

SPONGES

Are Discovered by Greek Diver in Valuable Fishing Districts in the Sea.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Where do all the sponges come from? From the sea, of course, but very few people

know just how or where they are gathered, and that their habitat is restricted to a very few profitable fishing districts. Like oysters, sponges don't travel about of their own accord, and they must be caught where they grow. As the demand constantly increases and the older fishing areas are being depleted newly discovered grounds are of great importance and are eagerly sought.

A news item in the current number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C., states that recently a shipment of 3,000 sponges of a fine grade arrived at Mobile, Ala., from the coast of Honduras. The fact that this coast has extensive sponge-fishing possibilities had been either practically unknown or ignored until a Greek sponge-fisher from the Mediterranean sea happened along during the latter part of last year. With about three weeks' fishing he gathered enough for the shipment alluded to, and now Honduras is going to add another product to its other numerous industries.

Sponge-fishing is a rather unique occupation, and the term "fishing" is not much of a misnomer. Most of them are still caught with hooks notwithstanding the fact that the improvement in diving apparatus has made their gathering easier. They thrive only in the salt water of the sea, and the best known districts are in the Mediterranean sea, the Caribbean water, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Mediterranean are the oldest and produce about half in value, though not in quantity, of the world's supply.

To persons who know sponges only as they appear ready for sale and use, the animal as it comes from the sea would be unrecognizable. It is a solid looking, rather slimy, fleshy body, varying in color from light-greenish yellow through a range of brown to black, and in form either cup-shaped, spheroidal, or cake shaped, according to the species, its age, or the environment in which it grew. In general, in appearance and consistency and the manner in which it cuts with a knife, a living sponge of wool sponge is not unlike a piece of beef liver, perforated with holes and canals. The sponge of the markets is merely the skeleton, the supporting framework, which gives strength and form to the soft gelatinous tissues of the living animal.

Concerning the life histories of commercial sponges but little is known. In some species, at least, the sexes are separate, the females greatly preponderating, and the young are produced mainly if not solely from eggs. The young are, for a time, minute free-swimming organisms which may be carried considerable distances by the currents before they at last settle down for a permanent attachment, usually on natural rocky bars near the coast.

The old method of gathering the sponge was to wade into the shallow waters and pull up the growth by hand. Later the sponge hook, a two or three tined short hook attached to a long pole, was introduced, and deeper water could be fished. The fisherman in his boat closely scanned the bottom of the water for sponges, tearing them loose and depositing them in the boat by means of this hook. To overcome the difficulty of seeing the bottom because of the ripples on the surface of the water, the "sponge glass," or "water telescope" was introduced about 1870. This is merely an ordinary pair of glasses with a glass bottom beneath the surface of the water does away with the ripples and also operates by dispelling reflection, and to heighten its efficiency the hooker usually wears a large straw hat which cuts off a large portion of the direct light when his head is thrust into the mouth of the bucket. By this means the bottom may sometimes be seen in clear water to a depth of fifty feet. Two men are required to each boat, the hooker and the sculler, and considerable skill is required to prevent mutilation in tearing up the sponges. In 1895 the Mediterranean method of sponging with diving apparatus was introduced and used successfully in American waters, and now many of the Greek type of boats, equipped with gasoline engines, are being used and the yield per man has greatly increased. American sponge fisheries now produce about 4,000,000 pounds annually, valued at something over \$1,500,000.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

The West Virginia Funeral Directors Association executive committee will hold a meeting in Parkersburg Thursday for the purpose of transacting important business and arranging for the annual meeting. The meeting was called by A. C. Ogden, the president of the association.

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B & O. NOTES

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 10.—Cincinnati Terminal—Joseph Beel has been appointed agent at Eighth street, Cincinnati, succeeding W. J. Burke, who has been transferred.

Ohio Division—F. H. Henson has been appointed agent at London, O., succeeding L. F. Prosch, transferred.

Illinois Division—B. Files has been appointed agent at Ridgway, Ill., succeeding R. F. Jones, transferred.

N. A. Stanford has been appointed agent at Norr's City, Ill., succeeding C. O. Marlin.

Toledo Division—The territory of G. E. Reel, trainmaster, has been defined between Erie Junction and Hates, with headquarters at Lima.

M. S. Kopp has been appointed trainmaster in the territory between Erie Junction and New River Junction, with headquarters at Dayton. The position of assistant trainmaster at Lima has been abolished.

M. P. Hoban, road foreman of engines, will confine his duties to the territory between Troy and Cincinnati, with offices at Hume, Ill.

W. B. Kilgore has been appointed road foreman of engines with jurisdiction between Troy and Toledo and office at Lima. The position of assistant road foreman of engines has been abolished.

Indianapolis Division—The jurisdiction of F. M. O'Connor as trainmaster has been defined as the Indianapolis division proper, including the Indianapolis yard.

F. C. Donaldson, formerly of the Ohio division, has been appointed trainmaster of the Springfield district, with office at Muncie, Ill.

DRESSMAKER'S LOSSES HEAVY.

Mrs. Ella M. Fonner, a dressmaker, who had rooms on the fourth floor of the Lowe building which was destroyed by fire Monday morning suffered a loss of \$600 with no insurance. Mrs. Fonner had a narrow escape with her life. Outside of her own material and equipment, Mrs. Fonner had several hundred dollars worth of material belonging to her customers in the shop which was all burned.

The British Trade Commission for South Africa reports that a bill has been introduced in the Union Parliament to provide for the construction of 795 miles of railway at an estimated cost of \$13,200,000.

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