WHENCE FISHES' COLORS COME. Why They Are the Most Decorative of

Animals in This World. "There are lots of funny things to be told about fish scales," said a naturalist the other day to a writer for the Washington Star. "The surface of the scales ordinarily is covered with a thin, silver coating, which derives its brilliant metallic luster from the presence of many crystals composed of lime and a substance known as 'guanin.' This coating is easily rubbed off, and in one sort of European carp, called the 'bleak.' the crystals are so numerous that a metallic pigment is derived from them, known in the arts as 'argentine,' which is used to impart luster to the glass globules sold under the name of 'Roman pearls.' When the silver coating is absent the scales of a fish are lusterless and transparent, as in the case of the smelt, the abdominal eavity of which, however, has a brilliant, silvery lining composed of the same substance.

"Every one knows from observation that the fishes of the world are the most gorgeous of animals in point of coloring. The colors they exhibit are often due to a simple arrangement of pigment cells, but the brilliant and change able hues, which constitute the greatest beauty of these creatures, are derived from two causes very wide apart. An illustration of one of these may be observed in the scales of the herring, shad or mackerel, being a true iridescence, similar to that seen in the pearl, and due to the refraction of the rays of light as they glance off the surfaces of the thin plates of which the scales are composed. More frequently, however, the coloration is dependent on the arrangement of the pigment cells that are in the lower layers of the outer skin of the fish.

"In a fish, when the black pigment predominates, the color is somber, as in the adult tautog. A slight admixture of yellow gives the bronze-like hue to the cel, and a little more of the same. if you please, results in the brighter green of the black bass and the blue fish. Red pigments intermixed with black give the dingy brown of the carp and some of the catfishes. When the yellow and red outnumber the black cells there result the tawny colors of the sunfishes, the cusks and of some varieties of the cod. Red pigment cells in the lower strata of the outer skin alone cause the brilliant scarlet of the red snapper and the rosefish, and when these are interspersed with black the deeper colors of the mangrove snapper and the ruddy variety of the sea raven result. When the pigment cells gather into separate groups according to color. bands, stripes, spots and shadings, infinite in their variety, are found. "In fish, as in other animals, albinoes

occur. Very curious are the albino haddocks occasionally taken on our coasts. The same phenomenon is also observed in flounders, carp and cels. In the depths of the sea, where light is seanty, many fishes appear to remain permanently albinoes. "Fishes very commonly change their

colors to harmonize with the bottoms on which they live, for the sake of conceal ment. This is accomplished by the special secretion of the proper pigments. On certain ledges along the New England shore the rocks are eovered with dense growths of seariet and crimson seaweed, and the fishes which frequent their neighborhood become tinted accordingly. It has been suggested, by the way, that the pink of the salmon's flesh is due to the absorption of the coloring matter of the crustaccans they feed upon. Probably the brilliant coloration of many kinds of fishes is designed by nature to attract the opposite sex, as the beauty of a peacock's tail is intended for the same purpose. Fear or other emotions will often change the colors of tishes rap-

"It is in tropical seas that the most brilliantly colored and beautiful fishes of the world are to be found. Warmth and light are favorable to brilliancy and variety of hues always. The fishes of the polar regions and those living at considerable depth are usually somber, and when you get down to the lark abysses of the ocean they are all black."

WOMEN IN JAPAN.

Will the Philadelphia Quakeress Receive the Treatment Here Described? Like the Chinese, and in fact every other Asiatic race, the Japanese entertain no respect for women, whom they regard as creatures of inferior intelli gence, resembling brutes in being. without a soul. Thus it is almost im possible to bring any untraveled Japanese to comprehend the deference which the men of civilized nations pay to women. The latter, in his eyes, are solely fitted to act as the servants-nay, even as the slaves-of the stronger sex. Seldom, if ever, is the wife permitted to sit at table with her husband, no matter how high her rank may be, and when admitted to his presence she is forced by etiquette to approach in the same manner as the domestics, namely, on all fours, with repeated prostrations. Imagine a young and delicately nurtured American girl, such as, for in stance, the fair Quakeress of Philadelphia, who has always been accustomed to the most thorough deference and courtesy, thrown for the first time among a set of men such as the untraveled friends of her Japanese husbandmen who are devoid of every feeling, not alone of civilized respect for her sex, but even of the most elementary notions of civilized decency. Anybody who has lived among the Japanese, as I have, writes a New York Tribune correspondent-not as mere tourist under the tutclage of an interpreter, but in direct contact and understanding their language-will bear me out when I assert that it is impossible for a white woman to live among the natives in Japan without having every feeling of womanly respect and delicacy outraged and, in course of time, complete ly blunted.

