

hot that it seems as if one were in a perpetual Turkish bath. The Europeans wear the thinnest clothing, and live through the hot day in the hopes of a cool breeze at evening. Ice is imported from the United States. It is a great luxury, and costs two cents a pound.

One of the most charming walks in Georgetown is along the sea wall. This is a broad dike separating the city from the sea. It is wide enough for seats to be placed upon it, and long enough to serve as a delightful promenade. A carriage road closely follows the sea wall, and, at one point in the driveway, a band plays on certain days in the week.

No one who has not lived through an intense tropical day can realize how refreshing the evening breeze seems, how beautiful the stars look, or how soothing the music sounds to the European who is forced to stay day after day in a climate so unnatural to him.

One celebrated botanical curiosity can be seen near Georgetown. In an unused canal east of the capital grows the immense, rose-colored lily, called the Victoria regia. Its blossom is two feet across. Its leaf is four feet in diameter, and can support an Indian baby laid upon it.

Sugar, rum, and molasses are the chief products of Guiana. Its coasts and rivers are bordered with sugar plantations, which, being situated in the lowest part of the country, are generally surrounded by dikes. A plantation forms a small kingdom by itself. It is not so very small a kingdom either; for it frequently contains as many as two thousand acres, which are tilled by twelve hundred laborers.