

QUEER ANIMALS TO BE FOUND IN CUBA

INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS OF A NATURALIST.

Wild Boars That Fight at the Drop of the Hat—The Ara-Tricolor, A Bird of Wonderful Plumage—The Anaconda's Presence Proved—Soldier Encounters a Boar.

From the New York Sun. Outside of the wild boar, a small deer and the jutia or wood rat, a short enumeration would cover the list and leave little to be told. Alligators are plentiful, and the cayman or crocodile is numerous, but as to the rabbit, raccoon, opossum or fox, which afford so much sport in the United States, these and all other of a like kind are unknown in Cuba.

THE JUTIA. The jutia (pronounced hoo-teah) is the only wild animal in Cuba that is native to the country. It is found in no other land, and is simply the overgrown rat of the states. It ranges in length from two to two feet, exclusive of the tail, is a nocturnal feeder and can be tamed almost to the degree of the domestic dog.

THE RAIN CROW. There are in Cuba neither the black-bird as we know it nor the full grown crow such as we have in the states; but between the two, larger than the former and smaller than the latter, there is a creature which the natives call the "rain crow." It is found in every part of the island, on the mountain tops and in the depths of the swamps, but it is useful neither for food nor song and is generally disliked.

THE BAZZARDS. In no other land are the buzzards so numerous as useful as they are in Cuba. They hunt over mountains and valleys, circling about and ever watchful for a mouse, and it must be said that they have no difficulty in finding all they want. They are the great scavenger force of every city, and it is well that they are so industrious in their calling; for otherwise much of the filth in the towns and in the country surrounding would be left where it lay.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS. The domestic animals let loose in the island from the earliest period of its occupation have found a place favorable for their reproduction, but while increasing they have also undergone modifications. Cuban horses of the Andalusian race have lost in stature and breadth but they have gained in so-called endurance and vitality.

MIGRATORY BIRDS. Among the migratory birds that visit Cuba in winter are the green-winged teal, the mallard duck, the blue-winged teal, and the grebe. Great sport can be had with these birds if the sportsman is properly equipped. Pelicans, water-turkeys, fish-eaters, herons of all varieties and colors, cranes, eagles, hammers, hawks and owls of several kinds, including the rare white owl, woodpeckers, especially the ivory bill, the ibis, and along the shores gulls and sea birds innumerable can be seen. One beautiful bird of the interior deserves mention at which it was not the writer was unable to identify it. It was a tall, handsome creature, and was walking lightly on the lily pads. Its color above was a beautiful spectrum blue fading into creamy white on the sides and bursting into a brilliant scarlet on the breast and lower body. Its legs were green, bill orange, and the head was crowned with a coronet similar to that worn by the California quail. It was not web-footed, but had three broad toes branching to the front and one to the side, which indicated the water rather than the swimmer.

BIRD LIFE. Bird life is abundant, and well protected by cover. There are over 200 land, and over forty of the migratory classes that yearly visit its shores. Handsome among the native flyers is the teal, crimson and spotted neck, and a crown of tufted feathers. It is no mean singer and its pretty notes can be heard in forest or jungle or among the mountain gorges, where it builds its nest. The arara is a long-tailed member of the parrot family, which inhabits thickets, and the scorial is a sister of the teal, having pretty feathers but no voice.

REPTILES. The reptiles of Cuba are generally not poisonous, though the juba, a snake that grows to a length of six feet, is said to possess a certain degree of venom. The natives, however, declare the juba to be absolutely free from any harmful qualities, and in proof of their faith in this assertion freely handle it. The maja, a member of the boa-constructor family, is the largest serpent on the island. It grows to a length varying from 12 to 24 feet, and is more freely encountered in the swamps and jungles than among the foothills or in upland territory. As a rule, the Cuban maja does not possess

fowls are found everywhere, especially along the southern coast in the neighborhood of Santiago and Guantanamo. Quails of the Bob White species, but larger and unlike our own birds, are plentiful, but owing to the cover it is difficult to make a good bag of these birds. Doves, of which there are no less than a dozen species, are the only way to enter a thicket and get a shot by means of the machete.

