## FISHING IN CHINA.

The Chinese, among their many original ideas, have some curious ones on the subject, and doubtless fish now as they did a thousand years ago; and though on the coast they may have adopted the generally accepted system of o ki g e s, on the waters in the in erior of the country they adhere to t e methods peculiar to their own na ti on—methods quaint and curious. The lakes and rivers of China and especially of the north, are so abun antly stocked with fish that in some places the men called fish-catchers make their living by actually seizing and drawing them out with their hands. The man goes into the water, and proceeds, half walking, half swimming, raising his arms above his head, and letting them drop, striking the surface with his hands. Meanwhile his feet are moving on the muddy bottom. Presently he stoops with a rapid dive and brings up a fish in his hand. The striking of the surface was intended to frighten the fish, which when alarmed sink to the bottom, then the naked feet feel them among the mud, and once felt, the practiced hand secures them in a moment. Catching fish in this manner is of course a trade in itself, and the plentiful supply it implies is somewhat explained by the fact that even the little ponds of northern China swarm with sealy life. On the great Ningpo River the same principle is used on a more extended scale with boats and nets. The boats are ready for the flow of the tide to take them in crowds up the river, and when they halt, the nets are thrown out and the oars and sculls beat the water with a loud splashing noise. After resting in the same place for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, they move on again to another station, and there repeat the beating and splashing. The noise on the surface is meant for an alarm, as in the case of the fish-catcher; and it is said th t this mo e of fishing soon loads the nets. Another curious method employed by the Chinese is generally practiced at night, and depends upon a peculiar power which a white screen stretched under the water seems to possess over the fishes, decoying them to it and making them leap. A man, sitting at the stern of a long narrow boat, steers her with a paddle to the middle of a river and there stops. Along the right hand side of his boat a narrow sheet of white canvas is stretched; when he leans to that side it dips under the surface, and if it be a moonlit night gleams through the water. Along the other side of the boat a net is fastened so as to form a barrier two or three feet high. The boatman keeps perfectly still. If another boat passes by he will not speak; he is only impatient at the slight breaking of the silence. While he keeps thus without a sound or stir, the fish attracted by the white canvas, approach an leap, and would go over the narrow boat and be free in their native waters on the other side but for the screen of netting, which stops them and throws them down before the man's feet. Every one must have heard of the fishing cormoran , which is actually trained in China to catch fish. A man takes out ten or twelve of these web footed birds in a boat, and as soon as the boat stops, at his word they plunge into the water and begin at once searching for and diving after fish. They are most diligent workers, for if one of them is seen swimming about idly, the Chinaman in the boat strikes the water near the bird with the end of a long bamboo; and, not touched but recalled to a sense of duty, the cormorant at once turns to business again. As soon as a fish is caught a word from the man brings the bird swimming toward him. He draws it into the boat and it drops its prey from its bill. There is always a straw or string tied around the neck, to prevent the fish from being swallowed, and this string requires the nicest adjustment lest it may choke the bird —a result which would certainly follow if it slipped lower down on the neck. The sagacity and workmanlike method of the birds are shown when they get into difficulties. If the fish caught is too large for one beak to secure, another cormorant comes up to the struggle, and the two with united efforts bring the prize to the boat. On the rivers and canals near Ningpo, Shanghai, and Foo-chow-foo the employment of these birds is by no means an uncommon sight; but they are never to be seen fishing in the Summer months, their work being in the Winter, beginning always about October and ending in May. The birds have of course to be subjected to a system of training, which is carried on in the cormorant breeding and fishing establishments, one of which is at a distance of 30 or 40 miles from Shanghai.—*Chambers' Journal.*

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RAISING TOMATOES.—Burr tells us that the French mode of raising tomatoes is as follows; As soon as a cluster of flowers is visible, they top the stem down to the cluster, so that the flowers terminate the stem. The effect is that the sap is immediately impelled into the two buds next below the cluster, which soon push strongly and produce another cluster of flowers each. When these are visible the branch to which they belong is also topped down to the level; and this is done five times successively. By this means the plants become stout dwarf bushes, not above eighteen inches high. In order to prevent their falling, sticks or strings are stretched horizontally along the rows, so as to keep the plants erect. In addition to this all laterals that have new flowers, and after the fifth topping, all laterals whatever are nipped off. In this way the ripe sap is directed into the fruit, which acquires a beauty, size and excellence unattainable by other means. —*Boston Globe.*

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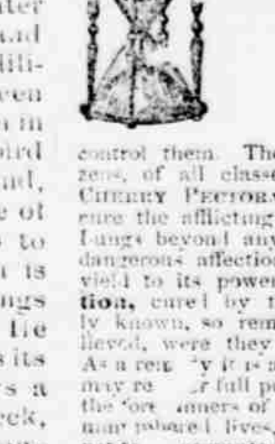

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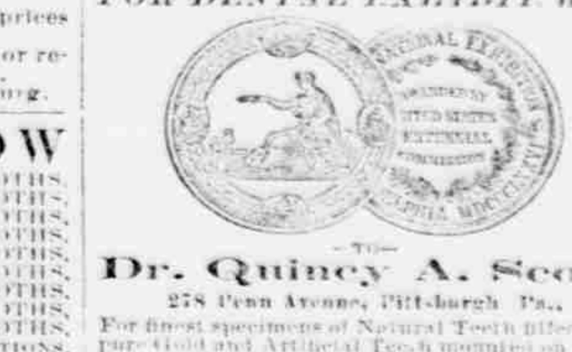

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MEATS COOKED BY ...—...fact of familiar ... *Popular Science* ... treme cold ... stances ... those of heat. ... frozen mercury gives ... tion as contact ... that has been exposed ... temperature ... that produced by ... of intense cold ... count toreon ... ian chemist. He ... to a temperature ... degrees Fahrenheit ... "cooked them by cold" ... hermetically in the ... are represented as ... factory. ... the can, a ... found to be ... and odor, ... at first. It ... needs but little ... to prepare it for the table ... government ... periments with ... naval vessels ... of circumnavigation ... with this kind ... ment has been ... preserving meats ...

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A DANGEROUS TOY.—... thorities of ... following ... by children ... rubber. They ...

By reason of ... tions the President ... sidered it his duty ... several toy ... and have ... ed animals ... all of the ... tities of oxide of zinc ... say about sixty ... nearly half of ... toy. Little children ... toys are ... known to take ... chewing and ... the danger arises ... into their stomachs ... endangering ... ous character; ... warn the public ... purchase of such ... dia rubber, as ... the manufacturers ... criminal code, section ... store the health of ...

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MUSCULAR FORCE OF ...—... following curious ... ing the muscular ... mentioned by M. ... article in *Les Mondes* ... placed a large ... some fifty grains ... and then, in a light ... the carapace ... weights up to 2.2 ... of the comparatively ... being 315 times ... beetle managed to ... along. A man of ... power is fully a ... in proportion; and ... such comparative ... run away with the ... a load of 5 0 0 000 pounds ... the flea, scarcely .04 ... height, manages to ... culty a barrier fully 500 ... latitude. Six feet ... leap for a man; ... 3,000 feet, or over ...

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HOW TO PREVENT RHEUMATISM.—Rheumatism is one of the ... men complaints there is ... prevalent in the early spring ... any other time. Chinamen ... are never troubled with ... and it is believed that ... is owing to the habit of ... arms and limbs in hot ... "remedy" has been tried ... by persons who have suffered ... with rheumatic pains. It ... also to keep the feet dry ... exposure to a cold atmosphere ... thinly clad.