

Beautiful and Curious Sponges.

The sponges usually seen in the city drug stores give a by no means adequate idea of the beautiful forms of these creatures that are found in the lower depths of the ocean.

These sponges of the great depths are among the most beautiful things that live in the ocean. They assume various forms, some of which are very interesting, and not a few of which are curious. Several of these curious ones are mentioned below.

Not least remarkable are the so-called sea nests, which are in the form of spheres or sometimes egg-shaped. The outer coat of one of these specimens is a complicated net-work, over which a delicate membrane is spread.

An ornamental frill adorns the upper part, while the lower portion throws out a maze of glossy filaments like fine white hairs.

These hairs penetrate the semi-fluid mud in every direction, thus holding the sponge in its place, while a continuous current of water is drawn by waving "cilia" through all parts of the mass, passing out by a hole at the top. In this manner the animal absorbs whatever food may be adroit.

Another singular sponge is the glass rope, which sends down into the mud a coiled wisp of filaments as thick as a knitting needle. The latter opens out into a brush, fixing the creature in place after the manner of a screw pile.

Still another remarkable sponge is found in the deep water off the Lofoden Islands. It spreads out into a thin circular cake, surrounded by what looks like a fringe of white floss silk. Yet another curiosity is the cupetella sponge of the Philippines, which lives embedded to its lid in the mud and supported by a lovely frill. — *New York Mail and Express.*

An India Rubber Plantation.

A plantation of India rubber was started by the Government of Assam in 1873, in a forest at the foot of the Himalayas. Seedlings were planted in the forks of trees, and by 1885 they had reached the ground. The trees were subsequently placed in beds forty feet wide, protected by the surrounding forest. In 1890 the plantation extended over 1106 acres and contained 16,054 healthy plants, besides 84,000 seedlings. The experiment will not begin to be profitable for several years. — *New Orleans Picayune.*

There are 181,000 foreigners in Paris, or one-tenth of the entire population. Among these the Belgians lead with 45,000; next the Germans, 37,000; then the Swiss, 25,000; and Italians, 21,000; then comes Luxembourg, and next Great Britain with 13,000.

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"Man is but clay," oh, word of truth! We learned, each one, in early youth, Man is but clay.

We call the speedy man a "brick," The "soft-baked" mortal makes us sick; Man is but clay.

Down goes a fellow with a thud, We straightway say, "His name is mud;" Man is but clay. — *Lowell News.*

ACCOMMODATION.

Donnerwetter—"Can you accommodate me with my little bill?"

Blitzer—"Call next Friday and I will let you know when you can call again." — *Chicago News.*

DISAGREABLE.

"I must change me mind," said How-ell Gibbon.

"No," returned Tom Knox. "You can't get something for nothing these days." — *Judge.*

TIME TO GROW AN APPETITE.

"Let's go into this restaurant and get something to eat."

"But I'm not hungry."

"That's no matter; you will be before you get anything." — *Puck.*

LEGAL EXACTNESS.

Lawyer Quibble—"How's business? Looking up?"

Counselor Quirk—"Yes, and that's about all there is to it. I'm tired of staring at the ceiling!" — *Judge.*

UNNECESSARY.

Barker—"Say, hold on, old man!—here's one of those talking machines—I want you to hear it."

Harker—"No; I'm going on home—my wife is waiting for me." — *Puck.*

A MEAN JUDGE.

Judge—"How old are you, madam?"

Witness—"I've seen eighteen summers."

Judge—"And eighteen winters—thirty-six, Mr. Clerk." — *New York Press.*

IT WAS, BY THAT TIME.

"Well," said Chappie, as he and the Earl of Skipabout paced the deck the day after the grayhound sailed, "what do you think of America?"

"It's out of sight," said the noble Earl, diplomatically. — *Puck.*

WOMEN'S WAYS.

First Little Boy—"My ma got a new dress yesterday and she throw her arms around pa's neck. What does your ma do when she gets a new dress?"

Second Little Boy—"She says she'll forgive him, but he mustn't stay out late again." — *Cloak Review.*

DASTARDLY.

"Harkins played a mean trick on his neighbor down at Metuchen."

"What was it?"

"Why, his neighbor has been fattening a turkey for Thanksgiving all summer, and Harkins mixed a bottle of anti-fat with the turkey's food." — *New York Sun.*

SAFE TO STAY.

"How long has he been preaching?" asked the stranger, as he came in during the sermon and took a seat in a back pew.

"Thirty or forty years, I think," replied the old member, "but I don't know exactly."

"I'll stay then. He must be nearly done." — *New York Sun.*

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTION.

"I notice by the papers," said McCorkle to a chance acquaintance in the street car, "that one man saved fourteen lives last summer in the surf at Atlantic City."

"Yes, and it does seem as if people ought to mind their own business."

"Are you alluding to me?"

"No, to the life savers. You see, I am an undertaker." — *Epoch.*

A DIGNIFIED ANSWER.

