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## FISH NOT BRED FROM EGGS

Scientists Have Discovered Small Species That Undoubtedly Bear Their Young Alive.

The habit of laying eggs is so nearly universal among fishes that probably most people will be surprised, says Science Staffings, to learn that certain small species actually bear their young alive. Among these is the large family of killifishes, or Cyprinodontidae. In such species the young are born in a comparatively advanced stage of development. When born they closely resemble the adult fish. All of them are very tenacious of life.

That the bearing of the young alive by certain fish is not significant of a higher state of evolution, as the layman might naturally suppose, is proved by the fact that it occurs in many species of the sharks and their cousins the rays, though these are among the earliest, i. e., the most ancient fishes that we know. This habit of procreation has been developed in order to give the young a better chance of survival than they might otherwise have—it is literally a case of "fewer babies but better ones." The most curious of all these fishes is the genus Anableps which lives in the streams of the American tropics. This is sometimes called the four-eyed fish, for the reason that its large prominent eyes, which actually resemble marbles on the top of the head, are divided horizontally into two parts, the lower half being fitted for water vision and the upper half for air vision.

## BARNACLES LONG A MYSTERY

Up to a Comparatively Few Years Ago the Small Creatures Were Wrongly Classed.

So indefinite and hazy were the results of investigation in its case that until a very few years ago the barnacle was classed with the mollusca, although it is really a crustacean. It is developed from free-swimming larvae and attaches itself to rocks or timbers, which it never leaves again unless torn off by force.

There prevailed during the Middle Ages a curious superstition that the barnacle was the egg of a migratory goose, the eggs being attached to the branches of trees that overhung the water. Not until it was found that the bird had its nesting place in the Arctic regions and came South during the polar winter was this fiction disproved. But the bird is still known as the barnacle goose.

The barnacle also attaches itself to living organisms, one of its favorite lodging places being the huge bulk of the whale. Sometimes, it is contended, it ventures even into the jaws of the big mammal. It is one of the paradoxes of nature that the leviathan of the deep is utterly powerless to cope with the small crustacean, which, at its largest size, when within the shell, is about as big as a chestnut. It is believed that whales sometimes rub themselves against ships in their attempts to rid themselves of their unwelcome tenants.

## Some Compensation.

An official of a large corporation, which had made a rather poor earnings report, commented with satisfaction on the fact that competing companies had had considerably larger deficits.

"We can derive some consolation from this," he said, and went on: "It reminds me of the story of the man who was traveling through the West Virginia mountains and, approaching a poor cottage, saw three boys, two of whom were sobbing loudly while the smallest seemed not to have a care in the world. At the door of the cottage, the father of the boys stood, gun in hand, and the stranger inquired the source of the sorrow of the two older boys.

"Waal, stranger," said the mountaineer, "it was this way: Today is the birthday of my youngest kid. I didn't have any money to buy him a birthday present so I licked his two brothers."—Wall Street Journal.

## Deep Gratitude.

It is related that the famous Sheridan went to a hairdresser's on one occasion to order a wig. The barber was a liberal soul, and on the orator being measured, a bottle of port was produced and so much hospitality was shown that Sheridan's heart was touched.

When they rose from the table and were about to separate, Sheridan, looking the barber full in the face said: "On reflecting, I don't intend that you shall make my wig."

Astonished, and with a blank visage the barber exclaimed: "But, Mr. Sheridan, how can I have displeased you?" "Why, look you," said Sheridan, "you are an honest fellow, and I repeat it, you shan't make my wig, for I never intended to pay for it. I'll go to another less worthy son of the craft."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## A Masterpiece.

An eminent critic was wandering through an art gallery, and, pointing to a canvas hung conspicuously on the wall, he inquired of a man standing by, "What can they mean by allowing such a daub here?"

"It has been awarded the art prize," was the answer.

"Awarded the art prize?" gasped the critic.

"Why, there is not a trace of art about it!"

"Exactly so," said the other; "art is to conceal art, you know!"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## RAZORS AND BLACKJACKS FIGURE IN CHURCH ROW

## MEMBERS OF COLORED CONGREGATION START RUMPS THAT RESULT IN RIOT CALL.

Chester, Pa., May 12.—A congregational meeting of members of the Calvary Baptist Church, at midnight, was broken up by the appearance of razors and blackjacks, and the interruption put a crimp in the plans for a \$1200 drive to pay off the last installment due on the pipe organ of the colored organization and to make provision for a "rainy day." The police department responded to a riot call, and when a patrol wagon filled with blue-uniformed officers entered the building they found the members standing in groups, but everything apparently was peaceful. The leaders of the men and women who started the disturbance had retired from the building when they were quietly tipped off that the "cops were coming."

