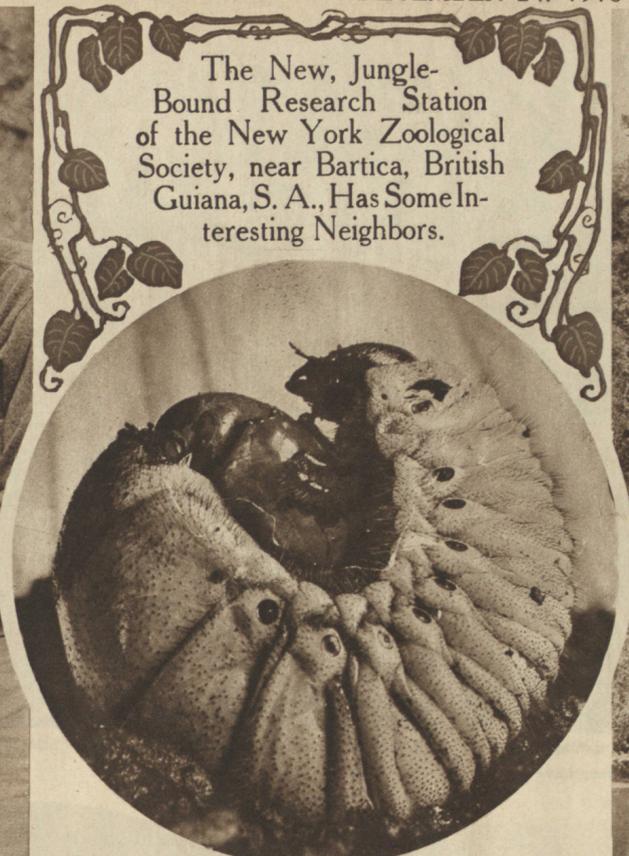




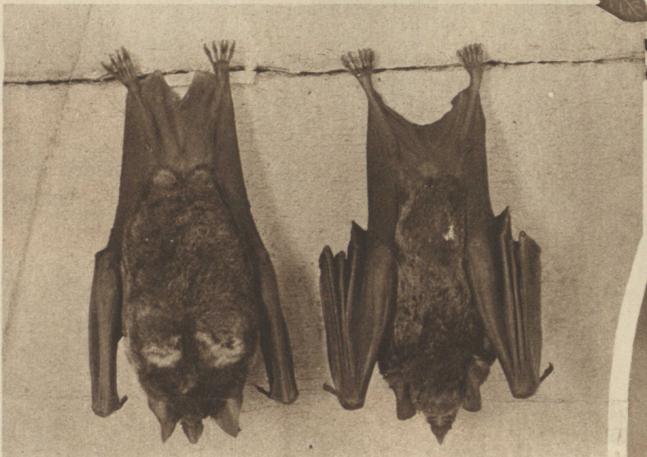
WILLIAM BEEBE (on right), who established Kalacoon, the society's tropical research station, and Inness Hartley, one of his assistants. They are holding a pair of young trumpeters, distant relatives of the domestic chicken.



AN EDIBLE GRUB. When a man in South America invites you to have "a bite of grub" he means exactly what he says. These grubs, which are the larvae of a species of giant stag-beetle, are considered a great delicacy by the natives, who fry and eat them.



ON THE MAZARUNI RIVER, near Kalacoon, the tropical station established by William Beebe for the society. The large tree in the center of the picture is actually as tall as it looks, as the river bank does not slope upward.



VAMPIRE BATS, the gargoyles of the animal kingdom. This hideous flying mammal sucks blood from other animals, especially horses, cattle and fowls, and not rarely attacks man.



THE BEEZA MONKEY, which ought to be a great comfort to a homely man.



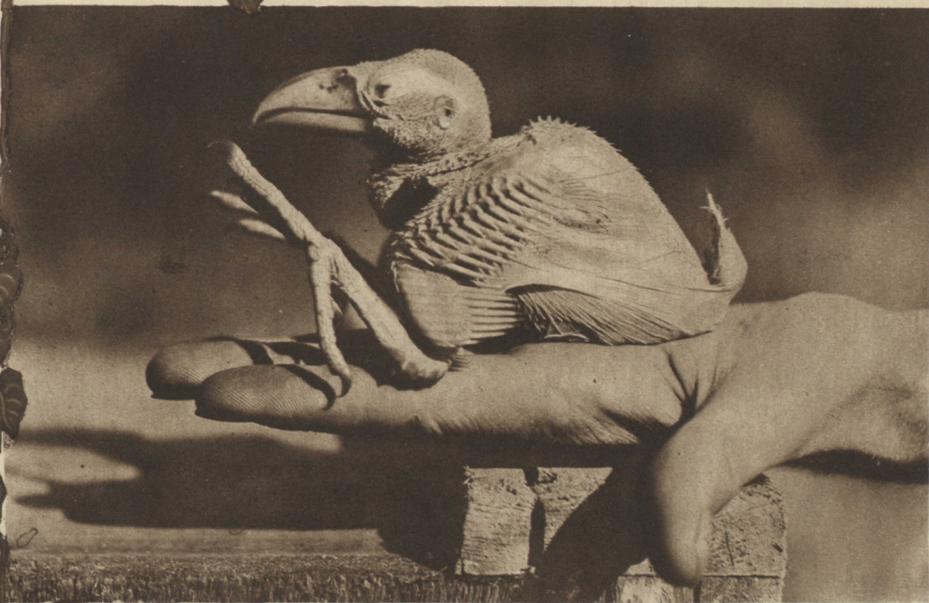
A YOUNG HOATZIN, the bird that has thumbs. The most primitive form of bird life extant, the hoatzin is the "missing link" between birds and lizards. Wings were originally hands, and the hoatzin still has a thumb and two fingers on its wing joints. The youngster here shown is climbing a branch with the aid of his wing-thumb and fore-finger.



THE GIANT TREE-FROG, according to a legend of the Guiana Indians, has the power to distill a pool of green water, which it keeps in the treetops. If a man should drink a single drop of this water, they believe, he would become bewitched, and every night would be forced to hop, croaking, through the jungle, trying to climb the trees. If he should succeed in climbing the tree in which the pool is concealed, and should drink another drop of the water, the spell would be broken and he would become a man again.



THE HEAD OF A PERAI, one of the cannibal fish made famous by Colonel Roosevelt. These "man-eating" fish are no joke. Although comparatively small (a large specimen measures only 15 inches), they have extremely powerful jaws equipped with jagged, needle-pointed teeth. They are very ferocious, travel in schools of 1000 or 1500, and will attack anything that moves in the water. A man caught ten feet from the water's edge will never reach the shore alive.



A YOUNG TOUCAN. The toucan lives in hollow trees, and up to the time of the present expedition no one had ever succeeded in finding either its eggs or its young. This youngster is the first of his kind ever seen by civilized man. He hardly looks worth the trouble.