A north side teacher was getting her new pupils tabulated.

"What does your father do?" she asked one of the new boys.

"He's a contractor," was the reply.

"A railway contractor?"

"No, ma'am; a sausage contractor. He ties up the ends after another man has filled 'em." — *Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

EVERYBODY HAPPY.

A rather frivolous lady told her husband not to go hunting, as in her opinion it was a cruel pleasure.

"How can it be a cruel pleasure?" returned her spouse. "I enjoy it, and my dogs enjoy it. I know you enjoy yourself when I am absent; and even the quail enjoy it, for I can't hit one on the wing to save my life." — *Texas Siftings.*

READY COMPLIANCE.

"Stop, sir! You needn't tell your story to me," sharply interrupted the cross-examining attorney. "Address your remarks to the jury."

"Are there any lawyers in the jury?" inquired the witness.

"No, sir."

"Gentlemen," began the witness, with marked emphasis on the word. — *Chicago Tribune.*

BETTER THAN AZURE BLOOD.

Pater—"So you don't like Mr. Fair-weather?"

Daughter—"I don't. He's too coarse. I don't believe there's a drop of blue blood in his veins."

Pater—"Never you mind that. He's a mine owner, and the contents of his veins are ores that assay twenty thousand to the ton." — *Globe-Democrat.*

Daughter—"I'll wed him." — *Pittsburg Bulletin.*

EFFECTIVELY TOLD.

Servant—"Oh, miss, that Mr. Borem do be coming here again. There's no use tellin' him y'r not at home, for he'll just push past me an' say he'll wait till ye do come back."

Miss Beauti—"Then, for mercy's sake, tell him plainly that I'm engaged. Do it in such a way that he'll conclude to leave."

Servant—"Yis, mum."

Mr. Borem (a minute later)—"Is Miss Beauti at home?"

Servant—"Yes, sor, but she do be engaged; an' the felly she's engaged to do be waitin' in the parlor fur ye wid a club." — *New York Weekly.*

SIGNAL SERVICE SUGGESTIONS.

He had finally reached the tower, and when he entered the Signal Service office he said abruptly:

"This 'ere's where you give out weather predictions, ain't it?"

The clerk nodded.

"Well," continued the old man, "I thought as how I could come up an' give you some pointers."

"Yes," said the clerk politely.

"Yes; I've figgered on it a little an' I find that ye ain't al'ays right."

"No, we sometimes make mistakes."

"Course ye do. We all does some time. Now, I was thinkin' as how a line that used to be on the auction hand-bills down in our county might do just rate on your weather predictions an' save ye a lot of explainin'."

"What was the line?"

"Wind an' weather permittin'."

He went down without waiting for the elevator.

Eating Before Sleeping.

Our forefathers did not need to eat just before retiring, because the time between their evening meal and bedtime was of short duration. But thousands of weak people to-day let several hours elapse between their evening meal and bedtime, and during this interval the stomach gets empty. From this time on until the breakfast the stomach is entirely free from all food, and this adds greatly to the nightly emaciation, sleeplessness and general wretchedness. It was considered an unpardonable sin against our stomachs to eat before retiring in earlier days, but the proof of medical experience shows now that there are more people benefited by eating some light food before retiring than those who are injured by it. A little common sense will easily demonstrate to one whether eating before sleeping benefits him. The perpetual disintegration of the tissues, which goes on at all times, must be made up for by supplying the body with plenty of nutriment. Food taken into the stomach at night is better assimilated, and does more good than that which is taken in the daytime, when violent exercise tends to counteract its good. Food will digest when one is sleeping, but the great fault is that people do not know the physiological limit of their stomachs. Weak and emaciated persons improve when only a small quantity of food is placed in their stomachs at night, but if it is overloaded injury follows. Stout and fat people should avoid food at night and their weight would be greatly reduced. Weak and emaciated people should eat a little of easily digested food before retiring, and their general weight would be increased. Many arise in the morning with a bitter, sour taste in the mouth, and they attribute this to the food they ate before retiring. This conclusion is logical and true. The remedy is not to take that kind of food again, but try some other kind until that which does not disagree with the stomach is found. — *Yankee Blade.*

Our Treatment of the Spider.

It is not enough that every bird that flies, ruthlessly robs her nursery, devours her babies, and even snatches her own soft body from the very sanctum of home; that gauzy flies steal their greedy young into her nursery to fatten upon her infants; that to monkeys, squirrels, and liards her plump body is a sweet morsel they never resist; that frogs and toads snap her up without ceremony; that centipeds seize her in resistless grasp; that wasps paralyze and bury her alive? Are not these enough, without man joining the host of exterminators? Man, too—in whose service she lives!

