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## GATUN LAKE IS BIG AFFAIR

Reservoir, Built by Americans, Far Outdoes Anything Else That the World Has Known.

The government fisheries bureau is planting Gatua lake with fishes. The first shipment for the purpose, made by steamer the other day, consisted of catfish, sunfish, carp and black bass, all of "fingerling" size. The bass were planted in the Chagres river, the principal tributary of the lake.

A Phyraoh of the twelfth dynasty constructed a reservoir (known today as Lake Moeris) which covered 63 square miles. It was an artificial lake, regarded in its day as one of the wonders of the world, and was designed to regulate the flow of the Nile.

In its way it was the most remarkable engineering achievement of antiquity. But Gatun inke, on the line of the Panama canal, beats it, being about three times as big. Its object is similar—namely, to take care of the flood waters of the Chagres river and prevent them from doing missible.

Gatun lake is the largest artificial hody of water ever known in the world. It is, in fact, the most important feature of the transisthmian canal, extending two-thirds of the distance from the Caribbean sea to the Pacific ocean.

It occupies a basin that was dry land before the canal was built; and because the area covered by it is very hilly and topographically irregular, it stretches in a multiple of arms far up into its marshy shores.

One reason why its shores are marshy is that in its shallows there develops with astonishing luxurlance a kind of grass which sends out runners in all directions. On this account its banks are not easily accessible even to small craft.

As for fishes, it is hoped that they will multiply and furnish a worthwhile food supply.

Appearances Were Against Her.

An amusing story was told to me the other day concerning Lady Sybil Grant, daughter of the earl of Rosebery

It appears that her ladyship, who is an enthusiastic war worker, recently assisted in waiting upon some wounded soldiers at a concert and tea got up for their entertainment.

At the close of the meal one of the guests, not in the least realizing who she was, shyly offered her a tip, which was politely declined.

"I really don't need it, you know," said Lady Sybil smilingly, "I've got plenty of money.

"Is that so?" exclaimed the soldier, in tones of evident surprise, allowing his gaze to rest on the plain linen overalls she had donned for the occasion.

"You've got plenty of money, have you?"

Lady Sybil nodded assent.

"Well, miss," was the somewhat disconcerting reply, "you'll excuse me saying so, won't you? But—you don't look it."—Penrson's Weekly.

Three Seasons in Year.

The Egyptian year was divided into three sensons. These were Shait, the season of waters, being the time occupied by the rising spread and recession of the Nile; Pirut, the senson of vegetation; the Shonmu, the senson of harvest. These seasons are supposed to have been arranged by the god Thot. Each season was divided into four months and they were known in official documents by numbers only. Thus we have the first, second, third and fourth months of Shait, the months of each of the other seasons being designated in the same manner. Each month, however, had a patron god and the people ordinarily gave to it, in their daily intercourse, the name of its god. These delty names of the months were transcribed into Greek, then into Arabic and are now largely used by the Christian inhabitants of Egypt in preference to the Mussulman appellations.

Sailor Now German Prisoner.

Men serving on the destroyer Jacob Jones of the American fleet in foreign waters had a terrific fight with the sea after their ship had been sunk by a German submarine. The attack came suddenly, inte in the afternoon. Although every effort was made to return the fight and save the ship, she finally settled and went down. Many of the men got into the bonts and on the rafts and a great number were seen swimming in the sea. Two of these were picked up by the Germans. One of these men, John Francis Murphy, is now held as a prisoner by the Germans. After having gone through the ordeni of being torpedoed Murphy made a heroic struggle to save members of the ship's crew. No further news has been heard from him beyond the fact that he is held prisoner in Germany. Murphy was a ship's cook, first class, on the Jones.

Men and Needles.

Some men are like rusty needles; the best way to clean and brighten them is with work.—Youth's Compan-



