



JAMAICA.—SPANISH TOWN EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL.

Built on site of Spanish Church St. Jago de la Vega, which was in connection with the Red Cross Abbey of St. Peter. The present Church was built in 1712.

Some Notes on Jamaica.

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that if women are doing this work the men are, as a general rule, somewhere else doing work even more unfitted for women than that enumerated. It is true the women folks do have a more businesslike air about them than the men, but we are of the opinion the men are too often misjudged.

The Jamaican negroes—and we suppose it is true of the negroes of the other islands—use their head as the common carrier. All sorts and conditions of packages are balanced on the head, and with graceful strides they march along. Baskets of hens, young pigs, dynamite, a Bible with a stone on top to keep the leaves from opening, a rolled umbrella, and hoe, were among the things we noticed. We show an illustration of a man with a box of dynamite carried in this fashion. After our photograph was taken we left the spot as soon as we could, for even with such sure balancing we feared

being too near a box of such a dangerous explosive so far from home.

The railway of Jamaica is under government control, and on the whole is quite adequate for the island's needs. It extends from Kingston to Montego Bay, with a few branch lines. The train hands are not too conscientious about having their trains on time. With such short runs to be late seems inexcusable, but we rather suppose it an evil common to government railroads, for the trains of the Canadian government railroads, especially the one from Halifax, may sometimes arrive on time at Montreal, but the many times we have been to meet it, it has always been hours late.

Birds of the songster class are not plentiful in Jamaica. This is accounted for, it is said, by the mongoose, a small animal introduced to exterminate the rats in the sugar cane; but Mr. Rat planned a way to get clear of the mongoose by climbing trees, and there robbing the birds