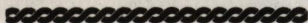


STORY OF THE HICKEN FUR-BEARING FISH



The discovery of this fur-bearing fish was made while traveling through Glacier National Park during a sudden drop in temperature, following up of which led to "Iceberg Lake." Several hooks were tried, but were broken immediately upon touching the water. Finally one was heated, and when this hit the water, the temperature tempered the hook with the result that one of the fish was caught.

The water in this lake is so cold that nature has taken care of her own by providing the fish with a thick coat of fur. In fact, the water is so cold that it is beyond the freezing point.

The beazel, a very rare specimen, is found only on Prince Edward Island and live on the hum of the humming bird. They were found to be the only bait that these fish will bite except in extreme warm weather when it has been learned that they will bite on "ice worms." Another peculiarity of this fish is that it follows the precept of the poet who said: "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." So, with these fish, and during this period with a portable phonograph, by putting on a love song the fish will come to the surface, and the quick transfer to a jazz record results in them shaking themselves to death, when they can be picked out of the water.

It has been found that these fish absolutely refuse to bite during the "love" month of June, but as there is always a black sheep in every family, the one caught (picture of which has been taken) disgraced himself before the entire family and suffered the usual penalty.

They make a rare fight in landing them out of the water, due to the fact that nature has provided them with this fur, which ruffles and causes such a resistance that it is practically impossible to land them only under most favorable circumstances. The fur also acts as an accelerator, and when they step on the gas with their tail and fins their speed is beyond any known fish at the present time. This, in turn, also acts as a brake in reducing speed or stopping, by simply putting the fur against the grain, and is their protection against survival of the fittest.

The change of temperature from this water to atmosphere is so great that the fish explodes upon being taken from the water, and fur and skin come off in one perfect piece, making it available for tanning and commercial purposes, and leaving the body of the fish for refrigerator purposes or eating, as desired. The body keeping the ordinary refrigerator cold for two or three months and no ice required. If the fish is desired for eating purposes it will take several days' cooking to reduce the temperature to a point where ordinary people can dispose of it.

If the fur is made into a neck piece it has been found to be a cure for goitre and tonsillitis, the fur stimulating circulation to such an extent that all impurities are removed. The fish has been so recently discovered that information regarding their habits, etc., is very meager, but further details will be given when available.

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