BEST GAME BIRD. The tocaza, or wood pigeon, not unlike our old passenger pigeon, is the best game bird to be found in Cuba. It grows to an unusual size in hot climates, and, strange to say, is found in the greatest numbers during the months of April, May and June. It is not swift flying, and an indifferent marksman in almost any of the woods of the island would find little difficulty in filling his game bag. Doves are considered a plague by the planters, who look upon these intruders as American farmers regard crows. There are four species of la palama in Cuba, the principal variety being the same as our Carolina turtle dove. They fly in great numbers through the forests and plantations, but are little hunted owing to the lack of proper shooting material and the inherent laziness of the inhabitants.

Wild parrots and parakeets are plentiful in Eastern Cuba, and they form the favorite article of food for the settler and planter. Undoubtedly this liking is considerably enhanced from the fact that the bird is simple in its nature and can be trapped, approached or clubbed without much effort. So tame are they that a man with a long stick or a gun, or even a brush and knock them from their perch in almost any number he desires. They can be seen flying so thick through the mahogany forests of the Cauto river that a single shot would probably bring down more than an enough for a day's eating. These birds are cleanly in habit and their flesh has a fine taste. They are easily tamed, become good talkers, and after being once domesticated are never persuaded by their fellow kind to escape. Indeed, a soldier carried one on his hip entirely across the island on his saddle bow and from the north to the south coast, and although it had its freedom in camp and at night would fly away and chatter with its fellows, it always returned to its owner on the journey next morning. It had not been in captivity more than a month.

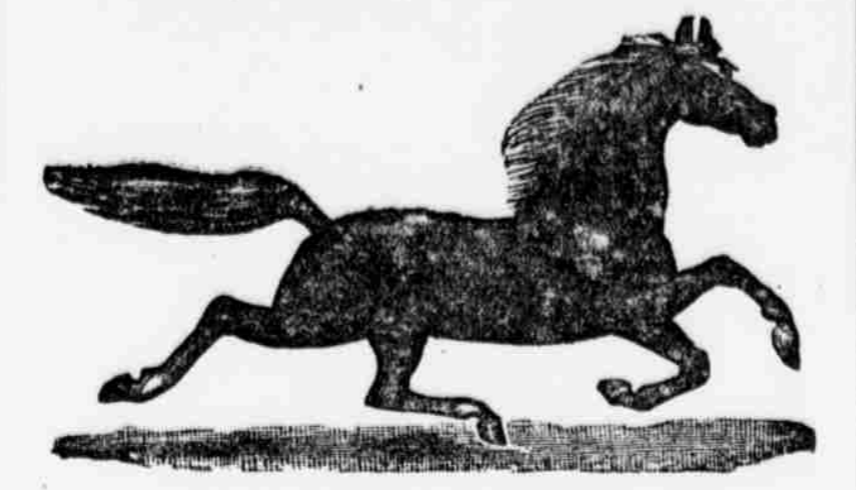
CRABS AND OCTOPOI. Perhaps the most interesting sight to the stranger in tropical countries is the countless number of crabs and crabs on land in Cuba than there are crabs on land in any other land. Some one has said that there are more crabs on land in Cuba than there are visitors crossing the water, and the visitor crossing the water, and the meeting these crustaceans in great swarms while they are migrating from place to place, is apt to declare the statement true. They are seen at times when on the march covering many miles of territory, and a horseman suddenly surrounded by a mass of moving armies becomes convinced that the canjaro was built for speed.

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WALDRON'S Auction Sale of Horses Today, Friday, at 1 O'clock.



The thirty head consists of big draughters, express and general purpose horses. In fact, there are some of all kinds. They will be put up and sold to the highest bidder, without reserve, at

CUSICK'S STABLES Friday Afternoon at 1 O'clock, Regardless of Weather.

