

and like to that of the kernell of a Nutt, and as good as Almonds blancht, and of great quantitie: The water is cleare, as of the fountaine, and pleasing in taste, and somewhat answereth that of the water distilled of Milke. Some say it hath a singular propertie in Nature, for conserving the smoothnesse of the skinne; and therefore in *Spain* and *Portingall*, the curious Dames doe ordinarily wash their faces and neckes with it. If the holes of the shell be kept close, they keepe foure or six moneths good, and more; but if it be opened, and the water kept in the shell, in few dayes it turneth to Vineger.

They grow vpon high Trees, which haue no boughes; onely in the top they haue a great cap of leaues, and vnder them groweth the fruite vpon certaine twigs; And some affirme that they beare not fruite, before they be aboue fortie yeares old, they are in all things like to the Palme trees, and grow in many partes of *Asia*, *Afrique*, and *America*. The shells of these nuts are much esteemed for drinking cups, and much cost and labour is bestowed vpon them in carving, graving and garnishing them, with silver, gold and precious stones.

In the Kingdome of *Chile* and in *Brosill*, is another kinde of these, which they call *Coquillos*, as we may interpret (little Cocos) and are as big as Wal-nuts; but round and smooth, and grow in great clusters: the trees in forme are all one, and the meate in the nut better, but they haue no water.

Another kinde of great Cocos groweth in the *Andes* of *Peru*, which haue not the delicate meate nor drinke, which the others haue, but within are full of Almonds, which are placed as the graines in the Pomegranet, being three times bigger then those of *Europe*, and are much like them in tast.

In these Ilands are Cyvet-Cats, which are also found in parts of *Asia*, and *Afrique*; esteemed for the Civer they yeelde, and carry about them in a cod in their hinder parts, which is taken from them by force.

In them also are store of Monckies, and the best proportioned that I haue scene; and Parrots, but of colour different to those of the west *Indies*; for they are of a russet or gray colour and great speakers.

Monckies,
Parrots.

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