

tor is said to have but two, at the junction of the head and tail with the body. The chameleon seems to be almost domestic in its habits. The alligator lives far from human dwellings in the desolate swamps and bogs. The chameleon is peaceable, the alligator is warlike in its nature. A nest of eggs was found in the Oclawaha River. As soon as hatched the young brood made war on one another. When grown the alligator will attack the largest animal. A blow from its tail will throw its prey within reach of its jaws. It is said that a herd of buffalo came to the shore of a river to drink. One of the largest was seized by the nose by an alligator. The struggle was desperate. Sometimes the alligator was dragged on the land and sometimes the buffalo into the water. The scene was witnessed by a party of travellers who put an end to both. A number of young men had been enjoying a swimming match. At the close one of them said, 'I will take one more bath.' He leaped in and had swam partly across the river, when he suddenly raised his hand and disappeared. He had been seized by an alligator, which reappeared with the young man in his jaws on the opposite bank, and then returned with his prey into the depths of the stream. His companions could do nothing but look on with horror. But a war of extermination is being waged against these monsters. Their teeth and skins are found to be valuable. They are fast disappearing and soon except in the everglades of the extreme south, they will be unknown.

Poisonous reptiles, including rattlesnakes have been seen in Florida, but so scarce are they, that practically people are as safe here as in Nova Scotia. It is said that mosquitoes are thick in summer, but this pest is confined to the marshy malarial districts. I am told that many places are free from them.

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TRUFFLES.

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"The importation of truffles to this country is on the increase," said Jacob Meyer, who, until recently, was engaged in raising them in Germany, near Hanover. "They are looked upon as a