Effects of Pride An ancient and distinguished individnal writes: "I owe my wealth and elevation to the neglect with which I used to be treated by the proud. It was a real benefit, though not so intended. It awakened a zeal which did its duty, and was crowned with success. I determined, if this neglect was owing to my want of learning, I would be studious and acquire it. I determined, if it was owing to my poverty. I would accumulate property, if extreme vigilance, industry, prudence and self-denial would do it (which will not always). I determined, if it was owing to my manners, I would be more circumspect. I was anxious, also, to show those who had so treated me that I was undeserving such coldness. I was also warme by a desire that the proud should see me on a level with, or elevated above, themselves. And I was resolved above. themselves. And I was resolved, above all things, never to lose the consolation

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hauteur which they displayed to me."

The Sting of Bees. A curious observation made by Dr. Tere, an Austrian physician, formed the subject of a paper read some time ago at a meeting of the French Entomological Society. He asserts that a person stung by bees is for a time exempt from the effect of further stinging, and is protected in the same sense that vaccination gives immunity with lasts for the months or less, according to the number of stings received .- Toledo Blade.

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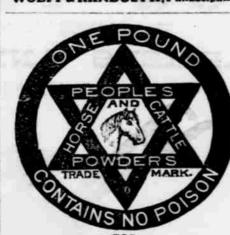
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Late in the evening of the second day, while I was lying on the bearskin with swimming brain and fevered brow, he came back, but not alone. Two strong. athletic squaws, each toting a large pack, were his companions. He introduced them as "Old Blackbird squaw and her gal; pooty young squaw-great The elder of the two was about as

tough, leathery-looking a specimen of

aboriginal ugliness as I have ever fallen in with, and making due allowance for difference in age the daughter was the perfect model of her. They both cast their loads unceremoniously aside, and the elder proceeded at once o business. Watching me closely as she did so, she rolled a large handful of leaves in her hand until they were partially pulverized, then passed them over to the younger squaw, who soon made a pint of very bitter tea from them which I was told to drink. I managed to gulp it down, hot and bitter as it was, and the old squaw then seized me without ceremony, packed me snugly in bearskin and blankets, after which she and her daughter, wrapping their own blankets about them, lay down on either side of me, crowding me in a manner more close than pleasant. My leathery belles answered to help

get up a copious perspiration, which was just what they intended; and when I awoke from the first sound, refreshing sleep I had enjoyed for weeks it was with a cool, clear head and limbs free from pain.

With the rise of the sun the confound ed ague began to threaten me; and Mrs. Blackbird, with the help of her interesting daughter, proceeded to take measures for expelling it in a manner quite as novel and original as her treatment of fever. First, she undid a bundle of dirty-blue cloth, and took therefrom several bundles of neatly bound, minute twigs. I had heard some hard stories of "whippin' out the ager," and smelled a pretty extensive mice immediately: but, on the whole, concluded to go through, so I suffered them to divest me of my clothing and seize me firmly by the wrists; and I made no objection even when Mrs. Blackbird began to apply the switches gently to the bare skin. Gradually the blows increased in rapidity and severity; old Peter, who had stood by as spectator at first, stepped forward and seized a wrist firmly in each hand so suddenly that I had no time to object, and the whipping immediately became energetic and general. Each of the squaws, with a switch in each hand, vied with the other in rapidity of hitting; and as the sluggish, torpid blood strove to dash with answering speed through the ingling veins the pain became unendurable. I had resolved to bear all that was asked of me in hopes of a radical cure, but the torture was too severe; and I ordered them to desist, trying at laid on the harder.

the same time to wrench myself loose from Peter. They only laughed, and I became mad with pain, and I went in on my muscle, biting and butting furiously at old Peter, and giving the leathery females ungallant kicks about the ribs and abdomen-a proceeding that made them laugh all the more, and brought down the switches with increased vigor. I entreated and cursed by turns, tried bribery and flattery, begged for a resting spell, and threatened death to the party of conspirators immediately I got loose, but all in vain. They flogged me for a time that seemed an age, and only let me off when I was too exhausted to stand alone. Then I was again enveloped in skins and blankets, when, strange as it may seem, I almost immediately fell into a deep slumber, from which I did not awake until evening. When I did awake it was with a general sense of soreness all over the outer man, but where was the ague? Gone. Completely cured, as well as the fever.

