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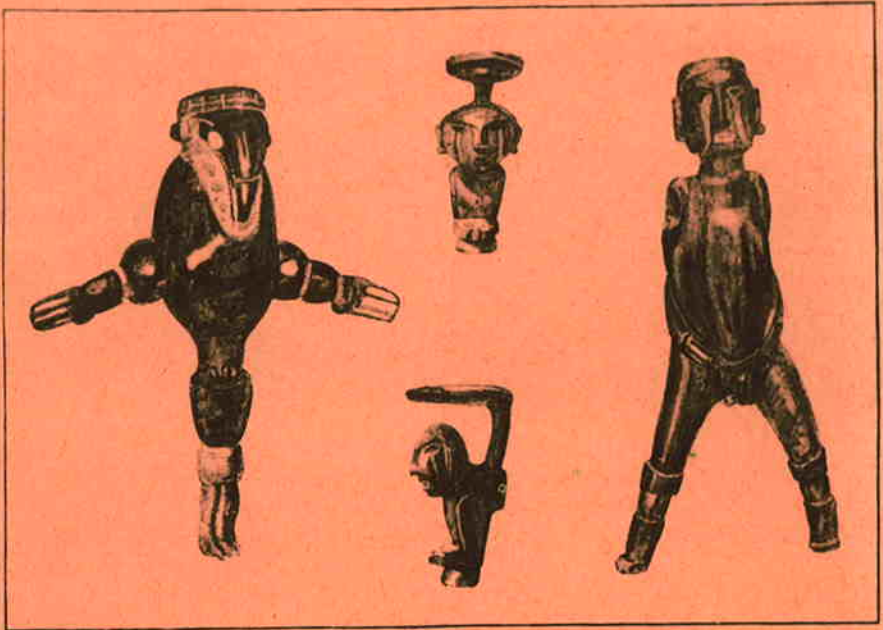
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*For the biographical notes of Alfredo Ezequiel Figueredo and Bruce Errol Tilden, please see the penultimate page of issue number two; for the biographical note of Robert Stanley Brown, please see the inside back cover of issue number eight.*



### ANCIENT WOODEN FIGURES FOUND IN JAMAICA

The English journal *Archaeologia*, in the 'Appendix' to its volume XIV (1808), plate XLVI, published these illustrations of wooden figures found in Jamaica; the following explanatory note appears on page 269:

'April 11, 1799.

'Isaac Alves Rebello, Esq. F.A.S. exhibited to the Society Three Figures, supposed to be of Indian Deities, in wood, found in June 1792, in a natural cave near the summit of a mountain, called Spots, in Carphenter's Mountain, in the parish of Vere, in the island of Jamaica, by a surveyor in measuring the land. They were discovered placed with their faces (one of which is that of a bird) towards the east.'