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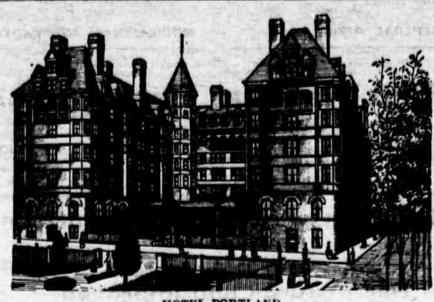
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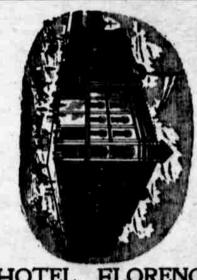
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and the weight estimated accordingly. One bass, received in 1896 when it Investments made and all business of nonresidents given most careful attention. References cheerfully furnished. weighed a quarter of a pound, and had a length of seven inches, died seven years later, by which time it

inches and a weight of nine pounds. There are sen fishes which enter fresh waters to spawn and are very active and gamy. It is remarkable that such large fishes have done so

had attained a length of twenty-six

Other species in the acquarium which may be considered old rest dents are the bony gar, mudfish, common eel, gray snapper, spot snapper, red grouper and Nassau grouper. Several individuals of each have been seven years in the acquarium. They are supposed to require pure sen water and have endured New York bay water just as it has been pumped from the bay in varying conditions.

Many other fishes have been in cap tivity there for from three to five years. The growth of some of these has been steady. The Bermuda gray snappers, received there six inches long, have more than doubled their size in seven years, while the spot snappers have fully trebled their size n the same time.

Although the green morays have fed intermittently, refusing food for months at a time, they have grown perceptibly. The growth of muskellunge and pike has been marked, both species having more than doubled their weight. The weakfish have trebled their size in four years.

The collection of tropical fishes from Bermuda has been increased every summer. These beautifully colored strangers, which are viewed with great interest during the summer and autumn months, begin to die off with the approach of winter weather.

Wisdom of the Elephant. The process of elephant catching in

India as well as in Slam tends to rather undermine one's settled notions of elephant sagacity and to create instead the feeling that a lot of sentimental tommyrot and misleading, ignorantly conceived animal stories have een put forth about my lord, the elephant.

The literal truth is that the elephant, for all its reputed intelligence, is driven into places that no other wild animal could possibly be induced to enter, is in its native jungle held captive within a circle through which it could pass without an effort and bullled into uncomplaining obedience by a force the smallest fraction of its own numbers. Part of this is, no doubt, due to its exceedingly suspicious nature; the other part to its lack of originality, to which latter defect, however, its notable amenability

to discipline is attributable. Apropos of amenability Sanderson records mounting and taking out of the keddah, unaccompanied by a tame elephant, a female on the sixth day after her capture, and I saw on the lower coast of Slam an elephant that had been captured in a pitfall by natives three weeks previously rowed out on two lashed sampans to a small coasting steamer and successfully made to kneel that it might get through the port door between decks. -Caspar Whitney in Outing.

Disappearing River. Nowhere is to be seen a stranger freak of nature than in New Mexico. It is a river that is not a river. No one has ever seen it. The bed of it lies in a valley between the Rio Grande and Pecos River. It is well defined, and many travelers have followed its windings to learn, if possible, what becomes of the great volume of water which should be there. It is not a dead or dried-up stream. It is simply lost. Numerous big tributaries flow into it from the neighboring mountains. Immediately, however, they reach the bed of the main stream they disappear from sight. Thus, for some reason or another, a river which should be 300 miles in length has no existence which could be proved.

Remarkable Japanese Paper. The Japanese excel in the making of paper from the bark of trees and shrubs. Among the remarkable varieties are the thin rainproof paper used instead of glass for windows, the ofled papers serving for waterproof coverings and clothing, and the oiled tissue for wrapping delicate articles. The bark paper employed for meal and grain sacks is not readily penetrated by weevils and other insects. Most interesting of all, perhaps, are the tough papers from which tobacco pouches and pipe cases are made, these leather papers being almost as tough as French kid, translucent, and as soft and pliable as calf-skin.

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