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WHY A FISH LAPS WHEN IT FEELS THE HOOK

You may have been a fisherman all your life and never stopped to consider why a fish leaps in air when it feels the hook. Naturally you might think that it is the frenzy of terror, born of feeling himself fast that makes him leave his element, and, by a convulsive movement of his body, strive to shake the deadly hook from his jaw, and in this you would be right, but only in a measure so.

A fish, particularly those of the game variety, such as the trout and bass, are never beaten until they are drawn breathless and spent on the grass or into the landing net, and even then they fight until the merciful angler administers the quietus. Surprise would be the better qualification of the feeling a fish experiences when first he feels the sharp bite of the hook; terror later, perhaps in his second or third rush.

Very often a fish will leap, when feeding, if he, by mistake, grasps something which tastes unpalatable to him; or he will leap in quest of some juicy morsel, or out of chagrin if he misses the fat leader of a minnow shoal. Very often, too, he will leap out of pure exuberance of spirits, for all fish love play.

When you strike a bass and he leaps, it is because he has made, according to his reasoning, a little mistake. He hasn't the slightest doubt in the world but that he can throw the unwelcome mouthful from him by a twist of his muscular body and a shake of his head. Then, when he feels his native element again and the stinging thing which he has grasped refuses to be dislodged, and takes possession of him. He will run away from it, he tells himself, and then comes his first mad run, called by anglers "the run."

It is when you sub your reel and he feels the force of an hitherto unknown resisting element that terror wakes within him, and the fight flames up in him, and he proceeds to give you battle which those amongst us who have fished with light tackle consider the best of sport.

Perhaps the great terror does not find its end, you have reeled him close to the boat, your boat and he catches a glimpse of you from his eyes. Then indeed is it terror and the rush which follows makes all previous efforts seem of little avail. It is a critical moment for both angler and fish. The swift, frenzied rush for freedom through the blue-green depths where dangerous snags and twisted kelp-roots reinforce the fish's chance of escape.

It is in this last rush that the hooked fish entirely loses his head; it is in this last rush where the angler must certainly keep his if he is to win the battle.—Archie P. McKishnie.

WEALTH IN METEORS

An expedition is shortly starting for Disco Island, off the coast of Greenland, with the object of breaking up and bringing away the big meteorites there. It weighs over one hundred tons, and the theory is that it was projected on to the earth from the moon countless years ago. Fragments of it have already been carried away and assayed, with the result that it has been found to contain iron, copper, and silver, besides rarer metals, including polonium. Now polonium is a cousin to radium. Hence the expedition. The organizers of it argue that if they can only extract from the meteorite even a small fraction of an ounce of radium their fortunes are made.

It is quite possible, too, they say that there may be large diamonds embedded inside the mass. Very small diamonds have undoubtedly been taken from the interiors of small meteorites. Then, too, here is the existence of a diamond of fair size taken from a meteorite discovered near Tucson, Arizona.

Fortune From "Movies"



D. W. GRIFFITH

Here is the man who stands out pre-eminently in the business of moving picture producing. He has been called the "Belasco of the screen world."

When he was the director of the Biograph pictures, they were called the best in the business. But now the independents have captured him at a salary of \$100,000 a year. And he is directing the Reliance and the Majestic Mutual movies.

At one time in his career, not so long ago, Griffith was with a traveling company earning the munificent sum of \$18 a week.

Impure Ice Cream

The following is a synopsis of the results of an analysis of ice cream undertaken in the chief analyst's department at Ottawa, in charge of Dr. A. McGill: Samples found genuine, 77; samples found adulterated, 49; samples found but slightly below required standard, 8; samples lost, 2, sold as imitation, 1; total, 137.

"Our standards for ice cream," says Dr. McGill, "require 14 per cent. of milk fat in ordinary ice cream, and 12 per cent. milk fat in the article when fruit or nuts are present. Samples which show less than one per cent. shortage in butter fat, I have not declared to be adulterated, but have indicated as slightly below the required standard."

Wireless Waves and Fire

It is contended by a French scientist of standing that many unexplained fires at sea and explosions on warships and in mines are caused by stray wireless waves.

HOME-SICK COLLIE

Emerson said: "In dealing with children, as much soul as you have avails." This is true in treating with domestic animals, especially the dogs. Here is an example which tells me so:

I saw a traveller at a railroad station leading a beautiful Scotch collie with a chain around his neck. He told me the dog was eleven months of age, was born and raised on a farm in Southern Indiana, and that he had bought it and was taking it to Eastern Pennsylvania.

"But," said he, "I am worried about him. We have been on the road a day and a night, and I can't make him eat."

He bought at the lunch-counter a few slices of bread with milk poured over them, and took them on a wooden picnic plate outside to see if he could coax "John" to eat. But the dog turned his head away and looked wistfully out of the station shed down the shining steel rails. Then it was that I thought of Emerson's remark, and I asked if I could try and induce the animal to eat. The privilege was granted, and I squatted down and called, "John, come here, I want to talk to you."

John came over and put his head up near my face, and I said:—

"Poor boy! I know your trouble. You are so homesick! You want to see the cows and the children, don't you?"

He put his head on one side and seemed to be drinking in every word. His eyes were deep and soulful.

"I know just how you feel, for there have been times when I wanted to see the cows, the green fields, and the children. And then the sights and sounds are all so strange to you, John. You feel as queer and lost as a child would who had been taken away from home, don't you? But, dear, you must eat, for you have a long, long journey before you. Come on over here with me and I'll feed you!"

And so he followed me and ate the whole supper from my hands. As I looked up, I saw there were men around us with tears on their faces.—Edgar Hiff, in "Our Dumb Animals."

ANNOUNCED THE PREACHER

It is related of a preacher in a small town, who was to be absent from his pulpit a fortnight, that he recently announced after the sermon:—

"The preacher for next Sunday will be Mr. Firstly, and the one for the Sunday after you'll find hanging up behind the door on the other side of the vestry."

POLICY TO OPTICIANS

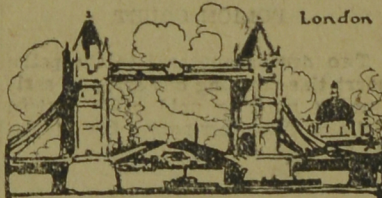
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