

[Photography]: Cuban Execution by Garrote

[Havana, Cuba: 1896]

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Albumen photograph. Image measuring 4½" x 6½" on thick gray card measuring 8" x 10". Photograph is fine with some light wear at the edges of the mount. While not definitive, it is likely a depiction of the brutal and botched execution of five men at the hands of executioner Valentine Ruiz in Cuba in 1896. The prisoners were sentenced to death by garrote, which involved an iron collar and screw mechanism. According to a contemporary newspaper report, the turning of the screw by Ruiz and his assistant was a slow and gruesome process that even prison officials and soldier on duty at the execution denounced its cruelty. [\[BTC#413128\]](#)

