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*The following paragraph was extracted from the diary of one of the founding fathers of The Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club, T. I. Potter. The editor has assumed that the toad was Bufo marinus.*

**18 April, 1889.** “Today I witnessed an extraordinary sight. A huge frog swallowed a young chicken whole. The chick had got away and went up a passage under a step in the drying room where toads and frogs occasionally hide themselves and there happened to be one there at the time. He was a huge unsightly creature and when the chick was looked for, no trace of it could be found. No one believed for a moment that a frog or frogs of any kind ate chickens

for we know that frogs feed on flies and insects generally and are considered most harmless creatures. But when the board at the back of the passage was removed and the frog pushed out (he was too torpid to move) there was one foot of the poor little chick sticking out of his mouth confirming his guilt. Needless to say, he was dispatched soon after.”

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