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RARE GIANT PANDA IN MUSEUM GROUP

Asiatic Animal with Face Like
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The rare giant panda—large Asiatic animal with a face like a raccoon's, a body like a bear's, and feet like a cat's—is on exhibition in a new habitate group opened to the public at Field Museum of Natural History today, Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum, announces.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, now Governor of Porto Rico, and his brother, Kermit Roosevelt, obtained the two specimens in the group while leading the recent William V. Kelley-Roosevelts Expedition to Eastern Asia for Field Museum.

Rarest of Animals

The giant panda is one of the rarest, and possibly the rarest, of all the world's larger mammals. One of the specimens in the museum group was trailed and shot by the Roosevelt brothers themselves along the Tibetan border, and it is the only one on record ever seen alive and shot by a white man. The other was obtained by the Roosevelts from native hunters.

So far as is known, only one other museum in the United States, and probably less than six in the entire world, have any specimens whatever of the giant panda, and all previous specimens were obtained from native hunters. With their trophy, the Roosevelts brought back the animal's skeleton, the only one ever brought out of Asia. This skeleton is also preserved in the museum's study collections, and, according to Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, curator of zoology, is of international interest to zoologists because of its scientific value in the problem of ascertaining by anatomical study the animal's true position and relationships in systematic mammalogy.

A scene in the almost inaccessible mountain forests of the Lolo country, where the Roosevelts' specimens were obtained, has been provided as a background for the museum's group of giant pandas. The elusive animal lives usually at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet, which is one of the difficulties facing hunters who would stalk it.

The specimens have been skillfully mounted in lifelike attitudes by Julius Friesser of the museum's staff of taxidermists. Charles A. Corwin, the institution's staff artist, prepared the background, with its forest trees, mountain flowers, and thicket, and in the distance the peaks of other mountains. Further realism is added by huge boulders and rocky surface in the foreground where the animals stand.

Right Combinations

The University of Illinois finds that the average person speaks 30,000 words a day in talking to relatives, friends and business associates. But success with them, as with cards, depends upon getting them in the right combinations.—Boston Transcript.

Owing to the business depression some of the movie stars are going to keep the same husbands they had last winter.—Ohio State Journal.

Legion Gives Flag

Detroit, Mich.—The Wayne county council of the American Legion recently donated an American Flag to the new Salvation Army citadel at Mack and Harding avenues. This is the second of the new Salvation Army buildings for which the Legion has provided a flag.

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