

Preface

SAGAMORE HILL. Oct-30th 1916

It is a genuine pleasure to write these few words of introduction to Commander da Cunha's admirable account of his hunting experiences in Mato Grosso, a very the headwaters of the Paraguay, during the winter of 1913-14. It was my good fortune to be ^{with him} ~~his~~ ~~companion~~ for the first month, and I found him a charming and delightful companion and a first rate sportsman. His modest account of what he has done is absolutely accurate, except that it errs in failing to show what a really capital hunter he is — cool, persevering, a fine shot, eager after game, and tireless in the field.

All good hunters are not necessarily interesting companions. But Commander da Cunha was not only a good hunter, and

a skilled and devoted naval officer, but also a well-read, well-informed man of the world, with a delightful sense of humor and a singularly keen insight into, and knowledge of, the great questions which most concern all of us who live in countries of advanced civilization — whether we dwell in Europe or America, in the Northern or the Southern Hemisphere. He would ride or walk all day over the marshes or through the dense tropical forest, after jaguar or deer; and then at night, as we sat together at dinner, on the open deck of the little river-boat or in some ranch house, he would show a trained understanding of, and an intense interest in, all the topics — governmental, social, literary, philippic, religious — which most ~~appeal~~ appeal to those who live in the cities where the pulse of modern life beats most rapidly.

Commander da Cunha loves nature and knows life; he is equally good as a hunter and a writer; he has the gift of observation, and the gift of presenting to the view of others what he has himself seen. It is a pleasure to write this foreword to his book.

Thornton Roosevelt

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Pelo Com.^{te}

H. Pereira da Cunha

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O Commandante Pereira da Cunha