

Evidence of Buccaneers Days Unearthed.**BIRDS, SEALS AND REPTILES TAME.**

NEW YORK, June 28.—The expedition to the Galapagos Islands, headed by Prof. Wm. Beebe, curator of the New York Zoological society, has returned with a wealth of material.

The yacht Norma which carried the expedition brought many rare specimens of animal life, including a giant tortoise of the species which attains a weight of 400 pounds and lives for hundreds of years. These tortoises are practically extinct. The cargo also will include giant land and marine lizards which are peculiar to the Galapagos, and live flightless cormorants and penguins which heretofore have only been found in Arctic regions.

The expedition also found evidence that buccaniers had landed on these remote islands generations ago, for the members found numberless wild dogs, wild hogs, wild cattle, wild cats and wild goats. The zoological life, however, still belongs to the age of reptiles. The expedition found the birds, seals and reptiles tame. Apparently they considered man just another species of animal life and showed no fear whatever.

The Galapagos Islands are of volcanic origin and are about 600 miles west of the coast of Ecuador. They extend about 200 miles, comprising fifteen islands directly under the Equator. The climate on the south coast is tempered by a cold current from the Antarctic Sea which causes the water on this side of the mountain a temperature of about 60 degrees, while on the north side the temperature of the water is 80 degrees.

Only one of the islands is inhabited, and the rest show practically no influence of man and are still in their natural state.

Hints for Housewives.

To clean rusty knives, drop them into thick sour milk and let remain overnight. In the morning they can be cleaned very easily.

The secret of removing a grease spot from silk, without any ring or shadow remaining, is to rub French chalk on the wrong side of the goods. Put away for a few hours, then brush off the chalk and apply it again on the back of the spot if necessary. The powder absorbs the grease and leaves the surface of the fabric as good as new.

When you wish to mend a slightly worn table-cloth, use an embroidery hoop. In this way it can be nicely darned by using threads drawn from the linen itself.

To mend hot-water bottles, clean the torn place with gasoline. Place a piece of vulcanizing rubber over the hole with glue on it. Then put a hot iron on the rubber and let remain overnight. This will make your bottle like new.

Never pick up tiny pieces of glass with the fingers. Wet a woollen cloth and pat it over the glass particles which will then cling to the cloth. Burn the cloth.

When making lemon pies, let the filling get cool before putting in the pastry shell and you will find that it will not run as it does when it is put in hot.

To loosen rusty screws, hold a red-hot poker on the head of the screw for two or three minutes. It can then be easily removed with a screw-driver.

When a castor becomes loose fill the hole with putty, then insert the stem of the castor in the soft putty. When the putty becomes hard it will hold firmly.

The common nut-cracker makes a splendid household wrench to remove the tops from cans and bottles, with screw tops. Even glass stoppers will yield to it.

When hanging small curtains over floors and windows and you haven't any rod, use narrow elastic. It prevents sagging.

If you use an oil stove and should turn a burner too high that you cannot turn down again throw a handful of salt on the flame. It will go out at once.

To prevent a rocker from moving along on a carpet when rocking, paste a narrow strip of old velvet on each rocker.—From The Designer Magazine for July.

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