

A RARE TREAT

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There are so many interesting and rare programs offered at Cornell that many times really extraordinary offerings are overlooked. This evening in Rockefeller Hall, Mr. William L. Finley is bringing his Alaska pictures including those of the great brown bear of Alaska, the largest carnivorous animal in the world.

I have had the pleasure of seeing these films many times and cannot help calling their attention to all those who are interested in American big game, in extraordinary animal photography, and in the scenery of some of the most beautiful parts of the American continent. I think these pictures of Mr. Finley's will always rank among the finest wild life ever taken, and anyone who misses his lecture is, I am sure, overlooking a rare treat.

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## Finley to Give Lecture Here On Wild Life

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William L. Finley, celebrated explorer and naturalist, will speak in the main lecture room of Baker Laboratory at 8:15 o'clock tonight on "Alaskan Wild Life and the Kodiak Bear." Mr. Finley's lecture will be illustrated with motion pictures made by himself and Mrs. Finley in the course of their various expeditions into the Alaskan wilderness. The lecture will be in the Goldwin Smith Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley have been engaged in exploration in the Northwest for more than 25 years. They have published several books about their travels, and have been largely instrumental in calling public attention to the need for refuges and reservations for the protection of wild life in the Northwestern states and in Alaska.

Some of the motion pictures which Mr. Finley will exhibit at his lecture Monday night are most spectacular and interesting. They show gigantic blocks of ice, breaking from the top of the Muir Glacier and tumbling hundreds of feet into the sea. There are also some extraordinary pictures of huge whales disporting themselves off the Alaskan coast.

## FINLEY TO SHOW ANIMAL PICTURES

Noted Naturalist to Exhibit  
Snaps of Kodiak Bear in  
Lecture Tonight

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William L. Finley, noted explorer, naturalist, and author will deliver a lecture on "Alaskan Wild Life and the Kodiak Bear" in Baker Laboratory at 8:15 o'clock this evening on the Goldwin Smith Foundation. Mr. Finley will illustrate his talk with motion pictures, which he has taken while on expeditions into British Columbia and Alaska.

The explorer was successful in securing several interesting shots of the Kodiak Bear and of the whales of that region. An amazing picture of two huge whales "breaching"—jumping far into the air in play and landing on their backs with tremendous impacts in the feature of his collection. His cruises were made during the summer of 1931, and afforded Mr. Finley an excellent opportunity to secure pictures of great ice blocks breaking from the top of Muir Glacier and falling into the sea.

The pictures of the Kodiak bear, some taken from close up positions, and others from a blind, as bears rushed into a stream of water to catch salmon, have been called the finest of their type ever made. Mr. Finley and his wife have been active in the field of exploration for 25 years, and have scaled the highest mountains in North America. Martin Johnson, famous African explorer and photographer, has commended Mr. Finley on the expertness with which he has taken his Alaskan pictures. The explorer and his wife have published several books on the findings of their expeditions.

## FINLEY SPEAKS ON ALASKAN LIFE

Noted Naturalist in Illustrated  
Lecture Describes Experiences in North

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"It has been well said that Alaska is bounded on one side by Canada and on three sides by fish," said William L. Finley, noted naturalist and explorer, in a Goldwin Smith Foundation lecture on "Alaskan Wild Life and the Kodiak Bear" in Baker Laboratory last evening. Mr. Finley illustrated his lecture with motion pictures taken on a yacht trip up the Western coast to the waters of Alaska.

"In Alaska there is the Kodiak bear, biggest of all carnivorous animals in the world," Mr. Finley continued. He described their habits, and showed motion pictures of the bears rushing into the streams for salmon. At times the bears approached within fifteen feet of the camera, providing a thrill for the cameraman and also for Mr. Finley's audience.

### Views Exciting

The views of the capture of a porpoise in Glacier Bay, and of the harpooning of a whale added excitement to Mr. Finley's description of these exploits. The naturalist told of an avalanche of icebergs from the foot of the Muir Glacier, and showed motion pictures taken from their yacht a mile away. When the boat was endangered by the huge waves and floating bergs caused by the avalanche, the captain decided to retreat into calmer waters.

"I hope I have given you some idea of this great country, and I hope you can see it with your own eyes some day," Mr. Finley said in conclusion. His lecture was so popular that people crowded the doors and sat on the floor of the aisles. Many were turned away.