



A man traveling from Thailand was stopped by U.S. Customs Agents recently. As agents searched his luggage, a small parcel wrapped in cloth began fluttering about and jumped onto the floor. It was one of four Birds of Paradise found in the man's bags. Over 50 individual plants were discovered in the man's belongings, concealed in various pockets and on his person. A search of the man's person was permitted, and as the agents informed him of this, the man indicated that in addition to the other plants and animals, he had two pygmy monkeys hidden in his pants. The monkeys were discovered sleeping in a small pouch. The man indicated that he intended to breed the animals and propagate the plants for sale in the U.S. The monkeys were taken to the San Francisco Zoo where curious onlookers can now visit them.

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