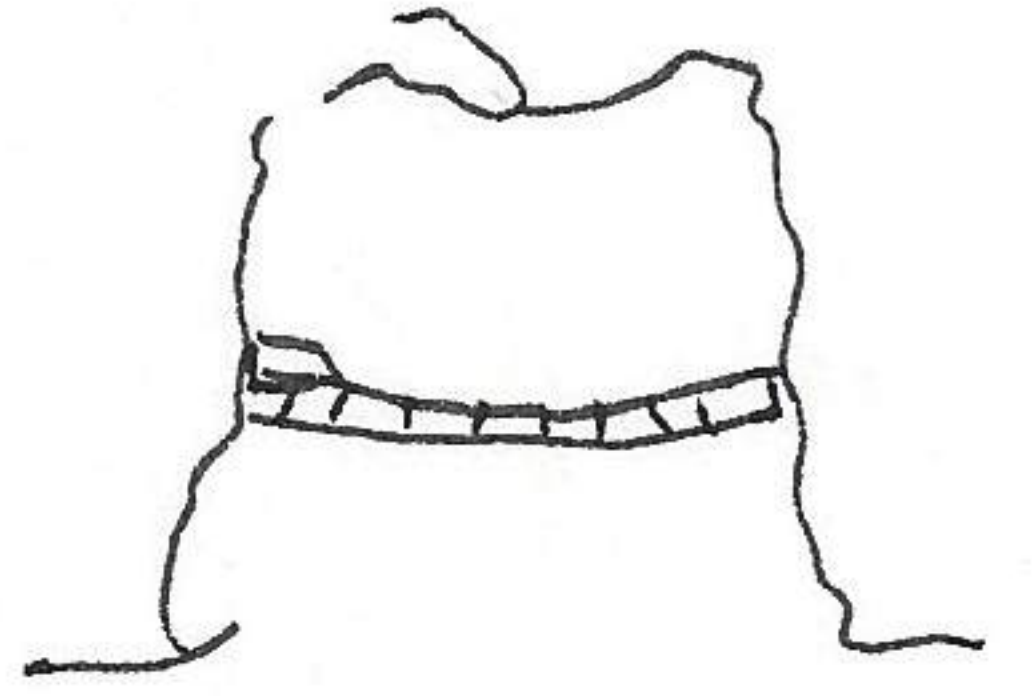


demonstrations was not so had an idea. He had taken fronds of Agave and other long-broad ribbed leaves and placed them in such a way that they acted as catchment basins and directed the water into cans and bottles which were placed along the ocean at intervals to always supply water while away from his dwelling. One cave, a shallow surface fracture cave, was used for a resting place with a built-in wooden bed which was suspended from one side of the cave wall to the other side. This bed was precariously placed with several ton boulders overhead, each on ready to fall. I predicted that he could meet his death here. I asked him if he would mind being photographed and publicized and he did not object to either. This hermit and his environs would make an interesting feature article for Life Magazine.



On return from the hermit's place we followed on side island to N. Haulover Bay, thence road toward Coral Bay where we picked up the jeep. At Francis Bay (Mary Point area) I took photo of a sea grape (570901-6). The navy had landed in this area for maneuvers and had done considerable damage to the Estate House and especially littering the area with beer cans. I counted 143 of them. Returned to Lameshur. Photo (570901-7) of tools (from Bordeaux W of junction Lameshur and Bordeaux Roads (about 2 1/2 mi.)) and a specimen of the mongoose. Artefacts are: 570901-8 chisel; 570901-9 hoe; 570901-10 chisel.

Fish Bay, St. John Island, Virgin Islands
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Made trip to Fish Bay from Lameshur via trail to Reef Bay Sugar Mill, thence along ocean to the Fish Bay proper. At Fish Bay observed 8 turnstones, one Wilson plover-like bird, 4 oystercatchers. Sand flies, which are of the greatest concern to man on beaches, seem to be driven from the foliage when it rains and are most numerous then. They may live in crab holes. As bad as these sand flies are, they should not be controlled - man must use repellents and live in tents which are insect proof. It would be impossible to sleep on or near beaches without being lethally eaten alive by these insects. I have tried to tolerate their bites for a five minute period but had to give up at about 2 1/2 minutes. At Fish Bay, on east side, counted 180 green conchs which had been opened. Four sharks (approx. 3' long) fed in 1 foot of water among aquatic plants. Tail of shark