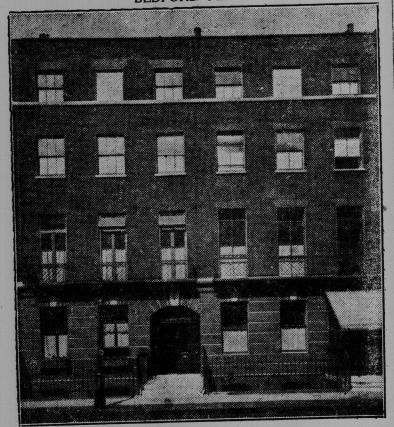
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to agriculture.

The value of the bat as an insect de

Live in Large Caverns in

Jamaica

Two Chief Varieties — Those

Which Kill Insects and Are
Useful to Man, and Those
Which Destroy Ripe Fruit.

Or Todent. These dinerent bats range in size from small bats, with a wing spread of six inches, up to very large bats, with a wing spread of from twenty-eight to thirty inches."

People in the United States, where bats are comparatively rare animals, have no idea of the variety and abundance of them in such a place as Jamaica, or of the important economic value of the bat. They are either insect-eating or feed on fruits. The insect-eating variety are siderable value as insect destroyers. They feed on mosquitoes and on a great variety of winged insect life, many of which are obnoxious to man or injurious to agriculture.

(New York Times) The value of the bat as an insect destroyer has been recognized in the United States by the erection of municipal bat roosts in San Antonio, Texas, and structures similar to bird houses have been set up to encourage bats to live in the vicinity of the city where they serve as an important check to the mosquitoes. In Jamaica there is no need for any such municipal roost, as there are numbers of old buildings, whose dark recesses furnish bats with suitable homes. In some very old churches great colonies of these insect eating bats have taken up quarters, and it is not an uncommon sight to see them issuing forth shortly before dusk in streams of hundreds of animals.

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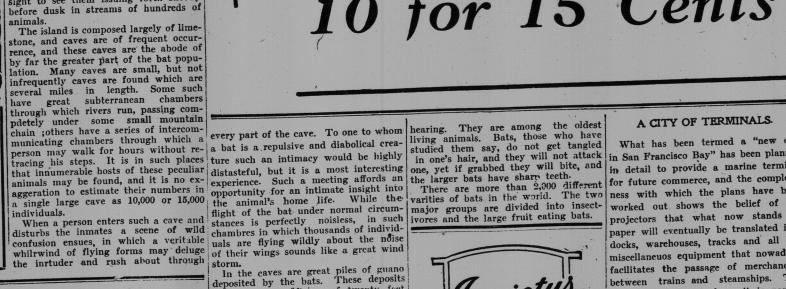
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In the caves are great piles of guano deposited by the bats. These deposits sometimes are fifteen of twenty feet thick and are valuable as fertilizer: it is used by natives on fields. In a good cave many tons may be taken out without exhausting the supply. There are species of bats, such as the fruit eating, which are not so useful to man. Some of the larger bats belong to this group. They come out of their homes an hour before dark and fly about fruit trees, searching for ripe fruit. They eat a great variety of fruits, depending on the season and locality. They eat hanans, raseberries, sweetsop, rope coffee berries, rose-apples and many other varieties.

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If the fruit is small they cut it loose and fly away with it, but if it is large they cling to it and eat it on the tree. Some of the smaller fruit eating bats are very highly developed for the purpose of living off fruits, and some have very long tongues; one such variety with a body not larger than two and a half or three inches has a tongue which may be protruded an inch and a half beyond the nose. A peculiar specimen is the so-called fish eating bat, which has been observed at dusk flying low over the water and swooping from the surface minute crustaceans and marine forms. the surface minute crustaceans and marine forms.

Enemies of bats are owls which catch fruit eating bats and the large snake boa of the West Indies. Bats are saciol in habit and not solitary, and they have peculiar social characterisites. In four different varities of bats are found in a cave, each kind keeps to its own group and does not fraternize with others. The same is true of sex. Clusters of males are in one group and clusters of females in another. Bats are nervous creatures, highly strung, and acute of



miscellaneuos equipment that nowadays facilitates the passage of merchandise between trains and steamships. The Pacific, Port Terminal, as it is named Pacific Port Terminal, as it is named by a writer in the Pacific Marine Review, would extend about two miles seaward from Berkeley, on the east shore of the harbor, and its piers would look directly out at the Pacific through the Golden Gate. Harbor works, warehouses, factory developments, and macinery have been provided for in a way that would require many years before the terminal could be finished, but the immensity of the scheme is easily visible in that part of it which would be first undertaken. Here is specified "two long wharfage faces of upward of two miles on each side of the first unit, with a distance of 3000 feet between them, flanked by 3000 feet of waterway on each side of





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