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heads; this means that the quantities are small though many women may bring a little of several articles. The colored people are only holders of small parcels of land which they do not always cultivate to the greatest extent. The women are all wearing cotton gowns that have once been bright and gay but tropical suns and



Market Women. Pile of white yarn in foreground

many washings have subdued their brilliancy, for cleanliness is a characteristic of these people and fashion plays no part, the bandana still holds its own though hats enjoy some favor. In another part of the market we find a varied collection of baskets useful and ornamental for the basket is the chief carrying receptacle of the Island. They are all native industry and made from woven palm leaves, the natural shade of the leaf is a creamy yellow and by dyeing some of the leaves a brown and others a tawny yellow a pleasing design is woven in. The native dye woods of the Island supply these

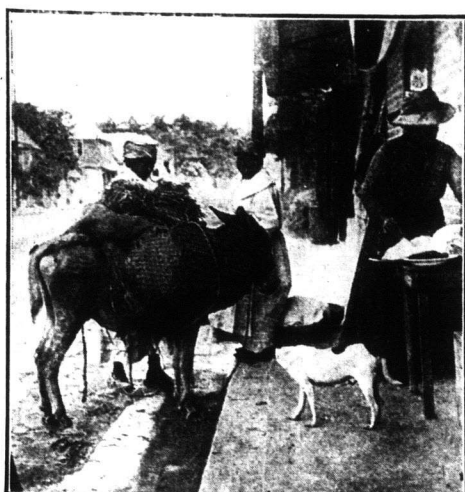


Sellers of Market Baskets

colors. These baskets are the choicest things of all the native industry and we carried away a few fine specimens. Still in another place we see some brooms, not the kind we know made of corn, but of palm leaves too, of about the same shade as the baskets and shaped like a big tassel. These are not used to sweep carpets for no carpets are used there, but to sweep verandas and door yards. In the homes of the white people polished floors prevail; the floor is stained with some of the native dyewoods if it is not of hardwood, then polished with the juice of bitter oranges rubbed up with the outer shell of the coconut which is a fibrous husk. And still another place where hats



Vegetable Market Scenes



Preparing to go home

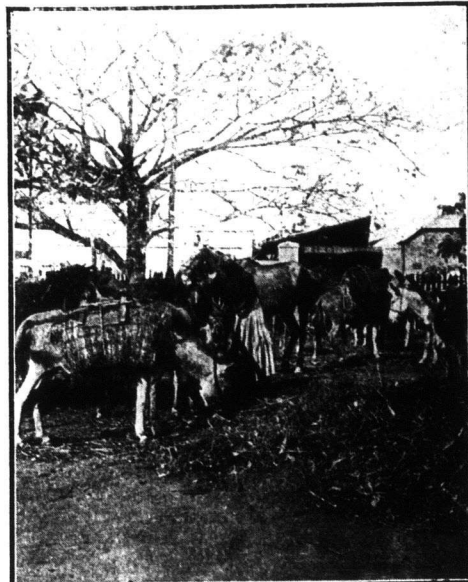
can be bought, fancy, millinery in a market, also of native manufacture though only worn by the colored people.

In the covered part of the market we find fish, meat, agricultural seeds, or we would say farm seeds, tobacco in ropes of an inch in thickness and two cents buys a yard, sometimes a drygoods stand with

articles likely to be bought by the country woman. The meat does not look a bit appetizing though quite good, as no meat is offered off the hoof twenty-four hours. Fish is much more used and superior in every way. The waters of the sea supply some very fine specimens, the salt-water herring of course, lobsters, oysters, but the finest is the red snapper a fish averaging two feet in length with a brilliant scarlet skin and snow white flesh. Turtles from which the genuine green turtle soup is made. Some of these grow to an immense size sometimes weighing a hundred and fifty pounds; from the shell of their back our finest quality of tortoise shell is made.

Market is usually over by the early afternoon and preparations are made for the long walk home. If our market woman desires something to eat she leaves the market and goes out on the street where she can find someone near selling a lunch from a table in a shady spot. Two cents, four, six cents will buy all she needs of fried fish or vegetable, and bread, very clean and appetizing in appearance as the seller lifts the clean white cloth that covers it. There are no lunch counters or even restaurants in this Island.

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