THE SAMOVAR. Why the Russian Teakettle Is So Much A samovar, the distinctively Russian utensil for heating water to make tea, when in brass or nickle, of small size but large enough for family use, costs sixteen dollars. In Russia the samovar is as common a household utensil as is our teakettle. The superiority of the samovar over our teakettle is due to the greater rapidity with which water is heated in it, says the New York Tribune. A little brand of charcoal is started in the section in the center designated for this purpose, and the water around it is heated much more rapidly than it can be in the teakettle, exposed to the fire only at the bottom but if the mistress of the house could see that the teakettle is freshly filled, and would use the water at the moment it boils, as delicious tea could be made with a teakettle as with a samovar. The Russian lady, it must be remembered, does not intrust the important part of the tea making, the boiling of the water, to a servant. She has this done before her in a samovar, and thus ensures the perfection of her tea. She is, therefore, not called upon to waste words and patience with a domestic, who in answer to your inquiries as to whether the kettle is boiling," invariably replies: "It have boiled." As though water that had once been boiled was, therefore, fit for tea making, even if it has been reduced to lukewarm temperature since! No amount of instruction will ever eradicate from the mind of the average servant the idea that water that has boiled is therefore fit for tea; and that you are over-fastidious to require that it shall be boiling at the time the tea is made, and that it should not have, been boiled before

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A good story is told by the New York Sun of the adventure of three police justices and a detective employed by one of the socie es whose operations are intended to brace up the law. It seems that shortly before the holiday season began a man who had been active in politics for many years died, leaving his family almost wholly unprovided for. His home had been handsomely furnished, and the widow, compelled to move into more economical quarters, determined to sell the heavier articles of furniture. Three members of the board of police justices took a hand in the sale. Among other devices for helping their friend's widow was a raffle for her grand piano. The justices organized the friendly enterprise. promoted the sale of tickets, and when a sum representing the value of several such pianos had been gathered in, they superintended the drawing.

This took place one evening in a Harlem store. That was where the detective came in, though some people are bold enough to say that it was Com-Pleasant chee stock himself. At all events, the guardian of morality, whatever his name, thought he saw a chance for a grand coup, and accordingly descended upon the store, made his way through the interested crowd, and formally arrested the three justices for conducting lottery. The detective might have been a martyr to his zeal if blank wonderment had not paralyzed the speetators and before indignation could assert itself the justices had mastered the situation. A police justice is authorized to hold court at any place and time that occasion may require. The de-tective had forgotten this, but the three justices hadn't, and one of them having mounted a table, opened court and summoned his colleagues to the bar to plead to the charge laid against them. Then the spectators began to see fun

in the episode, and when they laughed the detective nervously tried to pass the proceedings off as a joke-that is, the trial part. He insisted on the arrest, and the justice on the bench (table) insisted that he should swear in his evidence. This done, the prisoners made their defense, and the presiding justice promptly discharged them. Then he got down, another justice climbed upon the table and reopened court, called the case of the justice who had lately been presiding, heard evidence and defense, Tin tag , made only by , John Finzer & Bros , Louisville , Ky. and discharged the prisoner. Then the drawing for the widow's piano was re-

TWO OLD INDIAN DEEDS. Showing for What Trifles the Aborigines

Traded Away Their Lands. One of the old and original patentees in the Norwalk (Conn.) settlement was a family by the name of Kellogg, writes The Standard Oil Company, of a Bridgeport correspondent of the New York Times. Among the records of the Pittsburg, Pa., make a specialty family are a number of deeds and patof manufacturing for the domesents from the Indians, which are very interesting. An Indian deed to Roger Ludlowe is as follows: Illuminating and Lubricating Oils, A deed of sale made by Norwalke Indians unto Meisters Roger Ludlowe, of Fairfield, as loweth, 26th February, 1640.

Norwaige and Roger Ludlowe: It is agreed hat the Indians of Norwalke, for deed in conderation of eight fathoms of wampum, six pates, tenn hatchets, tenn hoes, tenn knives, enn scissors, tenn jewes harpes, tenn fatnoms obaccoe, turce gettles of six hands about, tenn king glasses, have granted all the lands, ddows, pasturings, trees whatsoever ther and grounds between the twoe rivers, the ne called Norwalke and the other Sonkutuck. the middle of saidd rivers from the sea 2 day's walke into the country, to the Roger Lodiowe and his heirs and assigns for ever, and that noe Indian or other shall chalnge or claim any ground within the sayed river or limits nor disturb the sayed Roger his heirs or assigns within the precincts afore-