Consider for a moment her usefulness. Count, if you can, the thousands of flies and mosquitoes eaten by one common house or garden spider in a summer. Then remember her harmlessness. Our servants we must pay; birds eat our out-worms, our caterpillars, and our potato beetles, but we have to pay a tax—small, it is true—in fruits, in berries, in green peas, in corn; owls and hawks, while they destroy moles and mice, indulge now and then in young chickens. But the daughter of Arachne asks no reward, neither fruit nor vegetables suffers from her touch, no humming or buzzing attends her movements. Steadily, faithfully she goes on her way doing her appointed work; and we, so wise, so far above her in the scale of being, we—murder her! — *Popular Science Monthly.*

Many Men Are Magnets.

That the human frame is an excellent magnet is well known by practical experience to every watchmaker and mender, says a jeweler. A man will carry a watch for years and be proud of its accuracy; then he will fall sick, the watch will lie on the mantel or on the dresser, and will develop great inaccuracy and unreliability.

No explanation is forthcoming, except the one that the absence of magnetism upsets the time announcer, and the best proof of this is that when the man gets around again and carries his watch it soon gets all right again.

No two men appear to have the same magnetism in their frames, and it is seldom that two individuals can use the same watch satisfactorily. — *St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Is There Snow on the Moon?

Remarkable discoveries have been made at the Lick Observatory, California. Professor Holden, the director, has secured through the big telescope better photographs of the moon than have been taken anywhere else, and the work of photographing goes on every hour when the satellite is visible. By studying these photographs with a magnifying glass and comparing them any changes taking place on the surface of the moon may be discovered.

The astronomers on Mount Hamilton have discovered some things that nobody else ever saw, but they have not determined whether these are new features or things that are too small to have been seen through a less powerful telescope. For example upon the top of one of the mountains of the moon the photograph shows a luminous white spot which looks like snow. If that is snow, and if it was not there before, the presence of an atmosphere is indicated. It has been believed that the moon has no atmosphere, and therefore is uninhabitable; but if it should be demonstrated that snow falls upon the surface of the satellite the accepted theory would be upset, and astronomers would begin to study the moon with new and greater interest.

Objects upon the moon are detected by their shadows, and a projection or eminence fifty feet high casts a shadow large enough to be seen through the Lick telescope. If Professor Holden, studying his series of photographs, should discover some day a new shadow where none had been cast before when the moon was in the same position and under the same light, he would know that something had been erected upon the surface, either a part of the crust upheaved by some internal movement, or a building put up by living creatures. The moon appears to be a dead, desolate waste of played-out volcanoes and cooled off lava beds, without atmosphere, and, like Arizona, rather short of water and good society. — *Philadelphia Telegraph.*

The Telephone Forecasts Weather.

The telephone is about to have a new application, namely, that of foretelling storms. A new discovery has been made as to one of the properties of this means of transmitting sound. By placing two iron bars at seven or eight meters distance from each other, and then putting them in communication on the side by a copper wire covered with rubber, and on the other side with a telephone, a storm can, it is said, be predicted at least twelve hours ahead through a dead sound heard in the receiver. According as the storm advances the sound resembles the beating of hailstones against the windows. Every flash of lightning, and, of course, every clap of thunder that accompanies the storm produces a shock similar to that of a stone being cast between the diaphragm and the instrument. — *New York Journal.*

Valuable Mineral Discovery.

An important deposit of that rare metal known as vanadium has been found in the Province of Mendoza, Argentine Republic. This metal is one of the rarest and most valuable known and is used for setting dyes in silks, ribbons, hosiery and other fine goods. The principal source of supply until recently has been a small deposit in the Ural Mountains, and it has been held as high as \$1500 per ounce. This newly-discovered deposit in Mendoza will therefore be recognized as of great importance. — *Chicago Herald.*

The actual length of the new St. Clair Tunnel is 6026 feet. It cost \$1,460,000.

A Fox Story.

An island off the Irish coast was inhabited by large numbers of rabbits, and could be reached at low tide by wading, the water there being only a few inches deep. One morning some fishermen went in their boat quite early, it being high tide, and on landing saw a dead fox lying on the beach. The animal seemed to have been drowned. One of the men, remarking that his skin was worth something, pitched him into the boat. Proceeding their bait they returned to the main land, and the man who had possessed himself of the fox seized him by the tail and flung him on shore.

As soon as the animal struck the beach he picked himself up with considerable agility for a dead fox, and shot off like a flash up among the cliffs. The men concluded that he had crossed over to the island during the night when the tide was low, in search of rabbits, and finding in the morning that he was cut off from the mainland, counterfeited death, with the expectation of thereby procuring a passage to the shore in a boat, an expectation which was fully realized. — *National Labor Tribune.*

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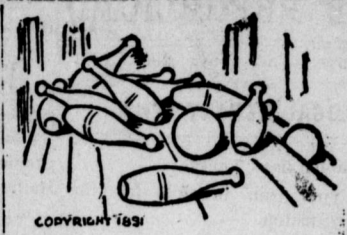
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