smallest rounds of ammunition, ninety in bancomet itself did not appear in 1872 its doller and pouches, the remainder on ations are those at the head of the their saddles, sewn in a roughly made | buoys which mark out the various safe | by another dog, and a fight resulted. shooting stars, and this prediction was saddle cloth, so as to distribute the realized apparently, as on Nov. 27, weight equally. They were clothed in a brown woolen jeresy, cord panta-

The total weight carried when loaded up for a seven days' trip, with filled waterskins, would be a good 400 pounds, which, of course, reduced it-

self daily as forage and water were consumed. Thus we have a complete asks nothing from any one, which disappears and is swallowed up in the trackless waste, to reappear again, after an interval of six days, having accomplished its task .-- The Cornhill.

Trading in the Transvaal.

Ordinarily the Transvaal trading store is of galvanized iron, upon which the sun beats down with all its inteners, a light pair of shoes and a flannel pipe passes the time until a customer arrives.

Should the customer be a white man, the storekeeper and he will as a rule stroll one afternoon in Glasgow. They retire into the little side room for a both arrived provided with umbrelias, few minutes, and a bottle and a couple lodgings in order to put some fresh trader will glance at him casually, and, without moving, will ask him what he wants. He does this because Kaffirs rather surprised to see so many of the often want something which they passersby looking at them with amus- know the storekeeper has not got. The shelves in the back of the shop are piled up with gaudy blankets, clothing of all descriptions, tinned goods, clocks Then, on looking down, one discov- and vases, cheap "jewelry," and variered to his horror that he was quietly ous other commodities. Below these carrying the fire tongs instead of an shelves are the bins where the sugar,

Outside the store, on the stoop, are the agricultural implements, ploughs, harrows, new American inventions of Within the last two centuries the all sizes and descriptions, that are too population of Berlin has increased big or too heavy to be easily carried away.

It is one of the most conspicuous sights in Swin street, for it appears to ones containing the rider's food and be rising straight up out of the middle of the sea. The light is what is known man was provided with two water as a red "occulting" light. Every half minute it is hidden by a revolution of

the lantern behind a steel shutter. There are many of these "occulting" lights in Swin street, and it is often a welcome sight to see one of them flash out of the dark, explaining with absolute certainty the exact position of the lights of all the many colored illuminpassages for ships. These burn night and day, and the light is produced from ordinary gas. The great buoysmany of them from fifteen to twenty feet high-are hollow and filled with her friend. As soon as she perceived gas, which burns continually from a lamp at the top.

Often the traveler in Swin street may see a curious, slowly moving vessel with a great tank on the deck, mov- neighborhood could not stand to see ing from buoy to buoy. This is the such an exhibition of dumb sorrow and gas boat which supplies the lights turned away.-Paducah (Ky.) Sun. with fresh gas at stated intervals. It may be called the lamplighter of the

Chile's "Val of Paradise."

Valparaiso is the second city of Chile and next to San Francisco is the most America. The name means "vale of Paradise," and is so incongruous in several respects as to provoke sarcasm, but the true origin was as fol-Saavadra was sent by Diego de Almagro, Pizarro's partner, to take posses. sion of an Indian village called Quintal, which stood here at that time, and his loyalty to his native place, Valparaiso, a town of Castile, prompted him one. It is about three feet in height, to christen the city he founded in its

Nature never intended that a city of 125,000 inhabitants should be located here. The inhabitants have shown a good deal of ingenuity and patience in overcoming the natural difficulties, and have covered the almost perpendicular and rocky escarpments that surround the bay with houses. Indeed, the most agreeable and fashionable residence quarter is on the cliffs which are reached by winding roads and lifts such as one sees in Cincinnati and Pittsburg. On the edges of the cliffs the poorer classes have built rude dwellings of old timber and all sorts of debris, patched up with sheets of corrugated iron, and some of them, perched upon almost inacessible rocks and propped up with ungainly wooden supports, present an appearance of peril and inconvenience. During the

Lambs and Oysters on Trees.

The Dominican, Du Tertre, asserts in his book that he saw at Guadeloupe oysters growing on the branches of trees, by their weight bending down the branches into the sea, "and they important port on the Pacific coast of are refreshed twice a day by the flux and reflux of it." Bishop Fleetwood tells of a tree in Cimbalon whose leaves turn into birds and animals as soon as they fall to the earth. Pigfetiows: In 1536 a Spanish captain named in says he kept one of these leaves eight days in a jar, and that it took to walking as soon as he touched it, and it lived only on the air.

> The wonderful Tartarian shrub or lamb tree is vouched for by more than and on the top grows the lamb. It is covered with the thin nest bark, which the natives use for head covering. The inner pulp is like lobster flesh, and blood flows when it is wounded. As long as the lamb is surrounded by plentiful pasturage it thrives, but as soon as the grass becomes dry it withers away. Another plant that bore lambs in a pod is recorded, but these differed from the others in having horns. A traveler says that he ate of the flesh and drank of the blood of them.

Sir John Maundeville also tells of trees of the sun and the moon which grew in one of the Indian islands, and that spake to King Alexander and warned him of his death. He reported that "the folk that kepen the trees and eten of the frute and of the bawme that groweth there, lyven wel 400 yere or 500 yere, be vertue of the frute and

sea road.

honor.