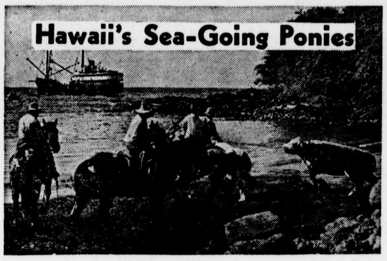
Hawaii's Sea-Going Ponies



Shipping Cattle in Hawaii.

THE only sea-going cow ponies in America are believed to be those used by the ranchers of Hawaii island, 200 miles southeast of Honolulu.

With the same ease that ponies on the western plains handle a troublesome steer, these island mounts handle cattle in deep ocean waters.

The 4,015 square miles comprising that island contains many cattle ranches, one of which is rated as being among the largest in the entire United States. On the island only one harbor has dock facilities whereby cattle destined for the Honolulu market can be loaded directly onto steamers. At all other ports the cattle must be driven into the sea, tied to small boats and carried to the steamer anchored a mile or so off the shore.

It is this unusual transportation problem of Hawaiian ranchers that has brought about the development of specially trained ponies for ocean service. The result is a type of mount as much at home in the boiling ocean surf as on the driest part of the range.

These Ponies Know Their Work.

No horse lover could watch these ponies work without a thrill of appreciation for their stamina, training and initiative. The moment a lariat slips over the neck of a steer, the pony goes to work. With no apparent directions given by the rider, the horse heads the balking steer toward the water, gives a quick last-moment pull to the lariat and the steer is dragged into the surf. Nor does the pony stop its efforts there. Swimming with easy powerful grace, the pony guides the steer out into deep water, ranges it alongside the small boat to permit a cowhand to tie it up. The moment the steer is securely tied, the pony turns about, swims back to shore and stands ready for its next assignment.

Hawaiian cowboys, too, are in a class by themselves. The late Will Rogers rode the range with them during a visit to Hawaii. Will showed them his bag of rope tricks, each of which was immediately duplicated by the various native cowpunchers. When Will had exhausted his repertoire, his island friends showed him an entirely new bag of stunts.

"Boy!" Will remarked, "they told me Hawaiians were great swimmers but they're the greatest bunch of ropers and riders I ever saw."

Cowboys Won Prizes at Cheyenne.

Will was then told about a bunch of cowboys from Hawaii who had read, a few years ago, of the wonderful roping and riding of cowboys on the western plains. Being anxious to see these highly touted riders, the island boys visited Cheyenne. One look at the riders and the broncos was all they needed. Instead of being merely spectators, they became entrants, pitting their skill against the men they had come to watch. When the final events were over, the Hawaiians who had come to learn had become teachers. They had walked off with most of the major prizes, including a couple of world championships.

Hawaiian riders and ponies have to be among the best in America to fill their difficult jobs. Cattle ranges run from sea level to the mountain tops, across great jagged fields of lava which years ago poured from the volcanoes, through dense forests and drouth-stricken plains where some cattle, it is said, never have an actual drink of water but secure the necessary moisture from the dew on plants.

People in Hawaii have the most unique rodeos in America when cattle are being transferred from shore to ship. Of course, they don't call them rodeos despite the fact they pack more thrills in a half hour than the usual rodeo does in its entire program. They merely call it a job that has to be done.

WNU Service.

One of the Sea-Going Ponies at Work. This Steer is Going for a Swim.

HOW—

TO GET TO SLEEP WITHOUT COUNTING LITTLE LAMBS.—Dismiss thought and relax! If these two orders can be carried out completely, says Roy Temple House in Hygeia, the Health Magazine, any one can get to sleep without delay.

Sound living and generally good hygiene are also contributing factors to the courtship of Morpheus, he believes. Obedience to the first order, however, cannot be achieved by stubbornly declaring, "I will stop thinking!" One can stop it only as one might stop rowing or swimming when the intention is to float. Merely relax, mentally and physically. And this is an art which can be learned, he declares.

Although physical pain and mental discomfort or excitement tend to discourage sleep, the technic of dismissal and forgetting which can be learned will carry you off. This technic involves both the developing and the discarding of habits, and the habit of waiting until certain physical and mental tensions relax is an unnecessary one which must be abandoned.

Hot baths, warm drinks and reading are practices which may have certain benefits for the encouragement of relaxation, but they should be discouraged as unwholesome procedures. There should be no suggestion, no numbing process, no hypnotism in the method of securing sleep. Regularity in the hour of retiring should be the keynote.

Cameroons Fit the Average Man's Mental Picture of Africa

The Cameroons, former German West African territory almost as large as Germany itself, have been mentioned in news reports with discussion of the possible return to Germany of her pre-War African possessions. The area is now administered under mandates, the greater part under French control, but with a narrow strip of the northwestern edge governed by Great Britain.

"The average man's mental picture of Africa comes to life in the Cameroons," says the National Geographic society. "Spreading fanlike inland from the sharp angle in Africa's west coast, they have lush lowland jungles, tangled rain-forest, cool, high grasslands, pygmies, elephants, lions, gorillas, rubber, ivory, and mahogany, and in some regions the blighting plague of sleeping sickness spread by the tsetse fly.

"Most visitors arrive in the French portion of the Cameroons through Douala, low-lying port on an inlet from the Gulf of Guinea. Here are attractive homes of the few European residents, and a sprawling trading center with native villages nearby. In the dry season Douala is hot and breathless, in the rainy season drenched in an almost continuous downpour, with an average rainfall of 13 feet. From here are shipped a large part of the Cameroons' products of rubber, ivory, ground-nuts, palm oil, almonds, hides, timber and cacao.

"Once away from the railroads, travelers find that bridges are woven of vines in the Cameroons.

"Back of the hot jungle of the coastal lowland lies a high and fertile plateau, covered with grass or open woods, and boasting a cool and healthful climate despite its proximity to the Equator a few hundred miles to the south. Farming is done with hoes only, for plows and draft animals are still unknown.

"Still farther north is Ngaoundere, largest all-native city in the Cameroons, where the ruling sultan boasts an orchestra of 100 pieces, wears robes of white velvet encrusted with gold on state occasions, and has thousands of vassal horsemen at his command.

"From this city southward, for 500 miles, runs an automobile road to Yaounde, the seat of government of the French mandate.

"Driving along this road, a traveler may see primitive tribes who wear no clothes, but he probably will see no wild animals, though they are all around him. Lions, leopards, hyenas and baboons abound, but they keep well out of sight.

"South of Yaounde, the Cameroons are almost all jungle—the home of gorillas, great herds of elephants, and little-known pygmy peoples. Here the natives live on a plane far below that of their neighbors on the healthier northern uplands. This is the region of the tsetse fly, which harbors sleeping sickness and spreads the disease by its bite. Authorities estimate that this plague has taken a million lives in the last 50 years. Other diseases, such as malaria, rickets, dengue and elephantiasis also are widespread in the region. The French authorities have established hospitals at Ayos, however, and are making important progress against the disease with a new medicine, Tryparsamide."

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