

Harris G. Sims, writing recently of the Everglades jungle sprawling over 2,500 square miles across the Southern tip of Florida, says it is one of the most tropical, picturesque and beautiful spots in all America. He says it will make a government park second in interest to the famed Yellowstone Park. He described orchids with stems fifteen feet long, bearing as many as 1,000 flowers. They were found by Dr. John K. Small, head curator of the New York Botanical Gardens, who traveled from 3000 to 13,000 miles a year exploring Florida, particularly the Everglades. He estimated that a single orchid plant found there was 500 years old. Four men were required to lift it. Trail blazers have shipped to the North carloads of these delicate flowers, of which there are more than 24 species. Eighteen species of air plant, related to the pineapple, growing in trees in the dense Everglades. Oysters attach themselves to trees at high tide and are seen clinging by the thousands at low tide. Huge sea turtles, many weighing over 30 pounds, are found there. Dr. Small believes the Florida Everglades to be the wildest spot in America and one of the prettiest and most interesting in the world, according to Sims.

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