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Field Museum Expert Visiting
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Many Specimens

Amazonian jungles said by Indian natives never before to have been penetrated by any white man have now been explored by Llewellyn Williams of the botanical staff of Field Museum of Natural History, who is leading a division of the Marshall Field, Jr., Botanical Expedition to the Amazon, according to a report received from him today. Accompanied only by several Inca Indians, Mr. Williams made a trip by canoe and afoot for some 325 miles into the interior of the Nanay region of the Amazon and its tributary, the Rio Nanay. Coming back to Iquitos, Peru, by a roundabout route through even greater obstacles, his return journey was probably more than 400 miles.

Collecting Plants

Mr. Williams is collecting exotic arboreal and plant material for addition to the foreign woods and plants collections of the museum.

Going into the jungle, with provision packs on their backs, bush-knives on one hip and snake poison antitoxin on the other hip, Mr. Williams and his party of Indians pushed their way up the Nanay river in canoes, and on foot along the river banks, steadily for six days and six nights. Camps were made in abandoned Indian huts of palm leaves. The bush-knives were used frequently to cut a path through the thick tangles of tropical vegetation which were often impassable. Often it was necessary to wade for miles knee-deep in mud and water, and frequently it was necessary to swim across streams.

Likes Monkey Meat

Arriving finally at a good ground for botanical collecting, camp was pitched in a rude, hastily constructed hut which became scientific headquarters for the next ten days. Wild pigs and pumas prowling around the camp caused annoyance but did no harm. Provisions ran short, and it was necessary to shoot monkeys, tapirs, squirrels and various birds for food.

"I was surprised to find monkey-meat so appetizing, and the Indians regard it as a delicacy," writes Williams.

Outstanding among the trees from which specimens were obtained are the "palo de asucar" or "sugar tree," so-called because of the presence in the bark of a sweet edible resin with the consistency of real sugar; and the "palo de aceite" or "palo de manteca" which means "lard tree." The latter, previously known only to the Indians, excretes an oily substance which in appearance, taste, consistency and other properties is a close affinity to the lard rendered from animal fats, Williams writes.

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