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Alice Turner — 10 Oct 1999, 14:15

Nicholas Gevers wrote:

Allegedly, Columbus pulled off the eclipse trick on the inhabitants of Jamaica in 1504--a fact that may have influenced both Herge and Wolfe in their portrayals of neo-Inca folk being gulled in this way.

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Wasn't there an "eclipse trick" featured in the 1931 movie "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" with Will Rogers in the title role? (it wasn't in Samuel Clemens' book)

Yes, it was! I've never seen the movie, and haven't read the book for at least a chiliad, but I remember it vividly.

-alga