

SPECIMEN OF RARE ANIMAL IN MUSEUM

OKAPI IS SELDOM FOUND

First Seen in 1900 in Africa Where Its Native Habitat Is; Believed to Be Relative of Giraffe

A specimen of the okapi, one of the rarest animals in the world, and the only extant relative of the giraffe, is now on exhibition of Field Museum of Natural History, Stephen C. Simms, acting director of the museum, announces.

Hunters find the okapi the most difficult of all African animals to obtain, according to Dr. Wilfred Osgood, curator of zoology. The Field Museum specimen was secured by pigmy natives in the Ituri forest of the Belgian Congo, and was obtained from them by the Captain Marshall Field African Expedition. It was brought to this country by Edmund Holler, formerly of the zoological staff of Field Museum, who led the expedition. Mr. Holler is now director of the Milwaukee Zoological gardens.

The okapi is a forest animal of shy, secretive and nocturnal habits, and is found only in a limited area of the Congo, inhabited mainly by pigmy black men who are extremely hostile to whites. Members of the expedition had to spend several weeks building up good will on the part of those pigmies to get on good enough terms to obtain their aid in getting an okapi specimen, and their assistance is almost indispensable in hunting this elusive creature.

Discovered in 1900

The okapi is a striped animal, and its existence was not suspected until as recently as 1900, when some strips of its skin were obtained from natives by Sir Harry Johnston, a British colonial administrator, says Dr. Osgood.

At first these were thought to be pieces of the skin of a new type of zebra, but subsequently an entire specimen, skin, skull and skeleton, were obtained, and the animal was then found to be kin to the giraffe. It resembles more closely certain prehistoric ancestors of the giraffe, with whose fossil skeletons it has been compared, than it does the modern giraffe. The okapi's neck and legs are much shorter than those of a giraffe but its teeth and horns are very similar. So far as records show, only one or two white men have ever seen this mysterious animal alive.

The specimen now on view here was mounted by C. J. Albrecht of the museum's staff of taxidermists, and has been placed in George M. Pullman hall of the institution, where there are collections of other horned and hoofed animals.

UNIVERSITY BUILDING FOR MODERN EDUCATION

Big Addition to Pittsburgh School in Which New Ideas to Be Tried

A monument to modern education, intended to awaken the United States from intellectual sleep walking, is rising 50 stories high on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, says The American Magazine.

It is the realization of a dream of Dr. John G. Bowman, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, who has surprised educators in many sections of the country by his declaration that the schools of the country must meet athletics, the theatre, society, as legitimate and honorable rivals and offer something attractive in the way of worth while competition.

In Bowman's \$10,000,000 tower building his teachers will be instructed to exert all their powers to remedy the following faults which the chancellor says exist in the present educational system of the United States:

1. "Instead of guiding our youth to understanding we have been trying to stuff understanding down its throat by a process of forcible feeding.

2. "We have been calling the college a school for life, utterly ignoring that it is life.

3. "We have been blaming the boy and the times and excusing the classroom."

4. "We have let the classroom be ruled by tradition instead of by need, with the consequence that its methods have become antiquated."

UNIQUE POULTRY DISPLAY PLANNED

To Be Feature of Illinois State Fair This Year; Details Given

A special poultry display, unlike any previously attempted in Illinois, or elsewhere, insofar as poultry authorities are informed, is contemplated as an added feature of the Illinois state fair, August 18-25. This novel exhibition will be open only to commercial hatcheries that produce state standard accredited chicks and to poultry breeders who supply them with accredited eggs for hatching.

In accordance with the regulations for this added poultry class, fifteen individual specimens are required for each exhibit—three pens, each made up of one cockerel and four pullets. Each of the three must be of a differ-

ent variety, one of the American, one of the English and one of the Mediterranean class. Any state accredited hatchery or flock owner under contract to such hatchery may enter one or two exhibits. The state fair officials plan to place this exhibit in Machinery Hall because of the crowded quarters in the poultry department.

Wrong Idea of Sin

More should be written about the pleasures of virtue. The old theology gave the impression that sin is delightful and that those who forego it give up what is most thrilling in life.—American Magazine.

A Real Needy Tourist

No one, said an American observer in Paris, needs an aunt so much as an American child being given his first personally conducted tour of Europe.—Woman's Home Companion.

Sugar Papas Unwanted

Here's a way to test your beau, girls: Call him "sweet" and if he makes a sour face he's all right.—Farm and Fireside.

An Unpopular Lothario

The man who boasts of his sentimental conquests is despised not only by women but by other men as well.—The American Magazine.

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