

The Lemurs in the Berlin Zoological Garden.

The Romans used to call the souls of the departed "Lemures," but they respected the good ones as household gods, or "Lares," while they feared the bad ones as restless, malicious ghosts and hobgoblins that wandered about in the night.

Science designates the lemur as the first family of half-monkeys, or that group of animals that can be considered as a connecting

90 cm., of which 35 to 40 is the body, and the rest is the tail.

The color of the fine wooly fur on the back is a grayish brown, with a tinge of red here and there, while the face, ears and front part of neck are almost white; the only coal black coloring is seen around the eyes, on the nose, and on the forehead.

The black and white curved tail is quite graceful in its shape, and it is by no means a useless appendage, for in springing and jump-

rapidity, and eat it gracefully, always dropping out the unsavory portions.

Sociableness is a life necessity of our lemurs. Left alone, they become cross and soon die, while company makes different creatures of them. Then they are always merry, and chase each other around in the cage, springing among each other like monkeys, with their roguish tricks.

Most of the varieties of lemurs live in the woods of Madagascar that are the fullest of in



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link between quadrumanous animals and gnawers.

The lemurs represented in this drawing from life are supple and bright creatures, and in their manners they remind one somewhat of monkeys, martens, and squirrels, but in certain positions they are very much like a kangaroo. The similarity is based upon the strongly developed extremities of the hind legs, which measure much more in size than the fore legs. The *Lemur catta* has a length of from 85 to

ing it serves as a rudder and balancing pole, while it serves as a stool in sitting.

When the animals huddle together at night, they twist their tails around each other, forming a sort of net about those who are sleeping.

The hands are nicely formed; the inside is deep black, while the outside corresponds to the color of the body; the fingers are exceedingly dexterous, for they pick up the smallest insect or piece of straw with great ease; they turn fruit over on all sides with the greatest

sects and fruits; they are also seen on neighboring islands, and go around nights after prey, screeching like our house cats when they mew very loud.

Have the courage to acknowledge your ignorance rather than to seek credit for knowledge under false pretences.

Have the courage to provide for the entertainment of your friends within your means, not beyond it.