the aggressiveness so prominent in other members of the species inhabiting the Isthmus and South American countries, but once in a while the creature becomes aroused to a sense of its own power, and declares war against anything in sight. A short time ago at Sagua de Tanamo Capt. E. C. Smith of the United States Postal Service had an adventure with a huge maja which he probably remember for many days. Capt. Smith was mounted on a native pony and was armed with a Mauser, a Colt's revolver and a machete. Upon nearing a small stretch of cleared ground on the side of a hill he noticed the maja crossing the spot and riding around in front attempted to head it off. The snake turned in another direction, crawling slightly along, but the captain blocked it again. Then the boia became somewhat angry and began to form a coil, but instead of completing the coil, threw itself in a bunch. At that moment Capt. Smith fired. The bullet grazed the snake's neck, but did no other damage than to scorch the skin and cause the creature to become furious. It formed itself into a ball and, rolling like a shot down hill, threw itself with great force against horse and rider. The impact staggered the horse, unseated the rider and tore the saddle loosing, and the frightened horse galloped away and the maja, seeing no other victim handy, attacked the leather and woodwork to a mere bundle of fragments. Capt. Smith had meanwhile recovered himself, and with his Mauser placed a shot through the serpent's spine about seven feet from the tail and ended its existence. The skin is beautifully marked, and in its dressed state measures 17 feet 8 inches from tip to tip.

Of fleas and mosquitoes a great deal might be said. Nowhere else, except perhaps in the Hawaiian Islands, are the fleas so exceedingly numerous and so persistently attentive as they are in Cuba. This pest, that is very little understood in the States, becomes in Cuba a positive plague. And in conjunction with the latter the mosquito is a terrible torment, for whether by day or night, in the cities or forests or wherever one may chance to be, these annoying insects are constantly on the alert to rob one of rest, and no one yet has discovered a mosquito bar that is proof against them. Of scorpions, centipedes, spiders and tarantulas there are no end. The centipede often attains a length of from ten to twelve inches, but it is not feared so much as the tarantula, for the latter grows to an enormous size and is said to be simply overladen with venom. In Mexico and Southwestern Texas there is a brown or mud-colored scorpion that is not entitled to much respect for its stinging powers, but in Cuba there is a deadly, black variety whose sting has been known to produce fatal results. The agricultural ants of Cuba are also dangerous to human kind, and there is another equally dangerous and ugly insect which, translated as nearly as possible from the Cuban into our language signifies "bull-dog." La bite is considered to be almost as deadly as the sting of a black scorpion. It grows to a size larger than the common wasp or hornet, and builds a mound so strong that the dome will easily support the weight of a man. An 18-year old Cuban boy was stung on the article recently by one of these insects and died a few hours later. The writer found in one well-developed poison sac and a stinger fully half an inch long.

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Basement Offerings. Painted chamber pails, with covers, are but 18 cents on Friday—wasn't long ago you paid double that for them. Berlin granite sauce pans—the two-quart size—at 10 cents; always sold at 18 cents. Wooden salt and pepper boxes, nicely made and finished. Very handy, especially at 6 cents—though they've been good sellers at a dime. Woolen dusters—just the thing to keep the piano glistening and the bric-a-brac clean. 7 cents on Friday instead of 10c. Granite serving trays at 5 cents; always 10c. You'll be quite sure to visit the basement on Friday.

Fancy Dress Goods. Two thousand yards. 19 cents. Worth from 25c to 39c, and never sold for less than that. The lot consists of 34-inch imported novelties in small dot and pin-style effects, heavy in weight and with silk finish. Also 34-inch satin bar plaids in ten attractive color combinations, and 36-inch fine twill, fast color Henriettas in a full range of colors. There is certainly nothing more appropriate for a holiday gift than dress goods. Combined with this Friday opportunity, it solves the problem of gift-giving very happily for you. On sale at 10 o'clock.

JONAS LONG'S SONS. THE BIG STORE. SCRANTON, PA.

Second Anniversary--December 11. Christmas enthusiasm and our Friday sales make a happy combination. We are busy—fearfully so—but we halt for a moment to prepare you another interesting program for Friday. We again demonstrate the richness, the genuineness, the sovereignty of

OUR GREAT ALL DAY FRIDAY SALES. BEGIN AT 10 O'CLOCK. CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK.

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Dolls for Friday.

We add to the activity of our busy toy store with an immense offering of dolls for Friday—though we ought not to do so, as they're selling very rapidly at present prices. 15 cents. This for your choice of over two hundred of the prettiest and the merriest faces we have ever seen. Bodies are full jointed, extra large size—and it's up to you to choose a dark lassie or a bright-eyed blonde. They are worth 39 cents at the very least. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Misses' Underwear.

