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Fishes that Enjoy Themselves out of Water.



In India, Ceylon, Burma, the Malay archipelago and the Philippines, the climbing perch is well known. It is eight or nine inches long, dark green in color and marked with dusky bands.

Long distances are travelled on land by this fish, which drags itself over the ground by hitching its pectoral fins around stems of grass or anything else that affords a "foothold."

Although its Malayan name means "tree-climber," some naturalists do not take much stock in its climbing habits, or, at least, do not think it makes a custom of climbing trees.

In 1791 a traveller named Dalziel said he took a climbing perch from a palmyra palm, growing near a lake. When captured, it was five feet from the ground and struggling to get higher.

Suspended by its gill covers and pectoral fins, it was heaving from side to side, sticking its tail in cavities of the bark and wriggling steadily upward. This fish can exist for days out of water.

In these lands invaders still continue to be the great of respiration, but their structure is modified considerably. In the gill cavity is an accessory organ consisting of folds of mucous membrane that expose a larger respiratory surface to the air.

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SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Dixie is Taking Care of Itself to Judge From Figures.

The editor of the Manufacturers' Record, Richard H. Edmunds, in a communication to The New York Evening Post, gives some figures upon southern industrial progress for the past year that seem almost incredible, though he is reckoned as a dependable authority upon the development of that section.

It is believed the fish spring into the air in order to avoid enemies that press after them from beneath. Continuation of flight is thought to be due to the original impetus of the leap from the water, and is not prolonged by flapping the fins, although when they first leave the water the fins may be seen to vibrate rapidly—probably a continuation of the swimming motion.

After the first two feet the fins remain rigid and the fish simply soars. It is unable to change the direction of its flight to any great extent.

A cousin of the flying fish proper is the flying gurnard, of the Mediterranean, the tropical Atlantic and Indo-Pacific oceans. The best known variety is found in the Mediterranean.

The purnard is larger than the true flying fish, measuring eighteen inches from the snout to the tail. It is not able to fly as far as its graceful little relative.

Technical writers believe that the number of seals taken in the Pribilof islands between 1870 and 1900 was about 2,200,000, and by pelagic hunting in Bering sea during the same period about 700,000 more.

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REALM OF RELIGION.

NOTES ABOUT CHURCH AND OTHER GOOD WORKS.

Trying to Arouse Religious Revival in New York—Should Protestant Church Establish Confessional.

Atlanta, Georgia Presbyterians propose to raise \$200,000 for a new hospital. The Christian Herald has sent \$65,000 in addition to the Chinese famine sufferers, making \$101,000 in all from this source alone.

Canon Leader, of Liverpool, has been appointed Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, to succeed Bishop Hoare, who was crowned in a typhoon.

The S. P. G. has allocated funds to choose out of its great call: Saskatchewan, \$4,000; Ontario and Calgary, \$3,000 each; Rupert's Land, \$1,600.

Dr. Broughton of Atlanta raised on a recent Sunday \$100,000 toward a fund of \$30,000 for the erection of a great Baptist tabernacle and institutional church.

The English secular press with great unanimity has condemned Rev. J. G. Campbell for his "new theology," saying that he should resign his salary and go out of an evangelical pulpit.

The S. P. C. K. special grants for Canada include \$9,000 for church buildings and training students, \$1,000 for Selkirk, and \$200 for clergy endowment in Qu'Appelle, \$375 for specified grants.

In Pekin University there is a student volunteer band of forty-seven young Chinese, who last summer engaged in evangelistic work. This is a hopeful sign of the self-propagation of Chinese Christianity.

Anent disestablishment in Wales. Parliament has been reminded that Welsh preceptors attended the convocation of Canterbury 250 years before the Welsh counties sent representatives to the House of Commons.

The Montreal Witness thinks that Great Britain may make the Jews of Palestine an autonomous state of some kind under its suzerainty, claiming that this right was obtained from the Sultan by Lord Palmerston.

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE.

The Death of An Aged Lady at Greenbush.

Pictou Times. An old Greenbush resident in the person of Mrs. Jane Anderson, passed away at the age of 101 years.

A Drunken Camel. Paris has been laughing at the antics of a drunken camel which slept in a police station.

Frog Skins Are Chicken Feathers. There is a dispute between the collector of the port and a firm of Japanese importers over the classification of frog skins.

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GROUP OF PARIS CABWOMEN. The example so boldly set by a woman in Paris recently of securing a license as a cab driver has been followed by several other women, and now there are about half a dozen, who may be seen daily steering their vehicles through the most crowded parts of the city. Owing, probably, to the novelty, they have secured a liberal patronage, and threaten to displace this new field of labor with its old-time monarch and autocrat, man.