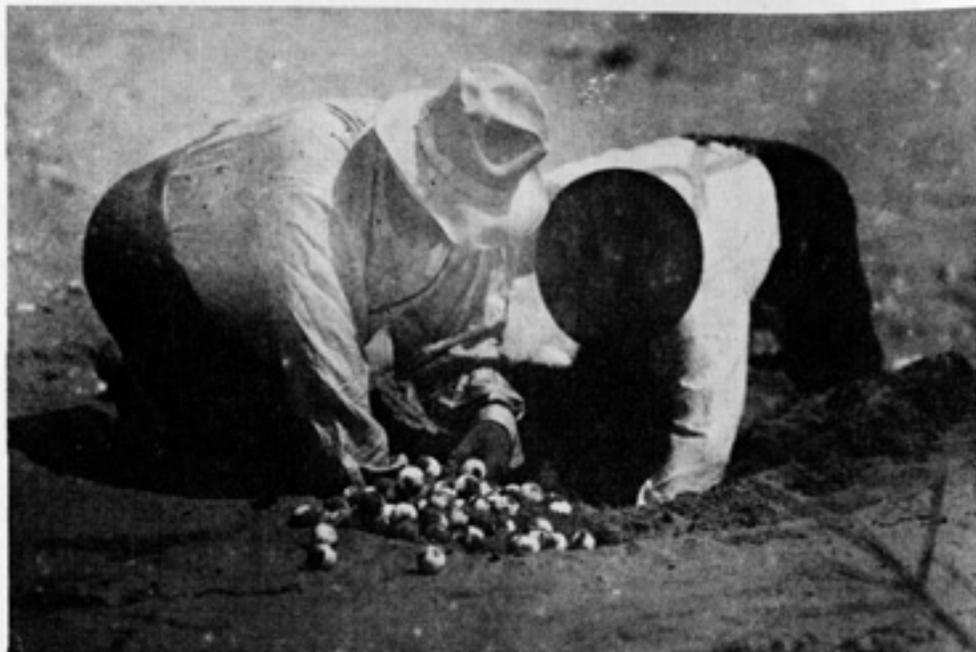


game belongs to the people.' So it does; and not merely to the people now alive, but to the unborn people. The 'greatest good of the greatest number' applies to the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant fraction.

Turtle eggs

"On some of the islands we found where green turtles had crawled up the beaches to bury their eggs in the sand. We came across two such nests. One of them I dug up myself. The eggs we took to the boat, where they were used in making delicious pancakes, which went well with fresh shrimp, flounder, weakfish, mackerel, and mullet.

"On the morning of the 12th, we returned to Pass Christian. I was very glad to have seen this bird refuge. With care and protection the birds will increase and grow tamer and tamer, until it will be possible for any one to make trips among these reserves and refuges,



and to see as much as we saw, at even closer quarters. No sight more beautiful and more interesting could be imagined.

"And to lose the chance to see frigate-birds soaring in circles above the storm, or a file of pelicans winging their way homeward across the crimson afterglow of the sunset, or a myriad terns

flashing in the bright light of midday as they hover in a shifting maze above the beach—why, the loss is like the loss of a gallery of the masterpieces of the artists of old time."

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