At the bottom of the deed are the names of several Indian chiefs who

STANDARD OIL COMPANY, signed the document. Another deed from the Indians is to aptain Patrick. It reads as follows: An agreement betwix Daniel Patrick and Me backem and Naramake and Pemenate Hewn B. J. LYNCH, amponn, Indians of Norwake and Makenton to the said Daniel Patrick hath bought of the aid three Indians the ground called Sacunyte Napucke; also Meenworth; thirdly, Asmuse wis; fourthly, all the land adjoynings to the after-mentioned as far up in the country as an Indian can go in a day from sun rising to sun etting, and two islands neere adjoininge to the sayed Carantenayneek, all bounded on the west de with Noewanton, on the east side to the eiver Norwake, and all trees, meadows and nat-

ural adjuncts thereunto belonginge for him and his belrs forever. For which land the sayed Indians are to reive of the said Daniel Patrick of wampum tenn fathoms, hatchets three, howes three, when ship comes, sixe glasses, twelve tobacco ipes three knives tenn drills, tenn needles This as full satisfaction for the aforementioned lande and for the peaceful possession of which the aforementioned Mahacheweil doth prome and undertake to silence all opposers to his purchase if any should in his time act. To itnesse which on both sides our hands are nterchangeably bereunto sett this 20th of

AMERICAN LIFE.

The Dangers Which Threaten Men o American life is too often a tragedy which ends with the sudden death o the most prominent actors. The eager anxious, restless life-the hot, hard, desperate pursuit of wealth and fame is killing our people before their time A great statesman falls in the midst of his usefulness; a popular General dies in his prime; a leading merchant falls dead in his store. These are no nurses' tales to frighten children. They are the occurrences of our daily life. They should make us pause. Call upon a man of business, and he is too busy to attend to you. He gives you his ear, but his mind is far away. In the mad struggle for wealth, instead of doing the work of one man we vainly try to do the work of three. We searcely take time to eat or sleep. Hence the softening of the brain and other mental diseases which are so common in this country. This was not always the case. A generation since our people lived their full time. Astor was a great merchant, but he lived until he was eighty-four. Clay was a great statesman, and he lived until he was seventy-six. Scott was a great General, yet he lived until he was seventy-nine. Our life needs toning down -we want less rush and more repose. -No Name Magazine.

DANGEROUS GROUNE

An Insecure Foundation Upon Whien t Build a City. "San Salvador is all on a volcano," said Senor Jose Fulano, of Pasolibre, to a Chicago Tribune man at the Grand Pacific the other day. "It has been three times destroyed by earthquakes, but the people get used to it and do not seem to mind it. It comes at intervals, and, really, while it makes one excessively nervous, there is little danger to life. I have known the shocks to come as frequently as eighty times in an hour. The effects are quite peculiar. In the city of Salvador is a brick column nine feet high and three feet square. That was shoved some one hundred feet without losing its perpendicularity or cracking the mortar.

"The ground under the city of Salrador is full of caverns of unknown depth. A man was digging a well there. The last stroke he gave with his pick the bottom fell out, and he and his pick and all fell through nobody knows where; to China probably. There is a volcano not far from Salvador that some years ago discharged lava over a forest. The wood all burned, of course, but the lava being light and easily cooled hardened into long arcades through which one may walk, and as you go you can see the imprint of the trunks and branches of the trees in the now cooled lava." Carabin Linkson

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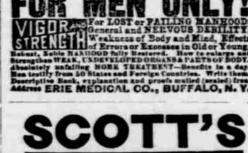
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THE COLUMBIAN EGG Another Theory of How the Feet Was Ac-The Columbian Exposition has brought the egg story into prominence strain and in order that it may not ent any divert public attention from the man ob ject of the world's fair, and as an act of ustice to the memory of Columbus himself, I think it is time to give the story an eternal rest, writes M. M. Trumball, in Opera Court. The fable runs that the problem of standing an egg on end having been submitted as a puzzle to Columbus, he solved it instantly by tap ning the egg on the table, and breaking the end of it just enough to make a flat basis on which it stood firm, without quiver. According to the legend the hilosophers who thought to confound the great mathematician by such a sing

ple question, accepted the solution as correct. acknowledged themselves do feated, and if there was a bet upon it as I suppose there was, gave up the money. It is not a grateful duty to abolish popular myths, but this, like to many better ones, must go. Evidently, the Commbian egg story is n fiction, because if true, Columba must have been a clumsy juggler, and he breaking of the egg a confession of lefeat, an acknowledgment that the roblem could not be solved without vilating its first implied condition, namely, that the egg, uninjured, should stand lone and unsupported on a level see ace. Breaking the egg, so far from olving the problem, was an evasion of its terms. like untying the Gordian knot by cutting it into pieces, which was not

