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QUEER BERMUDA FISH.

Brilliant Hues and Peculiar Shades Among Their Characteristics.

The aquarium, which is one of the most interesting places in Bermuda, occupies the old Imperial magazine on Agar's Island, opposite the Soney hills, writes Lucy Elliot Keefer in the Indianapolis News.

The four eyed fish, small and delighting in sheltered coves, has its true eyes hidden in a long black stripe, slanting across its body.

The hog fish is very common here, its popular name being derived from its swine-like profile and dentition.

Hamlets and groupers are the same thing, the young fish called by the first name, and those longer than twenty inches by the second.

Imported hares are very numerous in certain parts, and the rabbit is ubiquitous. I remember an Australian squatter, who was ruled by rabbits, saying he had not much left, but he would be glad to subscribe a pound toward a monument to the idiot who introduced rabbits and foxes into Australia!

Among the other forms of fish were black eels and morays; some striped morays weaving themselves in and out of a drain pipe and about each other until it seemed as if they could never get untied.

One tank was devoted to small octopi, sticking like inert masses against the sides of the tank fastened to its glass wall by hundreds of suctionlike suckers.

QUEER AUSTRALIAN GAME.

Native Pheasants and Quails—The Bustard—Soup of Kangaroo Tail.

It is on the billabongs and creeks of the back country that the best sport is to be obtained. In wet seasons ducks and teal are to be shot, and in the ranges between the Murray and the Murrumbidgee Rivers the "native pheasant," or mallee hen is to be found.

Good duck shooting might be had at the large water holes if it were possible to get near without being seen, and in the summer evenings excellent sport is obtainable by waiting for the bronzed-winged pigeons, which at sunset fly to water.

The Australian game bird, however, is the native bustard, or "wild turkey," as it is there called, although it is now very scarce except in the extreme back country.

They were, nevertheless, difficult to stalk on foot, but, curiously enough will allow one to drive quite within range, and I have seen many shot from a buggy toward the Darling River. They are capital table birds, often larger than the biggest turkey one could buy at an English Christmas market.

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Lived 3,000,000 Years Ago. A feathered giant of the past. Extinct bird called the phororhacos. It lived about 3,000,000 years ago.



THE PHORORHACOS, and had its home in Patagonia. Its height was eight feet and its head as large as that of a horse.

Baby Bait for Crocodiles.

"Wot do ye think," said the sailor, "of usin' live babies for bait? We done it in Ceylon."

"No; crocodile. Baby bait is the only thing for crocodiles, and everybody uses it. Ye rent a baby down there for half a dollar a day."

"Of course," the sailor went on, "the thing ain't as cruel as it sounds. No harm ever comes to the babies, or else, of course, their mother wouldn't rent 'em. The kids is simply sot on the soft mud bank of a crocodile stream and the hunter lays hid near them, a sure perfection."

"The crocodile is lazy. He basks in the sun in midstream. Nothin' will draw him in to shore where we can pot him. But set a little fat naked baby on the bank and the crocodile soon rouses up. In he comes, a greedy look in his dull eyes, and then ye open fire."

"I have got as many as four crocodile with one baby in a morning's fishin'." Some Cingalese woman wot lives near good crocodile streams make as much as two dollars a week reg'lar out o' rentin' their babies for crocodile bait."

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"You do?" gasped a devout elder. "I'm surely pained to hear you say so. Why should you prefer the pictures?"

"Because the picture man," answered the prominent member, pleasantly, "cut out all the sermons."

In a Texas court not many months ago the clerk asked: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We do," replied the foreman. "You do? Do what?" asked the clerk.

"We find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty," said the foreman. "But, gentlemen, you must explain," said the clerk.

"Of course," responded the foreman. "You see, six of us find him guilty and six of us find him not guilty, and we're agreed to let it stand at that."

A small brain that works is of more use than a massive intellect that balks.

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HOME COOKING.

Boil in salted water until very tender, then mash, seasoning with a little butter, pepper and salt, add a little flour and 1 or 2 eggs well beaten; make into small balls or cakes, and fry in hot lard.

Boil a leg of lamb, adding to the water a handful of cloves and two or three sticks of cinnamon broken up, 2 tablespoonfuls of salt; boil slowly 3 to 4 hours.

Cut off the skin and then cut in strips lengthwise very thin. Rub the slices in meal and salt. Fry a long time until tender, and then put on butter and serve very hot.

Put two eggs in a coffee cup, beat until light, then fill cup with sweet cream; 1 cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 heaping spoon baking powder, 1-2 spoon salt, flavor with lemon and bake in moderate oven.

Procure a medium sized cocoanut and grate it. Add to this one cup of sugar, 2-3 cup of milk and the milk of the cocoanut. Separate two eggs, add the yolks then the whites beaten stiff; line a deep plate with a rich crust; pour the mixture in and bake.

So well are the needs of elderly women met that it is possible now to get all kinds of pretty combs and hair ornaments in gray celluloid. At one time gray haired women were confined to the choice of steel only if they wished decorations to match the hair, and such accessories are decidedly expensive.

In all money matters a fair start is essential, and there should be a clear understanding about it from the first.

Begging for money is undignified to say the least. A girl's parents should arrange this matter for her before she is married, and also that of her own personal expenses, that she may not have to go to her husband every time she wants money.—Phoebe Wardell.

"Is the lady of the house in?" asked the man at the door. "Say!" replied the kid on the stoop; "yer don't happen t' hear no woman talkin', does yer?"—Yonkers Statesman.

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