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In the locality where it was found. In the spring of 1883, these fish were reported by incoming vessels as having been seen in countless millions floating upon the surface of the ocean in a dead or dying condition, covering thousands of square miles of the sea. The fish has many peculiarities of its own. In size it varies from five to fifty pounds. Its head has a great resemblance to that of the dolphin, the body is stout at the tail like a salmon. It is profusely spotted with patches of greenish yellow. The liver is small and contains no oil, and the intestines resemble those of the cod. It is a valuable food fish either fresh, salted or smoked.

MISS DONA SPOEMAKER, a daring Philadelphia girl, has distinguished herself at the Thousand Islands by swimming from South Bay beach to Pullman Island, a distance of a mile, in the St. Lawrence. She was followed by friends in a boat, but she not only crossed the channel without assistance but wanted to swim back again. This goes to show that the young women of this country are not lacking in physical development or courage.

FAME comes to men in various ways. Charles Allen Perkins, who died in Syracuse recently, had been United States minister to Sweden and Portugal, but he was best known because he was the only American citizen who ever married a person of royal blood. His wife was Isabella Françoise Guromski, princess of the house of Bourbon, and niece of Queen Isabella, of Spain.

A SINGULAR freak of nature was observed east of Ashburnham, Mass. Persons have dug down under a tree and found but one root underneath, but it has two kinds of foliage, that of a pine and that of an oak, which may be distinctly seen from a distance. In the fall of the year burrs fall on one side and acorns on the other.

If the boundaries of Custer county, Mont., have not been recently changed they still surround thirty-six thousand square miles of territory, making that one county larger than the five states of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island.

WHAT A DOZEN IS.

A Very Elastic Term Meaning Anything from Two to Fifty. The child is taught at school that a dozen means twelve every time, but when the child grows into a man he finds that a dozen is a very elastic term. A baker's dozen is thirteen, and so is a publisher's or a news agent's in many parts of the world. In some sections a dozen of fish means twenty-six, and there are other anomalies of this kind. But to find a dozen indicating anything from two to fifty it is necessary to go to the earthenware trade. Here the size and weight of articles decide how many make a dozen, and in jugs, bowls, plates and so on there are two, four, six, eight or more to the dozen. A dozen composed of twelve articles is a very unusual thing in the wholesale pottery trade, and as a result there are few clerks who more difficult to hold than in this line. I tried the work once and failed ignominiously, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. To have to find the cost of five hundred articles at so much a dozen when that dozen may mean anything, is a very difficult task until a man gets thoroughly used to it. That is easy then, I have been told, though I never got used to it sufficiently to know of my own knowledge.

Naming Children in Germany. Parents cannot name their children just what they please in Germany. By imperial order government functionaries are forbidden henceforth to register any infant in a Christian name bearing the slightest relation to politics. Socialists are very fond of calling their children Robespierre, Lassalle, Bebel, Liebknecht and the like, but Emperor William objects to the practice. So the child's name must be chosen from the Bible, the calendar of saints, or from the roll of princes and national heroes.

To Fool the Fish. An ingenious inventor has just secured a patent on an India rubber substitute for a common rod worm, such as is used by amateur fishermen for bait. It has many merits that commend it to persons who do not enjoy digging bait when the sun is hot and the ground is dry and hard. It is elastic, flexible and indestructible. A small box of them will last a fisherman a lifetime. Small fish get tired of nibbling at them and leave them for the large ones to take in their mouths. One great recommendation of them is that girls, whose finer sensibilities are shocked at the sight of a "horrid, live wiggling worm," can put them on their hooks without suffering real or imaginary pain or inflicting any.

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THE BIG PARADE TO-DAY

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THE CONTEST FOR COMMANDER.

Charles F. Lincoln of the Department of the Potomac in the Lead—Indianapolis Will Probably Secure the Next Encampment—To-day's Events. WASHINGTON, Sep. 20.—Nothing finer than the grand parade of veterans has ever been seen in this city. It is now in progress and it is estimated that there are between 65,000 and 70,000 men in line. They are marching in double columns of twelve as arranged by Gen. Palmer, and it will take seven hours for the procession to pass a given point. Gen. Palmer had to overrule the local committee in making this arrangement for marching and his action was unanimously approved by the Department Commanders.

