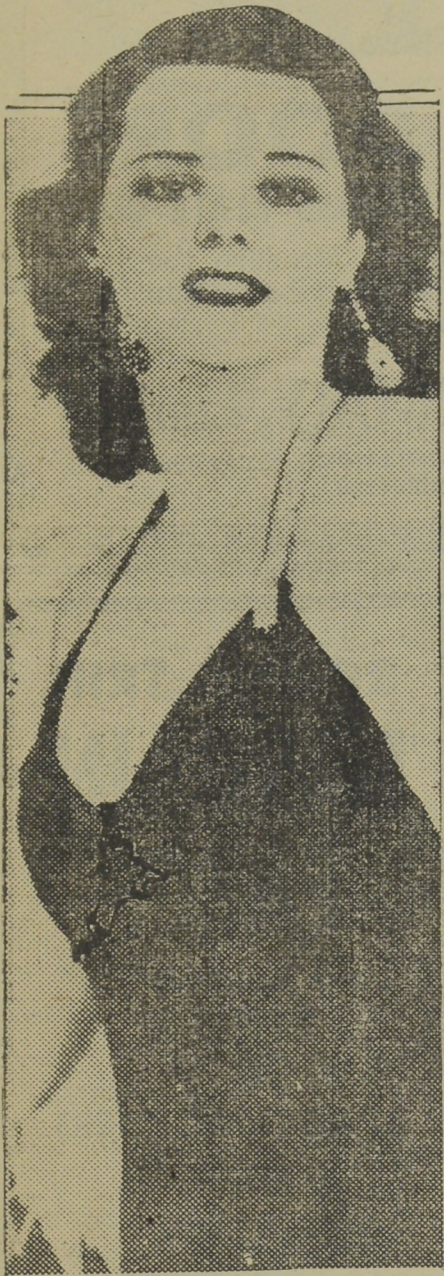


Deaf Mute Dancer



Although a deaf mute since birth, CHARLOTTE LAMBERTON has won fame on Broadway as a dancer and musical comedy beauty. Vibrations of the music, as transmitted through the floor to her feet, give her the rhythm of the music.

Peculiar Halibut Start Swimming Upright At First

The Flesh Is Nourishing and Tasty; Protein Content Is High.

Fish, like humans, have their own racial and family characteristics, as for instance, in the case of the halibut, one of Canada's most important food fishes, which starts out swimming upright or vertically but then changes its mind and twists or turns its body into a flat shape and moves through the water horizontally, says the Fisheries News Bulletin. Another peculiarity of the halibut—other members of the same family, Pleuronestidae, show it, too—is that although the original position of the eyes is much the same as it is in other fish the twisting of the body gradually brings both of them to the upper side. Or to use the words of one scientist in describing what happens: "In the very young (of this family) the bones of the head are symmetrical, one eye on each side, and the body is vertical in the water, but the cranium very soon becomes twisted so as to bring both eyes on one side."

With the change in the shape of the halibut, by the way, there also comes some change in the coloring of the body. The under side becomes white and the upper side assumes a protective coloring, but, of course, protective coloration is a common condition in nature.

Canada's largest catch of halibut is made on the Pacific coast but the fish are also taken in Atlantic waters, mainly by Nova Scotian fishermen. Total catch by Canadian fishermen on both coasts in 1934 was more than 12,315,000 pounds. It's a big fishery, and the fish themselves are big, too. Sometimes they run to a couple of hundred pounds or so weight, though the average is substantially less than that.

Halibut like the colder waters

and that's one reason why their flesh is so firm and of such good quality. They are nourishing as well as tasty, their protein percentage running to something like 15.3, as compared, for example, with 13.7 per cent. in the case of chicken and less than 4 per cent. in the case of milk. Another interesting point about them is that their livers are rich in vitamin content and are now being used in large quantities in the manufacture of medicinal oil. Until science discovered this vitamin richness a few years ago the halibut livers were regarded as only so much waste but now they bring the fishermen quite a tidy sum every year—nearly \$36,500 in British Columbia in 1934, for example, and about \$9,600 in Nova Scotia.

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England's May Celebrations Carry Very Old Traditions

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Robin Hood and Little John, they both are gone to Fair, O.

And we will go to the merry green to see what they do there, O. And for to fetch the summer home, the summer and the May, O.

For Summer is a-come, O, and Winter is a-gone, O!

The subsequent dancing through the houses merely expressed the joy of the inhabitants when this had been done.

But why, it may be asked, was so much importance ever attached to the bringing in of a few spring flowers and greenery? The answer seems to lie in the primitive belief that trees and flowers were inhabited by a Life Spirit. In these ritual processions, the god of growth was thus carried

into the habitations of man to confer the blessing of fertility. Further, as Sir James Frazer has shown, it would appear that the spirit of life in the boughs was thought to be transferred to the person who planted them. Hence came the Jack-o'-the-Green, still represented in England and on the Continent by a person covered from head to foot in a leafy framework and hence, also, the still more familiar Queen of the May.

In the May-pole itself one sees this custom become stereotyped. In place of the green boughs, gathered anew each year, a pole is kept permanently erected, and merely garlanded with leaves and twining ribbons as each festival comes round.

The May-pole still survives in many villages, particularly in the

north of England; whilst Bampton in Oxfordshire is famous for its traditional May-tide Morris dancing. London, too, has its crowning of the May Queen, now mainly a children's festival, held on Hayes Common, near Bromley. The most imposing ceremony of this type, however, is that held at Knutsford, in Cheshire. Here in the great procession, which often numbers seven or eight hundred characters, one may see at a glance all the figures traditionally associated with the ceremonies of May.

Despite the invective of the Puritans against the "stinking ydol," the May-pole, and all the changes wrought by Time, Knutsford still cherishes something of the gaiety of "Merry England."

"I'M A CHAMBERMASTER" "I'm a chambermaster," a judgment debtor stated at Shoreditch County Court recently.

Judge Lilley—"What is that?" Mr. Rowland (plaintiff's solicitor)—"He's in the fur trade and does work on his own account for firms. That is known in the trade as a chambermaster."