

TELLS OF SEA HORSE

Weird Combination of Horse's Head and the Body of a Caterpillar.

IS NOT GOOD FOR FOOD

Washington, Aug. 19.—The interesting little fish known as the sea horse, or hippocampus, which has attracted much attention on account of its curious form and no less peculiar habits from time immemorial, is discussed by Dr. Charles K. Eastman of the American Museum of Natural History, in one of the Smithsonian annual reports just issued.

Occurring plentifully in the Mediterranean, the typical species was well known to the ancients, and owing to the wide distribution of the remaining thirty odd species, comprising the genus, sea horses have now become familiar objects in most large aquariums of the world. They appear to be a weird combination of a horse's head and a body of tail of a caterpillar. It has been said that if a coiled worm were attached to the base of a chess knight the sea horse would be well imitated.

Generally at Rest. The most frequent position assumed is a state of rest, with the tail wound around the stem of a plant or other substance, and the body carried nearly or quite erect. The body is rigidly held in the apparent rigidity of its armor, almost every other attitude consistent with such a form can be assumed. The body can be thrown outward or downward at various angles, the tail being wound around a plant in a double coil. Once in a while one eye may roll toward the observer, while the other may be passive or look backward or even in the opposite direction. The little fish can move its eyes independently of each other, and in a completely different way. A peculiar effect is produced by the manner in which these fishes peer at some objects, reminding one of a very near-sighted person.

Releasing itself from its support it can progress slowly, still in a vertical position, its tail curved inward, reminding one of a screw propeller, and with its pectoral fins vibrating in harmony.

Increased as it is in an almost inflexible coat of mail, progression cannot be effected by lateral flexion of the body as in ordinary fishes, and with the flexion in a vertical direction, is limited.

Has Gas Bladder. With such limited powers of progression a nice adjustment of organs is necessary. One method is said to use an air bladder, comparatively large and always distended by a quantity of gas so exactly in harmony with the specific gravity of the body that this entire body is a hydrostatic apparatus of extreme sensitivity.

A proof of this is that if a small bubble of gas no larger than the head of a very small pin be extracted, the fish immediately loses its equilibrium and sinks to the bottom, on which it must crawl until the wound has been cicatrized and a new supply of gas secreted by the internal membrane of the bladder. It is well known that the eggs of hippocampus are taken care of by the male in an abdominal sac or pouch.

The name hippocampus is derived from the Greek words hippos, signifying horse, and kampos or kampe, caterpillar. And, in fact, the head is shaped and the neck arched like those of a horse, while the body or tail resembles a caterpillar.

Not Good for Food. One sixteenth century writer states that: Its size does not exceed a finger's length; it has a tough and rugose skin, and neither man nor fish of other kind esteem it as food.

In color it is sometimes dark; in other cases white. It bears a small fin, a little elevated along the back, and another small one on the neck, where it joins the head. The mouth is small and tubiform. Dead or dried specimens have the tail coiled inward, like that of a chameleon; it is furnished with small, blunt prickles, and is of quadrangular section. The spinous projections arise from transverse folds which cross the tail.

Certain authors profess that the ashes of hippocampus, when commingled with liquid pitch, sallow or oil or sweet mazarum, cure baldness and pain in the sides. An application of oil of roses into which the live animal has been dipped and killed is an efficacious remedy for chills and fever.

Medicinal Properties. Dr. Eastman mentions alleged medicinal properties of hippocampus, gravely set forth by Matthioli, Beloni, Rondelet, Gesner and others. Aristotle does not mention the hippocampus, and no word was used by the poets of classical antiquity as the name of a sea monster, half horse and half fish, on which sea divinities rode. It is probably in this character that conventionalized representations of the creature appear in Etruscan and other ancient works of art.

A curious confusion of this odd fish with some other species occurred years ago, when its identity was mixed with the remora, or sucking fish, also known as "ship-stayer," which clove to ships and held them steadfast in the sea, as though the ships were aground, although the wind and waves strove to wreck them.

Another story connected the hippocampus with the eel-like "reversus," said to have a cap attached to its head with which it captured other fish and tortoise, and was therefore used by the natives, reported by Columbus, for catching other fish. It was also once called "sea dragon," or "zy-death," and again, from the Latin, "equus maris," "horse of the sea," on account of the fact that these creatures were all supposed to die in the air or at least suffer when out of water.