Two carriages have been furnished each department for the crippled members who cannot march, so that they are not shut out of the parade. Last night occurred the reception in the rotunda of the Capital authorized by Congress in honor of the visiting strangers. The ladies' citizens committee, headed by Mrs. Gen. Logan, were the hostesses on the occasion. The other ladies assisting in the reception were: Mrs. John W. Foster, wife of the Secretary of State; Mrs. Charles Foster, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Husk and others.

A pleasant incident took place in the parlors of the Ebbitt House last evening, in the presentation of the beautiful Grand Army badge to Commander-in-Chief Palmer, by his aides, and one to his wife. The presentation speech was made by Chief Alde Hall Grant, who lauded and commended Gen. Palmer as a man and commander. The General made a fitting response for himself and Mrs. Palmer.

All day long yesterday the streets were alive with marching men, G. A. R. posts and their friends, on their way from railroad stations to quarters. Despite all the exertions that the railroad companies made to handle the crowds promptly, the delays were from two to twelve hours late in reaching the city, but as rapidly as possible the trains are rolling in to the city and unloading their human freight.

The passengers accepted the situation with the best possible grace, and what ever the measure of their discontent it was all dissipated upon arriving at the Capital, as they looked upon the generous and artistic manifestations of welcome, and found themselves surrounded with reminiscences of the war and in the society of those whose friendship was knit in the blood and smoke of battle.

Among the notable arrivals is that of the famous Sixth Massachusetts, the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops. Enroute to Washington, they were fired upon in Baltimore, April 19, and spilled the first blood after the assault upon Fort Sumpter. Several hundred men are present with the command, and as they marched up the avenue with their tattered flags at the head of the column, they were greeted with cheer upon cheer all along the route until their quarters were reached.

Distinguished visitors are abundant—ex-President Hayes, Maj.-Generals Howard, Miles and Brooks, and General B. F. Butler are prominent among them. A pilgrimage to old Camp Stone-man, near Giesboro Point, nearly opposite Alexandria, will be made by the survivors of the First New York Volunteers (Ellsworth Zouaves), First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth United States Cavalry, who were encamped there during the stirring days in the Sixties. The path for decorations must be awarded to the Government Printing Office. The display of hunting which has broken out about that dingy structure, which shelters 2,000 employees of Uncle Sam, is something marvelous.

The first formal ceremony of the day was "Handshaking" among the crew on board the "Keensarge" on Grand Army place. Among the survivors of the crew of the Keensarge present are Phillip Weeks, who was a mainstay man, who during the historic fight, saved on the Lincoln pivot gun; Charles Bowen, a foretop man; Frank Cook, captain of the after-guard and James McKee, surgeon.

J. C. Baker, a skilled workman at the Navy Yard, who superintended the construction of the ship as she stands, was also one of the crew.

The active struggle for the post of Commander-in-Chief of the National G. A. R. has begun. There are four candidates—H. H. Warfield of California; Charles F. Lincoln of the Department of the Potomac; A. G. Wisart of the Department of Wisconsin, and S. H. Heart of the Department of Ohio. All but the first named are hampered more or less by local complications, chiefly the lack of united support from their respective departments.

Col. Warfield is looked upon as an available compromise candidate. In the event of a deadlock between Col. Lincoln and Capt. Weissert, Gen. Hearst and Col. Warfield will begin to hustle. Gen. Hearst being an Ohio man is further handicapped by the Indianapolis boom for the location of the next encampment. These are the two capital prizes of the event, and they are not apt to be given to adjoining states.

Col. Lincoln has made a thorough canvass for the office. He has been fortunate in getting a number of active men enlisted in his behalf. There appeared to be some danger at one time that the Western departments would unite and try to place the office in that section of the country. The West is not united.

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