From "The Origin of Women": In the beginning there were only men who practiced homosexual intercourse. One of them became pregnant, but was unable to give birth and died. The supernatural origin of women ensued.
V. TRAVEL

A. TRAVELERS

Although the link has never been adequately studied, it seems that there is an affinity between homosexuality and travel. Often dissatisfied with opportunities in his own country or region, the male homosexual yields to the "grass is greener" syndrome. Having been accustomed at home to combine surface conformity with a covert quest of the unconventional, he may find it easier to "fit in" abroad than does the ordinary tourist. There too he may discover, at least on a short visit, sexual opportunities harder to find in his own country. The outsider's ignorance of the rules serves as an excuse for violating them--a violation that the natives affect to find quaint rather than offensive. A related phenomenon is the prominence of homosexual contacts during wartime, which brings its own suspension of peacetime norms. The travel literature pertinent to homosexuality begins in the 16th century. Only a few representative examples are cited here; others appear in the sections concerned with the countries and regions visited (e.g., Islamic Countries, III.P; China, III.Q; Japan, III.R.; South and Southeast Asia, III.S; Africa, IV, B; Pacific Societies, IV, C; Meso-America and South America, IV, F).

Modern moral reflections based on the novelist's travels in a number of countries.

1505. CHURCHILL, ANWSHAM, and JOHN CHURCHILL (eds.). A Collection of Voyages and Travels ... London: Waltheo, 1732. 6 vols.
In this massive anthology, see vol. 1, pp. 68, 231; vol. 2, p. 235; vol. 3, p. 522; vol. 5, pp. 689, 703; vol. 6, p. 685.

Life of the polymath German scientist, explorer, statesman, and homophile.

A collection of Portuguese travel narratives from the 16th and 17th centuries. See vols. 2 and 3 on sodomy in Pegu (Burma), Japan, and Celebes (Indonesia).
Account of travels around the world, including Turkey, Persia, India, China, the Philippines, and New Spain.

Observations by the author, a world traveler, arranged by country and supplemented by secondary sources.


For observations on the emotional relationship between Captain William Bligh and Fletcher Christian (culminating in the mutiny of 1789), see pp. 34-35, 42, 55, 90, 273-78. This is a new edition of a book first published in 1972.

Includes discussion of the homosexuality of Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society.

Rare account of homosexual behavior among 17th-century pirates in the West Indies.

A Scotsman reports on sodomy in Italy and the Turkish Empire during travels, 1609-22.

Purports to be the memoirs of a convert to Christianity, with observations on homosexual behavior on the island of Formosa (Taiwan) and other countries visited.

Life of the Russo-Polish soldier-explorer Przhevalski (1839-88), who was homosexual.

1517. WHITE, EDMUND. States of Desire: Travels in Gay
America. New York: E. P. Dutton, 1980. 336 pp. A noted homosexual novelist, then residing in Manhattan, reports on his observations of gay life in a number of American cities. While his comments are sometimes penetrating, White's stay in most of the places mentioned was too short for him to permit him to draw a convincing profile.

B. GUIDES

The 18th century saw the appearance of a minor genre of expose literature treating the "naughty" side of life in the great cities of Europe, especially London and Paris. As late as the first half of the 20th century, however, this literature included only incidental or ambiguous mention of homosexual places and pleasures. At some point, which is now impossible to determine, gay people began to make their own summary lists, a kind of samizdat multiplied only in carbon copies or through the mimeograph, and sold—if at all—only surreptitiously. This clandestinity helped to protect the establishments themselves, which would suffer police harassment if their character were too widely advertised. In any event, after World War II such lists began to make their way into print—eventually blossoming (in tandem with the growth of gay entrepreneurship itself) into thick tomes of hundred of pages. Subject to social and legal pressures, as well as rapid changes of fashion, the life cycle of most gay and lesbian meeting places is short. In historical retrospect, the guides help to reconstruct the "homo-geography" of former times. See also XIV.L on the so-called gay ghettos.

Organized by topic, this pocket-sized paperback includes general information and addresses for the visitor, as well as ones of specific interest to gay men and lesbians in the greater Los Angeles area. Also covers Palm Springs.

Similar to the preceding. Provides a chapter on gay history in the city. Also covers Russian River and side trips.

Listings by city for Italy prepared by the editors of the country's leading gay monthly. In addition, provides data