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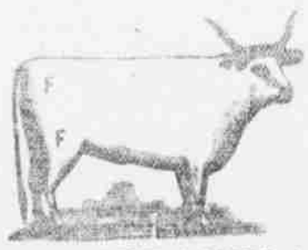

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Every now and then some one applies to the fish commission at Washington for a consignment of eels to stock a pond or stream. The request is invariably refused, not because there is any intention to be disobliging, but for the reason that nobody in this world knows whether eels lay eggs or not. If they do so it has never been held them, and to get hold of one is quite out of the question. In case you want to establish eels in your water preserves you can buy young ones by the pailful at a cheap rate, and they will grow big enough to eat or send to the market within three years.

It may fairly be said that the eel, as to its breeding, is the most mysterious animal in existence. The New York Sun says its method of propagation has puzzled science for centuries, and has been a subject of more or less superstitious speculation among sunny people for thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians had their own theories respecting the matter. Some authorities have contended that eels grew up from horse hair, which in some strange manner became vitalized. Others have held that they were generated spontaneously from slime, while others still have gravely advanced the belief that they came from the skins of old eels or similar sources of water snakes. That eels mate with water snakes is very generally accepted as truth. Most popular among people who get their living from the water, however, is the theory that eels are the progeny of various other fishes. The ancient Romans assert that they are produced by a certain kind of water snake which for this reason is called "mother of eels." The Greek poets while honored all children alike, and recommended for upon Jupiter, declared that God was the procreator of the eel.

All this we hear about the eel, as science has learned in the last few years, is false to the fact that it lays its eggs or brings forth its young alive in the sea, where no one has a chance to observe the process. Young eels, like the shad, leave the ocean to spawn in fresh water streams, but this curious and slippery customer seems peculiar to the species. The young eels, as they born or hatched, leave the salt water and make their way in great shoals up the rivers inland. Hundreds, apparently innumerable, they go by the almost impossible, in passing, even traversing considerable distances on dry land in order to get around all obstruction. In the spring and summer any visitor at Niagara Falls who looks towards the great sheet of water at the foot of the falls will see literally hundreds of earthwards of small eels wriggling over the rock and squirming in the whirlpools. Of course it is impossible for them to get over the falls, and then it happens that although eels have always been plentiful in Lake Ontario there were none in Lake Erie until they were planted in the latter body of water artificially.

Immature eels must go to the sea in order to propagate their species, they are found not to multiply at all when placed in ponds that are landlocked, although in such places they will grow rapidly and be healthy. It seems so little to prevent young ones on the majority that this is an obstacle to the establishment of stocking inland waters with them. They have some very important advantages from an economic point of view, inasmuch as they will feed on anything dead or alive, will thrive in water clear or muddy and at any temperature, and will require no feeding or care. However, in rivers like the Susquehanna, where eel-nets are used, eels are very undesirable. It is not unusual, upon hauling the nets in that stream and coming further south, to find that the nets have been entirely eaten up by myriads of the squirming snakes, which have left little beside heads and backbones. It has been found advantageous by the fish commission to plant eels in the upper great lakes and the Mississippi. They have also been introduced very successfully in California.

In all probabilities eels lay eggs, just as do nearly all other fishes. The only difference is that they deposit them in the sea, instead of in fresh water. It is believed that the mother eel dies soon after she has spawned. For a couple of centuries past efforts have been made by eminent scientists to discover the organs of generation in male and female eels. It is only possible now to discover the difference between the sexes by microscopic examination. About fifteen years ago the celebrated Dr. Virchow of Berlin, published an advertisement for a female eel, bearing 250, offering a considerable prize for the specimen. Within a short time the advertisement was spread all over Europe, and the Herr Doctor received such enormous quantities of eels in packages that the affair became quite serious. So many thousand pounds of the very perishable article were consigned to him that it was an important question how to get rid of the material, and one of the most sober of papers suggested that perhaps it would be well that he should make a regulation requiring all samples to be sent smoked. The best way to cook eels is to cut them into sections, after they have been skinned properly, dip them in egg, roll the pieces in crumbs, and fry them. But there is no point more important than that the backbone should be taken out before the attempt is made to bite them through.

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Of course, a humorous metaphorical expression may acquire a certain degree of conventional currency, without thereby becoming slang. It passes on to slang when the original sense of the joke is no longer distinctly remembered, and the expression is used merely as an equivalent for the recognized term. At a later stage, sometimes the word or phrase has become so worn that all its grotesque associations have disappeared, and it becomes a permanent addition to the resources of the literary language. A good example of these three stages of development may be found in the history of "to send to Coventry," as denoting the financial projects of the chancellor of the exchequer. In the reign of George II. the word was used with reference to a joke to the celebrated pamphlet which attributed Sir R. Walpole as a conspirator against the "budget" or "bag of tricks." Afterward it [illegible] current as slang [illegible] a word, it was soon taken up by the company vocabulary, and at the present time a chancellor of the [illegible] a matter of course [illegible] "budget" will [illegible] complimentary [illegible] originally [illegible]

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