untying it at all. Columbus might jug as well have stuck the egg up right into the salt upon the table and called that a solution of the puzzle. To make an egg stand upright n a plane surface is not a difficult feat. I have known how to do it for more years than I care to mention, but ! have not revealed the secret, fearing that unprincipled men might use it for betting purposes and win great fortunes with it; but in the Chicago Tribune 1 find the ancient fiction served up again for the benefit of a correspondent who being in possession of a print of Ho garth's picture of Columbus and the org, wanted to know the meaning and moral of the picture Rather than dure this any longer I will now give ac Columbian secret away. One day when I was a boy at school

had for a reading lesson the story of lumbus and the egg. In my class wa little Irish boy about my own aghose name was Jerry Grady, and hen school was out for noon Jerr sid to me: "Did ye mind that sther bout Columbus and the egg? Sur hat's not the way the thrick was don all, at all. Come wid me and I'll show how Clumbus done it." Now it so ppened that Jerry's mother kep ickens, and when we reached the ouse he had no trouble in finding a cesh egg. First putting a clean plate n the table. Jerry took the egg and nock it violently for some seconds intil the yelk and the white were the ughly mixed. like a compound of milk and water. Then, after holding the egg upright on the plate until the mix ture inside of it had settled quietly into the broad base of it. he withdrew has hand and left the egg standing upright and alone. "There," said he, "that's the way Columbus done it," and I have no doubt it was, for I have often done nyself that way, and anybody else can it. My object in correcting this bl of history is to set Columbus right before the world and to rescue him from he suspicion that he was ignorant of he easy, scientific and purely mechan al solution of the egg problem. The ason why an egg will not stand on nd is that its contents are not balance ither in weight or place, but after they are thoroughly mixed the egg wil easily recognize its own center of gravty and stand upright like a toy soldie hich is made on the same principle

THE CAROLINE ISLANDS. They Have Been Christianized and Collfred Main y by American Missionsiss It is a fact that the America as onaries in the Caroline islands as as criminated against by the Spanish Eben authorities. In 1852 the American Board of Foreign Missions sent of

several missionarie to Christianize t islands of this section of the Park ocean, at that time unclaimed by at foreign state and but little known of ept to hardy New England whaling llors, who have found in them ource of supplies for their ships in ing their long cruises in hunting whale from Cape Horn to the Arctic ocean. These missionaries, after many sire gles against the heathenism of the natives of the islands, at last gained footbold and then steadily advance until now the entire islands hereals may be truly said to be as thorn Christianized (not civilized) as any the countries inhabited by the w race, writes a New York Times con spondent. The work of these mission aries has been almost wonderful. The have built churches and schools in reduced the native dialect to write and instructed the children in box printed in the native tongue; inducthe natives to live in villages and spect one another's rights and proerty; have raised the standard morality and established the binding marriage ceremony, and have educate the natives so that the rudiments branches are well known by the ma of the people, and the English langua

has become almost as much used as the native tongues. In return for all this the love of the natives for their missionary friends very great. They allow themselves be governed and directed by the " sionaries without comment. looking to them as being always right and acknowledging the authority of misionaries above all others.

Unmarried and Free There was one maiden lady who re sided in Ulster County who was not at loyed by the term "old maid." 82 rather gloried in it, according to 1 writer in the Kingston Freeman Office in conversation regarding the bench and evils in matrimony, she was her to say: "It is risky at all events free and comfortable, and intenmain so." As she was con had admirers who had offered their hands, hearts and fortunes remained an old maid from inc and not as some mulicious women an heard to say "because she could herself." She was true to her priples to the last. When on her og her last siekness, she sent caler in marble and gave him tions regarding the tembstone placed over her grave. Her orders implicit, and after her death th tombstone that now marks the ing place of the old maid in a not many miles from this city ing a beautiful country village after the name, date of birth and des the following terse but most emphs

inscription: Unmarried and Free The Crime of Beauty. Those old-bachelor tales of the list malice and uncharitableness of walls kind one toward the other are ously false, and yet there ar whom another's physical criminal offense. Honestly are invariably generous in the full beauty of their rivals. those tepidly, vaguely pretty who rebel against superior and can not tolerate to hear a spoken of kindly.

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