


which was certainly calculated to make a man
 balk was to place him on a rack island with
 alligators swimming all around. I was quite
 interested to see an actual executing machine
 used to dispose of criminals. The gadget is the
 type that has a metal loop around the neck
 to keep the head in place and another ~~rod~~ rod
 which pushed the neck against the loop - This
 vice-like principal could shear a man's head off,
 either slowly or abruptly according to the degree of
 crime. According to the guide the man or
 criminal was forced to look at this machine for
 several days before the execution and usually
 the criminal would go crazy ~~or~~ before the act
 was even started. This sort of thing went on and
 on until I began to think that certainly my
 guide was running out of ideas. While my
 friend was not looking I abscond with a
 iron nail which was had been driven into the
 wall - as a souvenir, all the roadways were
 lined or paved with pretty pebbles about the size of
 a half a dollar but look and pry as I did,
 could not find or dislodge one for Jay's pebble
 collection. On the walls of this old fort
 lives a lizard which has a curled tail 
 the like of which I have never seen before.
 One of the pictures I took of this castle shows
 a few of 12 cannons which don't should enjoy,
 seeing as they are called the "Twelve Apostles".
 The guns guarded the entrance to the harbor.
 The English were clever, however, and came in
 from landward and the cannons were of no use.
 The deep ^(sp?) moat was dynamited and the fort was
 captured for the first and only time in the history of
 Cuba. The fisherman in his rowboat saw