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THEY TAKE BALLAST. The Cod Serves as a Weather Guide for Mariners.

That a fish should ever do anything so unfishlike as to take in ballast would strike many people as paradoxal. Yet those who have gone down to sea in ships and are learned in fin-bearers' lore testify to the reality of this phenomenon. The cod is the fish which lays himself open to this cruel charge, and is known to actually gulp down stones almost as large as a foot-ball, and more than one of them, too. Why it does so a reporter learned from a veteran cod-fisherman yesterday. "Why, yes," said he, "of course cod fish take in ballast. Why, I've found eight or ten stones inside the fish's may after we have caught him. The cod takes we have caught him. The cod takes we have caught him. The cod takes in stone in order to keep himself at the bottom during a gale. When you are cod fishing you can always tell if there is to be a gale, or whether a gale has just passed that way. Then you get in a regular quarry. A good gale, of course, carries the cod up to the surface, where he has a hard time of it. You see, there is a sort of bladder which forms in his taw of bladder which forms in his jaw and runs out sometimes as far as a This bladder fills with air and floats the fish and keeps him from going down. So, in order to prevent that, he picks out sound stones on the sea bottoms and swallows them. Sea-elephants do the same thing, and often huge stones are found in their stomachs." found in their stomachs.

"How is the cod caught?" the reporter inquired.
"They are caught on trollers. There is a long line—a 'runner' fish-ermen call it—and at every fourteen or eighteen feet a short fine line five or six feet long is fastened. I used to acts directly upon the Diver; curing the many diseases incident to that important organ, and preventing the numerous ailments that arise from its deranged or torpic action, such as Dyspensia. Labodice, Billousness have on my runners as many as three hundred hooks baited. The line would be baited on board ship, and the whole 'snood' would be coiled up into a tub, tapering toward the bottom, so as to give the line play. The coiling is very important, and you Dyspepsia Janadice, Biliousness, must take great care with it so as not to snarl the lines. For bait, dog fish, white fish, and such like, in chunks bigger than your hand, are hooked on. The boats put off with the tub in the bow, and when we'd get to a good bow, and when we'd get to a good spot the man in the bow passes the line, all baited, to the stern-man, who throws it overboard as fast as it is paid out. It used to go out pretty fast sometimes when the tide was running strong, and many a feller has got his fingers ripped open on the books. The whole line would then be anchored, and we'd wait until slack-water came, which would be in five or six hours, and then haul in.

"That used to be hard work. The fish would run small and large, and we would hook on skates and dog fish and white fish and others beside the cod. Once when we were pulling up anchor we hauled in a big stone which weighed three hundred pounds, and was full of scallops and mussles and long and round clams.

"When we got the catch back to the smack we'd dress the fish and stow them away in fine ice. We used to work day and night some times, and once, off Cape Sable, I slept only nine hours in five days and nights. A ship-load which averaged sixty pounds to the fish used to be considered a good one. Sometimes the average would run as high as one hundred pounds. The cod runs all the way from fifteen to two hundred and three hundred pounds in weight. I once caught one which weighed over three hundred pounds." -[New Haven News.

Walking on the Water.

Seventeen thirsty tramps, eighteen lazy bootblacks, one boiled crab man and a couple of hundred women and children walked, stood, or sat on the bank of the Wissahickon yesterday afternoon, awaiting with breathless anxiety the appearance of C. U. Fort, a man who had promised to walk on the water. Mr. Fort reached the edge of the stream, clad in boating costume, his cheek pale at the prospect of un-dertaking so perilous a feat, but with his lips set in a manner that seemed to mean success or death. He proceeded to attach his feet to two minature scows made of rubber and fas-tened together so to allow one to slide by the other a certain distance. The scows were about four feet long by

While the adjusting process was going on, the seventeen tramps gaped with wonder, the bootblacks sat on their boxes and dug their heels in the turf, the crab man handled all the crabs in his basket with very DRUGS, CHEMICALS, TOILET dirty hands, and the women and children clapped their hands. Finally Mr. Ford raised himself into an erect position and embarked, pushing one foot before the other Prescriptions carefully Companyed and a great deal of patience. He traveled about a quarter of a mile on the water in an hour and then stopped, amid the plaudits of the spectators. A colored man in the crowd ped, amid the plandits of the specta-tors. A colored man in the crowd was much excited by the sight and began to sing in a lond voice: "Hal-lelujah, oh, Lord am come. See him walking on the Galilee Creek." This made the crowd disperse and then Mr. Fort, picking up the little scows, retired, bowing at space.— [Philadelphia Press.