Iowa Woman Seeks High Place in Woman's Relief Corps Roster

Iowa Falls, Ia., Aug. 19.—The mid-west will seek the election of Mrs. Estrella E. Plopper of this city as national treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps at the coming national convention in Kansas City. For thirty years Mrs. Plopper has been active in the corps work in this state and has filled the offices of department president and department treasurer with credit to herself and to the department. In making the election of Mrs. Plopper the Women's Relief Corps in Iowa know that she is amply qualified in every way to fill the position and that the mid-west is entitled to the office, as it will bring the base of supplies nearer the geographical center of the departments and equalize the burden of freight rates. Mrs. Plopper was a candidate for this position at the national convention in Washington, D. C., but withdrew, leaving no opposition for the present treasurer, who has filled the position for terms. Mrs. Plopper is a business woman of many years' experience and her qualifications coupled with her long service in the department corps make her an ideal candidate for the position which the Department of Iowa will seek to fill at the coming convention.



Mrs. Estrella Plopper

What is Going On in Society Circles

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leave the first of the week for Boulder, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fell have returned from a trip to Estes park and Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierpont and children returned Tuesday from two weeks at the O-4-Bar ranch with Mrs. G. W. Holdrege and Mrs. Robert Hollister, who plan to remain at the ranch till September.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ver Mehren leave today for a trip to Buffalo via the great lakes, returning about September 1. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Ver Mehren's sister, Mrs. Kemp.

Summer Sojourners Return. Mr. Victor Caldwell has returned from Prior lake.

Mrs. Edith Wagener returned this week from the east.

Mrs. S. D. Barklow and Miss Barklow returned Friday from Estes park.

Dr. Pierre Moriarty is home from a month's outing at Spider lake, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Paul Hoagland and children came home Friday from Lake Jefferson, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Loomis and family are expected home from Dome lake today.

Mrs. Frank B. Johnson and daughter, Jeanette, returned Saturday from Alexandria, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgess have returned from California, where they spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jeffers and family and Dr. and Mrs. Wherry and family have returned from Madison lake.

Mrs. John F. Flack arrived home Sunday from Estes Park, where she was at Elkhorn Lodge for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McShane will be home Friday from Atlantic City, where they have been for six weeks.

Sam Burns returned Tuesday from Salter's Point, Mass., where Mrs. Burns and the children will remain until September.

Mrs. F. A. Nash, with her niece and nephew, Miss Grace and Charles Allison, will be back today from two weeks at the Stanley hotel in Estes Park.

Mr. Victor White and Miss Louise White returned last week from six weeks in the east, the last two or three weeks spent at Swampscott, Mass.

Miss Hazel Frances Morrison will return the first of the week after a six months' visit in California and the north coast states. She is a sister of Mrs. Emery O. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Connell arrived home Thursday from the east, where they spent a month at Atlantic City and then visited New York and Washington on their way home.

Mrs. R. W. Breckenridge arrived home Sunday from Dome lake and a trip through the Yellowstone. Her son, Warren, who accompanied her, stopped in North Dakota and is expected within a day or two.

Mrs. A. C. Powell is expected home today from La Jolla, Cal., where she has spent the summer. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Powell, who was with her, has gone to Sheridan. The King's Daughters of the Central United Presbyterian church will serve luncheon between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock.

George A. Custer, Woman's Relief Corps, will have its monthly Sunshine club meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Emma Gwynne.

Frances Willard branch, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will hold its annual picnic Wednesday at noon at Hanscom park. Election of officers will take place during the afternoon.

The Omaha Woman's Christian Temperance Union meets Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock in the Young Men's Christian association to appoint local

superintendents and delegates to the Douglas county temperance meeting in South Side, September 5.

At Carter Lake. Mrs. H. E. Simpson won high score at the meet of the Carter Lake club woman's bowling club Friday morning. A luncheon followed the bowling.

"Clown Hall" to Be Erected Here is One of 24 Ringling Canvas Palaces

A wonderful house is soon to be erected here. It will be built of canvas and the roof will be held skyward by big red and blue poles as large as trees in the woods. At the very top of one of these poles will be a flag bearing the words, "Clown Hall." It is the traveling home of the Ringling Brothers' army of jesters.

