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TRACES HISTORY OF GOLDFISH FOR MUSEUM

Curator of Anthropology Finds That This Fish Native to China

The history, and the development as a household pet, of the goldfish, are traced by Dr. Bethold Laufer, curator of anthropology at Field Muele in the September Field Museum News, published for the 6,000 members of the institution.

Goldfish made their first appearance in Europe in the year 1691, having been imported from St. Helena," writes Dr. Laufer. "They had come to St. Helena from Batavia, and Chinese settlers who emigrated to Java had brought them along as a reminder of their home country.

Darwin Knew

"Charles Darwin already knew that our goldfish hailed from China, and registered his belief that it has been kept in confinement there from an ancient period. The belief is well founded, and is strongly supported by Chinese records that furnish abundnt evidence to this effect. The goldfish is a native of China and still occurs in her rivers in a wild state. It has been brought by the Chinese not only into a complete state of domestication, but also the numerous varieties and the many fantastic and grotesque monstrosities with protruding eyes or with three and four lobed tails are the product of Chinese skill and industry. These varieties were produced not by chance, but by a studied and conscious method of interbreeding.

"The experiments to which the Chinese fanciers have subjected the fish ever since the eleventh century are practically identical with those carried on by our modern biologists. At that early date they understood the principle of 'breeding to a point' to perfection. To hear a Chinese goldfish breeder talk about schemes and methods reminds one of Darwin and evolutionary theories. The plastic material of which the goldfish is shaped can, within certain limits, be molded into almost anything under the hands of a skillful breeder.

"The great variability in the color of the skin, as well as in the form of the head, fins, and tail, is the result of many centuries of domestication.

"In China the goldfish is kept in garden ponds or in large pottery or porcelain basins, but never in glass globes such as are used in America. Field Museum has on exhibition a rare and beautiful specimen of a seventeenth century blue and white porcelain bowl for gold fish, made in two pieces and decorated with lotus leaves. The museum possesses also a number of Chinese paintings of goldfish."

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Evanston Council Is Unanimous for Lights

After four years of work, worry, wrangling, and technical warfare, Evanston's ornamental street lighting ordinance received final and unanimous approval of the City council last week upon its presentation by Alderman Clinton Merrick, chairman of the street lighting committee seum of Natural History, in an arti- charged with the final work of the document. The final estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,438,000.

> After an estimated clapse of probably two months to allow for preparation of the assessment roll, the document will go to the courts where a date will be set for the filing of objections by the property owners.

"Passing Days"

Whither those melancholy days? I've searched them far and wide; Over meadows and the steep mountain side. I've roamed.

And the sad November, where? For I have tramped where streamlets

Have looked into the cavern dank where ghosts abide And rushing water foamed.

Instead a treasure found I. What earlier had been blossoms now were dried,

New families thru which old rules would be applied;

In autumn bronzes groomed.

Clear came the answer to those earlier days. Profound love had proven, and with

pride, That Beauty reigned where

Melancholy sighed, And thus thru understanding Love Had Beauty bloomed.

Melissa Quinn.

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