

SEA FURNISHES MUCH FOOD

United States Has Perhaps the Most Valuable Fishery of Which All Coast States Share.

The United States has what is said to be the most valuable fishery in the world, but probably not one person in ten can name it. It is conducted in every seacoast state, from Cape Cod to the Rio Grande, and from Puget sound up to San Francisco, and it yields annually about 115,000 tons of food as prepared for consumption, an equivalent of 400,000 dressed steers. It employs about 67,000 persons, and its annual product, as it comes from the water, is valued at over \$15,000,000. There are other fisheries that possibly exceed it in the ultimate value of their products, but in such cases much labor and material and a heavy investment of capital have been concerned in manufacturing operations to prepare the product for the consumer; as, for example, the canned-salmon industry of the Pacific coast. The American fishery for codfish on the Atlantic coast, which has been the cause of much diplomatic discussion and of grave international negotiations, appears almost insignificant in comparison, its value in normal times before the great war being about \$3,000,000 yearly; and the shad fishery, the prospects of which each spring call forth much comment in the public press, produces not one-tenth as much food. The most valuable fishery is that which furnishes us with oysters. The bureau of fisheries has more than once called attention to this vast food resource and the possibilities for increasing it and using it to better advantage.

CHINESE TURNING TO SPORTS

Necessity for Physical Culture is Beginning to Be Recognized in the New Republic.

Physical culture and all types of athletics were, until very recently, held in contempt by the Chinese, and consequently the Shanghai boys did not know what the joy of indulging in baseball and other sports meant, says Boys' Life. Ages ago chariot driving, archery and the other classic sports played an important part in Chinese education. With the dawning of China's literary golden age, however, the scholars could not see how mental perfection could be attained if there was any thought of athletic prowess. Muscles and brawn, they said, belonged to the peasant, and the gentleman of culture should show his good breeding by a scholarly pallor, stooped shoulders and a general unhealthy appearance.

This attitude toward physical development persisted for centuries, and it has been only within the last few decades that interest has been vouchsafed in sports. With the introduction of new educational methods and the entrance of occidental theories into the orient, athletics once more came into their own and the Chinese student tucked up his cue and his dignity and went in for pole vaulting and hurdling.

China has now the idea that a nation's economic progress depends largely on the healthy bodies and minds of its citizens, and missionaries find little difficulty in winning subscriptions for athletic fields for the schools.

First Jap Woman Journalist.

The first Japanese woman to edit a woman's page in her country, Myro Kohashi, is studying journalism at Columbia university in preparation for teaching journalism in the Tokyo Union college next year. A decade ago women journalists were unheard of and unthought of in Japan. Now many women are growing interested in the profession, but very few of them have had special training for the work. That is why Miss Kohashi is preparing to teach the subject. "Women in Japan are liking the newspaper profession," says Miss Kohashi, "and already in Tokyo we have a club of twenty women journalists." Miss Kohashi is the Japanese representative of an interesting group of women students of 33 nationalities who form the International Foyer of the Y. W. C. A. at Columbia university.

Simple Logic.

The earl of Portarlidgton, who was one of the first to volunteer for service during the railway strike in England, relates the following story: A boy scout on duty at one of the London termini, feeling the pangs of hunger about eleven o'clock one morning, began a vigorous attack on a substantial lunch he had brought with him. A gentleman passing by was moved to remark: "My boy, if you eat much now you won't have any appetite for your dinner." To which the smart little fellow replied: "Well, I guess if I haven't any appetite I shan't want any dinner." The gentleman had no more to say.

Season of Peril.

At this season of the year it is folly to enter your bedroom without turning on the light. Also do not attempt to sit on the edge of the bed unless you are sure the bed is there, for this is house-cleaning time and the women folks may have decided to put the bed on the other side of the room this year, so it is well to be careful, for you never can tell.—Knox Messenger.

That Dose Should Be Effective.

"What are you treating me for, doc?" "You have a cold." "You have owed me \$500 for two years."—Bob.

EXPLAINS ORIGIN OF "JAZZ"

At Last the Secret (?) Is Given to the World, and by an Englishman, Too.

Writing about the jazz reminds me that the subject is of such importance that a long cablegram was recently sent from London concerning the origin of the word. According to the cablegram, the secret is out, and it is an Englishman who gives us the valuable information.

He tells us that, while Englishmen should not be held responsible for the vernacular of their brethren in the Western continent, the word jazz, he admits, is now as much a household word in England as in America. And then he goes on to say that the word came from the South and from the negroes. Now in the South, he tells us, there is a germ known as the hookworm, which affects all true southerners. Some unkind employers call it "lazier-lit." The white employer, according to the erudite Englishman, in the South has many thousands of negroes working for him, and consequently many overseers. So, not being able to remember the names of all his foremen, he generally names each man Jasper, which, according to this Englishman, is a term of the highest esteem. Through the very human love of abbreviation, Jasper became "Jas." and as the overseer's principal means of getting work out of his underlings is through harsh and abusive tongue, he was often requested to "Jass up" the work. The Southern drawl makes "Jass" sound like "Jazz." And there we have the word itself. And jazz music, no matter what classic-loving critics may say about it, at least inspires energy. Hence the derivation.—Musical America.

TRAVEL IN "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Description of Journey Made in Early '50s Recalls the Hardships of the Pioneers.

The hardships of pioneer life in Wisconsin during the early '50s are vividly portrayed by Dr. John C. Reeve, in an article entitled, "A Physician in Pioneer Wisconsin," in the Wisconsin Magazine of History, published by the State Historical society.

The difficulties involved in the practice of medicine in a country almost devoid of roads, and with only the necessities of life, and with practically no money, are related by Doctor Ræve, who practiced in a small village in Dodge county. Of a journey made in January, 1852, he writes:

"Called to Cleveland by the critical illness of a sister, I left home on a Sunday morning in a sleigh, a private conveyance, and reached Milwaukee, about 50 miles away, that night. From there on runners to Chicago. Thence some 30 miles by Michigan Central railroad, and then by vehicle across to the Southern Michigan, at that time building from Toledo to Chicago. The appointments of the road were not yet made, so several times the train stopped, the passengers alighted and chopped fence rails to make fuel for the locomotives. From Toledo, on wheels, to a point on the railroad from Sandusky to Cincinnati; I think the place was Gallion. I reached my destination just at dark on Saturday night. I had traveled during the whole week, passing but two nights in bed."

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Shorted Mortals.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand. An angel came to visit us, and we did not know them when they

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