Mr. R. P. Johnson showed us last Wednesday the following articles which were found in a chicken gizzard that was killed at the Johnson house a few days ago: Eight brass pins, two half-inch screws and one cartridge cap.-[Smithville (Ga.)EnAmong the Little Ones,

Ethel-What does R. S. V. P. mean on all those cards mamma is going to send out?

Edward (ten-year-old)—Why, that means—well, let me think; oh, yes, it means refreshments served at 5 precisely. I thought you knew that much.-[Boston Beacon. Mitchell is three years old, and his principal playmate is a Siberian bloodhound of immense proportions. The other day the dog rolled him off the porch, four feet from the ground, in play, and fairly mopped the ground with the small boy. When he let him go the child lay still, looked up in his face, and said: "Don't be afraid, big dog; boy won't hurt you!"

"Now, Mamie," quoth a fond parent to her darling, who was about to depart for a children's din-ner party, "don't forget your manner party, "don't forget your man-ners. Be sure and say, yes, sir, no, sir, and yes, ma'am, and no, ma'am, when any one speaks to you." And Mamie, being asked if she would have some soup, replied with a promptness entailed by the consciousness that she was saying the right thing in the right place: "Yee, sir, no, sir, yes, ma'm, no, ma'm," and then wondered what they were laughing at.—[The Ram-

The Settlement.

A rich man in Davenport hired a man to dig a cistern, agreeing to pay \$12 for the job. After it was done the rich man seized the laborer's tools and locked them up, alleging that the cistern leaked. It was really a ruse to make the working man take less pay. The latter dissembled his rage and induced the rich man to descend into the cistern to examine it. No sooner had he done so than the laborer drew up the ladder and stood guard over the cistern with a club, vowing that the other should not come up until he had settled the bill. The imprisoned one yelled "murder!" and "fire!" and a crowd of his neighbors gathered, but when they learned the trouble no one would interfere, and they let him stay until he liquidated.—[Peoria (III.) Journal.

A Costly Bit of Furniture.

Among the costly articles of furnit-ure designed by Alma Tadema, for a millionaire American, is a musical cabinet, the upper part of which is a copy of an Asiatic temple. The pillars are of fluted cedar wood, the delicious red-brown of that beautiful wood coming out with great effect by reason of the carving. The capitals are carved ivory in a mellow tint of warm cream color. The rest is ebony, inlaid with various woods and with exquisite mother-o'-pearl, which glitters like jewels. The curtains that veil the recesses intended for holding the music are of gray silk embroidered in soft, rich colors, a lyre occupying the center.

For the Crazy Quilt.

Mr. Dusenberry—"My dear, where are all my silk neckties?" Mrs. Dusenberry—"I used them in my crazy quilt. Put on the one

you wore yesterday."
Mr. Dusenberry, a twinkle in his eyes—"You have a weakness for ties, I notice. By the by, there are a number of them on the station lot."

"What! ties?" "Yes. At least a dry load of "Good gracious, Mr. Dusenberry

And just a little worn?"
"Yes." "What kind of ties are they?" "Railroad ties, my dear."-[Phila-

delphia Call. No Need of a Newspaper

"And do you not take your local paper?"
"No; the fact is I haven't time to

"I should think you would want to know what is going on in your

"Oh, I hear all the news." "You do?" "Oh, yes, more than there is in the paper. My wife attends two sewing circles every week."—[Bos

ton Courier. The Boston papers are commenting on the fact that a boy who sold some of his father's furniture, during the absence of his parents, received exactly the same sentence as a man who nearly killed his wife. The judge who imposed the sentence evidently believes it is easier to get a new wife than it is to get new furniture.

Judge—"Do you understand what you are to swear to!" Witness—
"Yes, sah. I'm to swear to tell de truf." Judge—"And what will happen if you do not tell it?" Witness—"I 'spects our side'll win de case, sah."—[Cincinnati Enquirer. Judge-"Do you understand what

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fever."
"You don't tell me." "You don't tell me."

"Yes, I do. It was only yesterday he come home with the news that Mrs. Cubley's baby had a tooth, and the day before that he found out that Bibler was on a spree again, and was smashing up things around the house dreadful, and I think it was Tuesday—wasn't it Tuesday, Melissy? Yes, I'm quite sure it was—the little rat saw Miss Snarley and old Granny Savage shaking their fists at one another out of the up-stairs winders as

other out of the up-stairs winders as he was on his way home. Yes, he learns right smart, mam, and he's quite a comfort to me on that ac-count, too, I can tell you, even though he is bow-legged and has on-ion-colored eyes like his father."— [Chicago Ledger.

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