Besides that which is made of canvas, there is still another "Clown Hall." This second home is located at the circus winter quarters in Baraboo, Wis. Here it is that the funny chaps gather after the big show has completed its tour, to plan their grotesque costumes, rehearse a world of comicatrics, rig up big wooden cannons, arships and whatnot, and to think out new frolics and jokes of every kind. Could the thousands upon thousands of children who laugh with these Merry Andrews from April until November but creep up to the windows of the snow-covered "Hall" in Baraboo on a December day and peek inside, they would surely think that they had discovered old Santa's work shop. For they would see big and little men busily engaged making all sorts of gaily painted carts and wagons, queer looking guns that shoot nothing more dangerous than water, and no end of laughable masks and faces. And nearby, in big buildings frescoed with pictures, but kept very warm within, they would catch glimpses of spotted ponies and Shetlands, blinking monkey keys, knowing dogs, shaggy bears and even baby elephants going round and round in big, broad rings or mounted on stages all very attentive to their score of trainers and making ready for the long journey which always begins in the springtime. This tour has now begun and clowns and animals and all the rest of the wonders of Spangleland will be here when the

Florence Social Items

Miss Mary Janssen, who has been attending the Epworth league assembly at Lincoln, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Surt, who have been visiting at Lake Okobon, returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. Glen Morgan, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. George Dial and Miss Jennie Dial, who have been spending some time at Valley camping and fishing, returned home Monday.

C. Nethaway, Arthur Dial and Miss Blanche Taylor visited at Valley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wall, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Sorenson, Mrs. Dolly Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Mr. A. J. Chase visited at Valley Sunday, being guests of the Florence women, who have been camping here, for some time past. Mrs. J. P. Peterson caught the fish that was served at the big fish dinner. Later Mr. Clifford Kierle, Miss Esther Dugher, Dr. H. H. Avery, Miss Dolly Morgan, Mr. Irving Allison and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Drishon and family came out.

Walter Pettigrew of Seattle, Wash., had been the guest of Mr. L. T. Wash the last week.

Miss Elizabeth Platz of Beatrice, Neb., is spending some time here the guest of her father, E. L. Platz and sister, Mrs. E. C. Renton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Breneman, Miss Heulah Breneman, James Myers and Mrs. George Cole spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Tecumseh visiting friends.

Mrs. M. E. Herskind entertained a small party of her friends at her home on Saturday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary at cards. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Wilson, Mr. Roy Baumbach and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herskind.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson and family, who moved to Holyoke, Colo., about a year ago to make their home on a farm, have sold out and returned to Florence. They made the trip here by automobile, stopping at several places to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Maude Whistler of Atkinson, Neb., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Golding for a fortnight.

Miss Ott of Jefferson City, Mo., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Steyer Friday.

Mrs. T. P. Herskind and son, Roy, departed Monday for Hutchinson, Minn., where they will spend a month visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olmsted will entertain the Keystone class of boys and the Sunshine class of girls of the Presbyterian church at a camping party at Arlington this week.

Mrs. Ellen Brough entertained at dinner on Monday evening in honor of Mrs. John Augustine and son of Stewartville, Mo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allis Thursday, a boy.

Mr. Ralph Bailey of Briggs station and Miss Marie Cook of Kennard were married at the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. B. Butler on Wednesday afternoon. They will make their home in Florence.

Miss Hortense Beouschlein of Seattle, Wash., has been the guest of Miss Jean Butler the last week. Miss Beouschlein and Miss Butler were classmates at college at Dillon, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price left Tuesday for a two weeks' trip to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fox entertained at their home Sunday in honor of a number of out-of-town guests. The following were present at the luncheon: Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Spangler, Walnut, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spangler, Wauwat, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Himes, Blair, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cafferty, Valley, Neb.; Miss Imogene Spangler, Miss Hazel Spangler, Miss Rena Fox, Messrs. Robert Spangler, Bert Caffery, John Haulzik and Glen Fox.

The following officers of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church were elected at the meeting held the first of the week: Mrs. Hayden, president; Mrs. Davis, first vice president; Mrs. Foster, second vice president; Mrs. Janssen, chaplain; Mrs. Gayman, secretary; Mrs. Kleever, treasurer; Mrs. Taylor, chairman of committee; Mrs. Dr. Chiles, chairman and secretary of visiting committee.

Benson Social Circles

A large number from Benson went to Bellevue to attend the Woodmen picnic held Saturday.

Dr. S. R. Butler left on Thursday for her home in Superior, Neb., after a visit at the home of her son, Sidney Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Musk returned Sunday night from a visit in Des Moines, Ia.

Dr. and Mrs. Loechner have returned from a motor trip to the Dakotas.

Mrs. Walter Snell will be hostess for the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society next Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Paul and Joe Roth and Miss Lucy Roth, of Tekamah, Neb., were guests on Tuesday at the Gorton Roth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Westcott and family, of Plattsmouth, were guests last Sunday at the E. A. McGlasson home.

Mrs. R. Burford and daughter left on Wednesday to visit relatives in southern Missouri.