Rev. J. R. Bennett, who has been pastor of the church for several years, has been threatened by a faction of the church for some time. He is a large man, but was forced to seek refuge from the dissonance by fleeing to the pulpit from the secretary's desk. At least four of the ringleaders, it is said, rushed him, but they were blocked by women and church deacons, friends of the pastor. Deacon David Evans was struck with a blackjack while supporters were trying to shield Rev. Bennett from his attackers.

While members were helping Deacon Evans to care for his head, there was a clash of razors in the air, and a wild scramble took place. From the pulpit Pastor Bennett pleaded for peace, the dissonance was shouted down and the news that someone had sent in a riot call smoothed the troubled waters.

Rev. Bennett afterward, made the statement that all the trouble of the past few years has been caused by three or four men. "Our service attention is very excellent. These men simply schemed to break the meeting up," he said, "and nobody touched me. My congregation became quiet when I spoke to them."

The end is not yet, according to a member of the church, and warrants will be sworn out for the arrest of the disturbers and the case thoroughly investigated. Since last Sunday, when the pastor preached and announced that plans would be made for the drive, trouble has been brewing. It is understood, and those who have been fighting against the retention of Rev. Bennett as pastor have been circulating reports concerning his actions.

## GETS 19-YEAR SENTENCE.

Seven years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., on each of 7 counts of raising \$2 notes to twenties and passing them in Maryland, was the sentence imposed on Marshall Jones, colored, by Judge John C. Rose, of the United States Court.

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At New Kensington, Pa., an automobile was struck by the Buffalo Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad and killed two of its occupants, three saved their lives by leaping from the machine before the crash. The train was traveling 40 miles an hour. A car skidded into a tree at Stroudsburg, Pa., killing the driver.

## CHILD LABOR LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The Child Labor Law was declared unconstitutional Monday by the Supreme Court.

The law, enacted in 1919, was intended to regulate the employment of children in any mill, cannery, workshop, factory or manufacturing establishment, under the age of 14, or in any mine or quarry under 16 years, by imposing an excise tax of 10 per cent. upon the net annual profits of these employing such labor. It was attacked on the ground that it attempted to regulate an exclusively State function in violation of the Federal Constitution and the Tenth Amendment and was defended as a mere excise tax levied by Congress under its broad power of taxation conferred by the Federal Constitution.

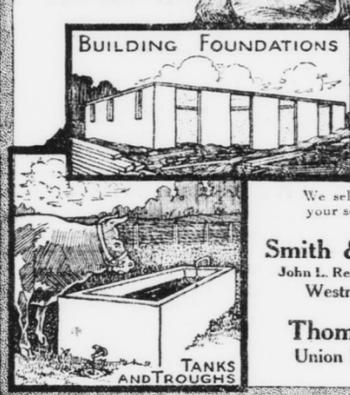
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## "PAY FOR ARMY DRILLS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD"

There are a great many advantages to be gained by enterprising young men through membership in The National Guard. In the old National Guard organization no primary inducement was held out, and men were attracted by the desire to be members of a Company of The National Guard, which in nearly every case was the pride of the community, and offered the opportunity of greater fellowship connected with a desire to be of more value to the Nation and State in a military sense through the training they would receive.

The present day National Guard organization offers the same advantages, coupled with the additional inducement contained in the Act of Congress of the 3rd June, 1916, which provided that, all men who are members of The National Guard shall receive the same rate of pay for each drill of one and one half hours in duration that is paid members of The Regular Army, provided that he attend sixty percent of the drills each month.

In the case of a newly enlisted Private of The National Guard, this amounts to \$1.00 per drill, and is increased as the soldier becomes more proficient and is promoted to the non-commissioned officer grades.

The value of the National Guard was recognized by the War Department because of their enviable record made in the recent war, and because of this, it was re-organized on a firm basis, and the matter of pay is a just recognition of its value. At the end of each six months period, the soldier receives a check for his drills, which is a tidy little sum

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