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The Malay Archipelago: The Land of the Orang-outang and the Bird of Paradise; A Narrative of Travel, with Studies of Man and Nature. By Alfred Russel Wallace, Author of "Travels on the Amazon and Rio Negro," "Palm Trees of the Amazon," etc. New York: Harper and Bros. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 3vo. 638 pp. Price, \$3.50.

Mr. Wallace is a good observer and a good writer, and he has furnished the reading public with a treat of the highest order. His main object in his journey to the Archipelago was the securing of specimens of natural history, both for his private collection and to supply duplicates to museums and amateurs. He was absent just eight years from England, and in that time traveled about fourteen thousand miles, and made sixty or seventy separate journeys, each involving some preparation and loss of time. He then sums up his collections:

310 specimens of Mammalia,	
100 .. of Reptiles,	
8,050 .. of Birds,	
7,500 .. of Shells,	
13,100 .. of Lepidoptera,	
83,200 .. of Coleoptera,	
13,400 .. of other insects,	

making a total of 125,660 specimens of Natural History.

The following, found on page 183, relates to some severe laws among the natives of the island of Lombok:

The men are exceedingly jealous, and very strict with their wives. A married woman may not accept a cigar or sirih leaf from a stranger under pain of death. I was informed that some years ago one of the English traders had a Balinese woman of good family living with him, the connection being considered quite honorable by the natives.

During some festival this girl offended against the law by accepting a flower, or some such trifle, from another man. This was reported to the Rajah—to some of whose wives the girl was related—and he immediately sent to the Englishman's house, ordering him to give the woman up, as she must be "krissed," or killed. In vain he begged and prayed, and offered to pay any fine the Rajah might impose, and finally refused to give her up unless he was forced to do so. This the Rajah did not wish to resort to, as he no doubt thought he was acting as much for the Englishman's honor as for his own; so he appeared to let the matter drop. But some time after he sent one of his followers to the house, who beckoned the girl to the door, and then saying, "The Rajahs sends you this," stabbed her to the heart. More serious infidelity is punished still more cruelly, the woman and her paramour being tied back to back and thrown into the sea, where some large crocodiles are always on the watch to devour the bodies.

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