Miss Esther Larsen entertained at dinner on Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. A. J. Stanley, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. J. T. Pickard was hostess for the Tri-city Birthday club at her home



ONE OF THE HOSTS OF MERRY CLOWNS DUE WITH CIRCUS.

circus comes to Omaha at Twenty-first and Paul streets, on Monday, August 28.

last Thursday. Covers were laid for twelve guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gehrig entertained at luncheon Sunday evening for four guests of Omaha and Benson.

Mr. George Stoltenburg was winner of both prizes awarded at the Rifle club contest held here on last Thursday.

Mrs. Nels Peterson was pleasantly surprised last Sunday evening by a crowd of Missouri Valley friends who came in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Shelley and Mrs. E. A. Mason have returned from an auto trip to Wessington, S. D., to visit with Mrs. Mason's sister.

The annual outing of the Masonic lodge was held Saturday, a week, at Elmwood park, with a supper in the evening.

Miss Anna Platt returned home on Wednesday from a trip to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Farnsworth gave a house party at their home when the guests were Rev. Angell of Valentine, Miss Ada Irwin of Garrison, Ia.; Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnsworth of Meridian, Ia.; Victor Malmston of Victor, S. D.; Mrs. George Childs, Omaha; Mrs. Harold Farnsworth, Page, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Malmston of Richfield, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fase of Papillon, Mrs. F. W. Moninger of Norfolk, Ma. and Mrs. Henry Crost of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cald-

well of St. Cloud, Fla., were recent guests at a dinner given by Mrs. J. Speedie.

Rev. C. A. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Ogden, Ia., who is considering the call extended by the Augusta Lutheran church, was a guest at the B. M. Samuelson home last Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kesser on last Thursday.

Miss Madeline Horton returned home Saturday from Shenandoah, Ia., accompanied by Miss Reta Birkhimer.

The Methodist Sunday school held its annual picnic at Riverview, and the Presbyterian at Elmwood parks last Saturday.

Mr. Roy Kaiser, who grew to manhood in this place, was married last Wednesday to Miss Marie Iltsck of Bennington. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser will reside in Benson.

Mr. Roy Wolfe of Lewellyn, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paul of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Huntington of Council Bluffs were recent guests at the E. C. Hodder home.

Miss Bertina Wilson of Raymond, Neb., made a short visit in this place last week.

Mrs. John Appleby and daughter, Mrs. Gaines, have returned home from a trip to Colorado.

Mrs. O. S. Hoffman of Callaway, Neb., returned to her home last week after a visit at the J. S. Marshall home.

Mrs. George Iradale is spending a few days visiting in Sioux City.

Mr. H. Herr of Bloomington, Ill., is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Pickard.

Organized Waiters Refuse to Serve Lunch for Hughes

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Union waiters refused today to serve a luncheon given to Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential candidate, at the San Francisco Commercial club because the club exhibits in its windows an open shop card as part of a fight being made here by the Chamber of Commerce upon the closed shop. For the Hughes luncheon a request was sent by the club management to the waiters' union asking for sixty-five waiters after the union officials had protested to Francis V. Keessing, chairman of the republican state central committee, against slipping the candidate in an open shop club.

The Waiters' association backed up the action of the local waiters and pickets were sent to the Commercial club entrance to warn union waiters away. Culinary workers struck several weeks ago for shorter hours and the Restaurant Men's association immediately declared an open shop regime.

One of the large downtown open shop cafes locked its doors over the lunch hour and sent its entire crew to the relief of the Hughes luncheon.

Nick Carter's Dad Can Now Stroll Up Broadway

"Now dad can see Broadway," such was the remark of Paul (Nick) Carter, leading pitcher for the Indianapolis American association club, when informed he had been sold to the Chicago Nationals. Carter said his father, who lives in a small Georgia town, had long had a desire to see the bright lights of New York, and added that he would have his father with him the first time he goes to New York with the Cubs.

What Women Are Doing in the World

The Benson Woman's club has been recognized by the city council in so far that the mayor has appointed two members on the Welfare board, Mrs. A. Tracy for a five-year term and Mrs. Dr. Loechner for a four-year term. The program committee has decided on a miscellaneous program for the coming year and the year books are in the hands of the printer. The opening meeting will be held September 14 in a room in the new city hall.

The Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary society of Benson will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Campbell, when the yearly opening of the "mite boxes" will take place.

The Business Women's council will be addressed by the Rev. A. J. McClung, pastor of the Benson Presbyterian church, at the monthly meeting in the courthouse Tuesday. The King's Daughters of the Central United Presbyterian church will serve luncheon between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock.

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Foresight

Many foresighted people—mostly women—are already getting out their Fall clothes and having them cleaned, altered or repaired.

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