19 cents. Vest and pants. Choose. These are in heavy quality, fine ribbed and come in grey, white and ecru. Just the right weight for mild winter wear, and not too heavy for the sunny days. Every size is in the lot—two suits, and you've a winter outfit that has never been equaled for the money. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Children's Hosiery.

Eight hundred little feet will grow warmer on Friday because of this hosiery offering. 11 cents the pair. Heavy ribbed, woven from pure Egyptian cotton, warranted to give good wearing service. Made with double knees, seamless and perfectly shaped. Shop around a little and you'll see them in many stores at 17 cents the pair, at which price we acknowledge they're a bargain. 11 cents on Friday. On sale at 10 o'clock.

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Very Warm Blankets

Are these we offer for Friday—extra large size, too. 49 cents the pair. They come in the new mode shade, with fancy borders, such as cardinal and orange, red and yellow, and gold, blue and red—very showy and pretty. These blankets sell regularly at 79 cents the pair, and at that price they are remarkably cheap. The hundred pairs won't last a great while on Friday. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Shoes for Everybody.

Women's shoes. Men's shoes. Boys' shoes. Misses' shoes. The greatest offering of the year. One Dollar the pair. Think of it! We'll tell you how it is. Our shoe store has recently undergone a general overhauling. In sorting up different lots some sizes were missing and our not being able to replace them puts them in the category of "odds and ends." There are many styles to choose from, but not all the sizes in any one style. You understand our position—we do not want the shoes, because they do not form complete lines—but the saving is all yours—not ours. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Fleece Flannelettes.

6 1/2 cents the yard on Friday. There are fifty pieces—to be exact, 1,983 yards. All of them are in dark grounds, such as black, navy, cardinal, cadet, etc. Some of them have pretty figured designs, while others are in scrolls and fancy stripes. For ladies' and children's wrappers? Of course, they're just the thing. Thousands of yards have been sold at ten cents; how many yards shall we cut off for you at six and one-half cents? On sale at 10 o'clock.

Pretty New Denims.

Double faced. 10 cents the yard on Friday. We do not know of it ever having been sold for that price in any store. There is quite a lot of it here at that price for Friday—something like eight hundred yards, which isn't so much after all. Most of it is in bright and pretty shades, with large floral designs and jardiniere effects. For curtains, dressing scarfs, upholstery purposes and the like. Worth 15 cents the yard. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Photo Pictures.

23 cents. You can never have too many pictures in your home—of that you may be sure. But you cannot always buy such nobby ones as these we offer for Friday at a very special price. They are photo-corks—photographs from natural scenes and sketches, highly colored and mounted on mats. They are nine by twelve inches in size and are worth a half more than you'll pay for them. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Children's Tam Hats.

Tam O'Shanter, if you please. Trimmed, too, in the height of style. Some of them are very prettily stitched, which makes them all the more attractive. Some of the same kind were here early in season at 75 cents and 98 cents—but it's late now, and you pay less for this lot. 21 cents on Friday. There is only a hundred of them. They may last all day; they may not. This is only to advise you to come early and be sure. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Many, Many Laces

are in this special lot for Friday. 6 cents the yard. There are two kinds—valenciennes and point de Paris style, running in widths from one-and-one-half to four inches. Most of them are worth ten cents—a good share is worth considerable more. Take all you care for at six cents, and be sure you've never bought them for less. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Brussels Rugs.

75 cents for Friday. Worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25—and cheap at that. This lot of bright and pretty patterns in brussels rugs were bought especially for this Friday sale. Even these would be pretty for gifts—that is what we had in mind when we bought them. There's only a hundred of 'em, large in size, of extra heavy quality brussels, fringe at ends. Lay a few of them down in your different rooms—they'll save wear and tear of the carpets and brighten up the house a bit. On sale at 10 o'clock.

Waists—A Clearing Up

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This price gives you your choice on some of our choicest holiday goods—bought to sell at a good deal more money; but we like to make you welcome with extraordinary offerings at these Friday sales. You may be sure there'll be no more interesting spot in the store than where this opal ware is being sold. There are fancy plates, lace edged Flower Plaques, Sacred Heart Plaques, Candle Stick Holders, Comb Trays and many other designs, especially gotten up for appropriate gifts. It is for you to take your choice on Friday at the 19-cent price. You'll get no other chance at the lot this year. On sale at 10 o'clock.

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