

Small Worlds Around Us
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Nature Protects Creatures From Burning in Sun
The sun bather on the beach, or the fisherman in the boat can testify to the severity of the sun's ability to burn. Man can rely on man-made protections, but other creatures must rely on nature.

And nature devised various means whereby her subjects, at least those that must be exposed for intervals, could withstand the heat of the sun. They receive this protection by natural coverings, or by obeying a natural instinct to move out of the direct rays of the sun.

The same hair that protects an animal from the cold also can protect it against extreme heat. The feathers of a bird insulate the body against either heat or cold. No insulating material ever devised by man equals the insulating qualities of fur or feathers.

On Guard
Those animals whose body temperatures remain about the same, or slightly higher than their surroundings, must always be on guard against sunstroke. Too much sun can be fatal to a snake. Its dry outer surface is not suited to direct sunlight for extended periods of time. These animals have the instinctive knowledge to seek the shade or a cool environment.

The frog, although a reptile and therefore cold-blooded, can take a little more sun as its body surface is moist, but too long exposure would dry it out and unless replenished, or immersed in cool water, the frog, too, would actually die of sunburn.

The porpoise, and its large cousin the whale, are constantly immersed in water which maintains an even body temperature. These warm-blooded mammals are protected from the cold by layers of fat and their ability to move to warmer waters when the temperature is cold. And they move to cooler water when the sun is hot.

Remove one of these animals from its natural environment and we must douse it with water at frequent intervals, otherwise a high fever builds up quickly, which will, if not arrested, kill the animal in a relatively short time.

Change Position
Being an air breather, the porpoise can live out of water as long as the body is kept wet and the position of the animal changed from time to time to prevent undue strain on the heart.

Being always suspended in water, the body weight on the heart is of no consequence while buoyed up by water, but fatal if the animal is too long on an unyielding surface.

The porpoise comes to the surface to breathe at frequent intervals, but at such times the body is wet and the time in the sun is brief.

Other living things, such as those existing in the plant world, that must withstand the burning rays of the sun, have other methods by which they can withstand the burning effect.

The leaves of some plants turn edgewise to the sun's rays; others are protected by a lacquer-like material on the leaf surface, a material many times more effective than any sunburn remedy man has so far invented.

Foreign Councils To Contribute Aid For New Farm Equipment
Los Angeles—(UPI)—British and German religious organizations have volunteered to contribute nearly \$400,000 to the Agricultural Aids Foundation of Los Angeles to pay for small tractors and farm equipment for struggling young nations.

"Bread for the World," a Protestant organization in Germany, has allocated \$60,000 for the work. The British Council of Churches' Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, promised \$336,000 to pay for 100 tractors. The Agricultural Aids organization is a non-profit agency founded eight years ago by the Southern California-Arizona Conference of the Methodist church.

Pastor Receives Fee Long After Marriage
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