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THE MEXICAN LIZARD
DELICIOUS EATING, HIS FLESH LIKE THAT OF CHICKEN.
A Tale of the Curious Tail of the Iguana--The Way This Peculiar Creature Can Grow a New Appendage in Place of One Lost or Stolen.
My tale is of the tail of a lizard. We had steamed and railroaded many hundreds of miles and at the end of civilization had started over a steep and narrow trail with horses and pack mules, finally finding ourselves encamped in a deep canyon or barranca in west central Mexico.
Iguanas, great, black lizards, three feet or more in length, were abundant in the deep caves of the cliff, coming out early in the morning to sun themselves and bobbing up and down as an owl ducks his head to get a better look at us as our Mexican cook started the fire or stirred about the camp. We found them delicious eating. Though the Mexican demurred at first, prejudice was soon cast aside. Their limbs might be black skinned and scaly without, but within all was sweet, white meat, like that of chickens and frogs' legs.
The iguanas, which had their burrows in the ground, would climb up each morning, up, up to the topmost limbs of some trees, and there bask in the sun. They had a most startling way of descending, a headlong dive to the underbrush or into the water. As twilight fell the sight of these great black apparitions sprawling earthward was most remarkable. If one of them had ever struck us in its descent our interest in this strange habit would suddenly have become lessened.
Our usual method of procuring these giant lizards for our larder was to shoot them high above us, when they would tumble headlong to our feet. Sometimes we could approach close to one when it was fast asleep in the scorching heat of midday. Once I seized a big fellow by the tail. I was sorry a moment later, but as I did not want to be beaten by a lizard I held stoutly on. Never before had I taken hold of such a steel spring. The creature curled and twisted and snapped its body about, the sharp scales having anything but a pleasant feeling on the palm of my hand. Suddenly something gave way, and I fell on my back, while the iguana shot off in the opposite direction into a deep hollow among the rocks. When I regained my feet I found some nine inches of tail in my hand, almost one-third of the entire animal.
This is not an uncommon occurrence among lizards, and the ability to part with so considerable a portion of their anatomy insures many an escape from what would otherwise be inevitable death.
Almost all animals with backbones have a thick, pliable cushion of cartilage between each of the bones in their spinal column, which permits them to bend and twist it with much freedom. The backbone of the iguana is at first all cartilage, and when the hard cells of the bone begin to be deposited a deep, narrow wedge or crack is left in each tail bone. This is filled with soft cartilage, so these bones are greatly weakened near their centers. Instead of an accidental defect this is an all wise provision of nature, foreseeing that hawks, vagrant naturalists and other enemies may some day be too quick for the reptile and will seize its tail before it can escape.
When this happens, as in my case, the strain of the struggling creature's body is too great for the weak spots in its tail bones, and one of these gives way, with the result above narrated. The muscles, too, are arranged to aid this phenomenon. They are short and thick and contract instead of running the whole length of the tail, and being only dovetailed together, they readily give way. Only a few drops of blood escape; then the stump heals over, and before long a new tail begins to shoot out.
This, of course, contains no bones, but instead a long, unjointed rod of cartilage exactly like the ancestral one which was present in the embryo iguana. Stranger still, the scales on this new tail are unlike those on the rest of the creature's body and actually may be like those of some bygone ancestor. In the smaller lizards, called geckos, this seems always to be the case.
When I closely examined the tail which the iguana had left in my hands I saw that it was one of these "fraud" tails and had long ago supplanted the original appendage, with which some other enemy, doubtless a feathered one, had absconded. Two new vertebrae or tail bones had come off with the base of my piece.
But the owner cares nothing for the number or character of his new tails. They serve him well, and he is content. It is a curious fact that the tail making machinery in his backbone is so active that sometimes a double or even a triple tail will push out at the stump, and when the original tail is even only slightly injured at one side a tiny tail will often sprout out where it has no right to be.--C. William Beebe in New York Tribune.

BAKED BEANS.
How They Are Cooked For the Lumbermen in Maine.
Didst ever hear--oh, ye epicure--of the lumberman's baked beans, the delicatessen of the backwoods, the twenty-one times a week, "stick to the ribs provender that floats in amber juices and that when mixed in the morning from the bean hole emit such delicious odor as to make mouths water all along the border? The cook and the cookee join drives in building up this monument to high art in culinary. The woods cook usually bakes a tin wash-boller nearly full of beans, first par-bolling them before he gets them ready for the pot. Then he peels an onion and slices it into the bottom of the pot. Then he pours in half the beans; then slices over them another onion; then puts in the chunks of salt fat pork; then douses in the rest of the beans. Over all this he pours a pint of molasses and thea more pork. Just enough water is added to cover the beans, and then a sheet of birch bark is placed over the top of the pot and the cover pounded in tight. When the water begins to steam the bark swells and seals the pot, holding in all the flavor. The cookee (there's all the difference in the world between the cook and the cookee) builds the fire in the bean hole. When the birch wood has heated the stones that line the hole and has itself burned to redhot coals most of the coals are taken out and the beans are put in. The beans are placed in the hole in the afternoon. They stay there all night. In the morning they are dug out. All other baked beans are libels on the name, for these have the sauce of the pine and the spruce.--Lewiston Journal.

AMERICAN COLLEGES.
They Are Unique Among Institutions of Learning.
The American college is in every way unique. It may be defined in a word as a school for imparting more general and advanced instruction than can be obtained in the various academies and private schools. The university, however, more particularly comprises a number of technical schools, imparting instruction in all departments of knowledge, including classical literature, the arts and sciences, as biology, medicine, surgery, law, theology, mechanics and so on. The issue as to which is the most desirable, the most useful, has been discussed at educational congresses, in the public press and notably in the leading reviews. There has been evident in these discussions a tendency to look upon the college as a kind of inferior school which must be given its place only when there is not enough money to establish the more expensive university. On the other hand, the college has not wanted its stout champions, in whose view the American college, with its concentrated curriculum, the closeness of touch between pupil and professor, is not only an institution that is to be conserved, but is one that often, if not always, offers a better kind of education than is available in the university.--Leslie's Weekly.

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Friday--Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.
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EMMA C. WARREN,
School Superintendent, Clatsop County.