

LIFE IN GULF WEED.

All Sorts of Curious Animals Journey with the Gulf Stream's Current.

It is surprising what curious creatures live in gulf weed. Not the least extraordinary of these inhabitants of the floating algae which are borne on the current of the gulf stream is a little fish that makes its nest in the weeds. For its own protection from enemies, it is made so like the weeds themselves, being orange colored with white spots, that one cannot detect the scaly animal without actually taking a handful of the vegetable stuff in which it seeks shelter and scrutinizing it.

The great gulf current, in its course northward along the Atlantic coast and around the great circuit that forms with its eddy the famous Sargasso sea of marine grasses, carries along with it an endless stream of life in connection with the gulf weed which floats upon it in "windrows." The weeds, of varied kinds, bring with them from the tropics creatures multifarious, conveyed by the mighty river of warm water through the midst of the colder ocean.

The floating gulf weed is literally crowded with life. One cannot pick up a piece that does not carry many shrimps or prawns of different kinds as passengers. There are crabs, too, small and bigger, which mostly imitate the grasses in their coloring.

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Very efficient work is now being done in various departments by the use of the sand blast. One of the latest applications is to the cleaning of car wheels.

American in general must be in possession of a vast fund of varied, accurate and well authenticated ignorance about ostriches. This is the conclusion reached by a reporter after an hour's conversation with a professional ostrich farmer.

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After pondering for some time the men arrived at the conclusion that one snake had taken hold of the other's tail, and thus by co-operation they had been enabled to clasp the trunk, and by circling about it had ascended to the top.

A black snake, measuring perhaps a trifle over six feet, was found clinging to the side of a small tree, around which it could have wrapped itself nearly twice had it wished to do so.

The "lady factotum" is what our English neighbors call those engaged in the vocation of "visiting housekeeper." This is an employment which has been highly recommended, and which a number of ladies in this country as well as in England have adopted.

At 3 o'clock the studies commence again, and class and lecture or preparation for them, with half an hour's rest at 5, go on until 7 or half past, when thirty minutes are given to prayer and the reading of the life of some saint.

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PRAYER, WORK AND PLAY

THE ARDUOUS DAILY ROUTINE IN CATHOLIC COLLEGES.

A Course of Study and Training That Weeds Out from the Priesthood Many Men Who Are Not Possessed of an Unflagging Zeal—Plain Food and Prayers.

What kind of a life is it in our colleges? Well, I suppose it is much the same as the life in colleges which are not ecclesiastical. Of course, church students have many more prayers to say, and are expected to observe the rules with more fidelity than other students.

They rise early—in foreign colleges at 5 in winter and 6 in summer—in most English colleges at 6 all the year round. Half an hour is allowed for dressing, after which all go down in silence to the church, where morning prayers are said, and a meditation is held for half an hour on some spiritual subject.

Breakfast consists of a bowl of coffee or tea, with bread and butter at discretion in the home colleges, while abroad one has a choice between coffee, milk and chocolate, but the bread must be eaten dry.

Dinner, which is eaten at 1, is always a good, substantial meal, and ample justice is done to it after the rather thin breakfast. No study is allowed during the hour and a half following dinner.

After supper there is recreation, and at foreign colleges this is always the favorite hour of the day. And very pleasant it is to hear the fresh young voices and merry hearted laughter echoing along the college cloisters.

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Of course, every day is not a study day. Sunday is always, more or less, a day of rest, and at least one afternoon every week is devoted to outdoor recreation.

Yet, in spite of occasional play days, as they are called, and the holidays twice a year, the life is hard enough. It must necessarily go on for some dozen years before the student is called up for ordination.

In some cases health breaks down, many grow weary of the routine and strict discipline of the life, others discover that they have no calling for the ecclesiastical state, and go out into the world to begin life afresh.

Of six who went to college some seventeen years ago with the present writer, one is dead, one is practicing as a doctor in the United States, a third is manager of a bank in the north of England, another is serving as a mounted policeman in South Africa, and only two are priests.

No Animals in the Dry Parts of Caves. No animals whatever are found in the dry parts of caves. Dampness, or a certain degree of moisture, seems to be essential to their existence.

Queer Religious Sects in Russia. M. Tsakni, a Russian writer, has published an interesting work upon the curious religious sects of Russia, from which it appears that there are not less than 15,000,000 followers of insane and cranky notions in that empire.

The Bright Side. Younghusband—You've made a fool of me. Mrs. Younghusband—That will be hardy for you now, my dear. You can do silly things to keep the baby amused.

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