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A Phase of Life Astonishing to Strangers. All Sorts of People Patronize Lunch-rooms—The Half-headed Referee of Newspaper Row.

"That one half the world never knows how the other half lives is quite an old adage," said an out of town man at one of the hotels the other evening, "but this should not be the case with one-half of Washington. The other half lives on lunches. I never saw a city in my life where there were half as many lunch-rooms to the square foot of territory. How they exist and prosper is to me one of the mysteries of this great city."

"Why, take any part of the business section of the city, and you can't cast a stone without breaking a show window of a lunchroom. Away out Seventh street, at the very terminus of the car line, there are several all night lunchrooms, and I have always noticed that they were doing a good business at all hours of the day and night."

"The first thing that attracted my attention when I paid my initial visit to a Washington lunchroom was the signs upon the wall. One read, 'Small steak and trimmings, 25 cents,' and was all Greek to me. I did not care to display my ignorance and held off many days from giving that order. The patron used to haunt me in my sleep. Finally I screwed up my courage and asked the waiter for a 'small steak, with trimmings.' He did not stare at me, I thought, he should, and finally ended my suspense by bringing me steak, potatoes, coffee and bread and butter. I asked him about the 'trimmings,' and he said that they were bones. The potatoes, bread, butter and coffee were the 'trimmings.' This was my first experience, but now I can call off the bill of fare of most lunchrooms by heart, from the menu of cream at 15 cents to the Maryland biscuit, unuttered, at a cent each."

"Then there is such a chance for studying men in the way they eat their lunches. A friend was in a lunch room with me at noon one day and pointed out several prominent men in the crowd who were eating all sorts of dishes in all manner of ways."

"You see that man over there making an entry in that little notebook? Well, he could buy this whole block and not miss the money. He is a regular patron of this place, and eats a Maryland biscuit unuttered and drinks a cup of coffee at noon every day. He always makes an entry of his purchases in his little notebook, and I dare say there is not a clerk in his employ who does not give 'his digestive organs' more chance for a display of their powers. That other man over there setting them up to a crowd, he's got lots of money, but he not only treats his stomach to the best lunchroom affords, but he always has a crowd eating with him. You would think that if he were a millionaire, he would go to a higher priced place, but the good, clean pastry, the fresh milk and the excellent drip coffee to be found in this place cannot be excelled at any hotel or restaurant in Washington."

"And so we described to the various patrons of the room and their character as developed in such a place. The room in question was in the heart of the business district, and has the patronage of many business men, brokers and department employees."

"This room is interesting, but cannot compare with another place down town what is known here as 'Newspaper row.' I believe. The time to visit the place in question is along between midnight and 1 o'clock in the morning. You will find congregated there the most heterogeneous assembly that it was ever your good fortune to mingle with. Here you may see, toasts, bicycle cranks, newspaper men, telegraph operators, broken down poets and artists, and the man with the jag."

"There is a waiter in this place who is by far the wisest man I ever saw, read or heard about. He has a shiny bald head and wears an expression of profound thought. He sits at one of the tables and listens to the talk that is filling the atmosphere with words alone. Finally a discussion arises, and he is appealed to and settles the dispute forthwith with a decision which is rarely reversed. He has no opinion, no appeal. Whether it was the winner of the Brooklyn Handicap of 1892, the record made on their trial trip by any of the ships in the navy or the number of votes who voted for 'Gilden' he knows it all and renders the decision instantly. He can give you a tip on the winner of the next bicycle race, can give you the record of a man in Congress, and can tell you the result of the last battle in Cuba. And the strangest part of the whole business is that he rarely reads a paper. He gets his news first hand from newspaper men and telegraph operators and has the confidence of all the sports. He can put you on to an opium joint or a place to get a drink after hours, and, in fact, can tell you anything on the face of the earth you want to know. He gathers all this information by listening to the conversations in the lunchroom. There is no place on earth like a lunchroom for studying men and manners, and there is no town on earth that has a finer collection of its species."—Washington Post.

FEEDING IN AQUARIUMS.

Some Curious Methods Employed For the Greater Comfort of the Fishes.

All fishes, including even the dullest and commonest, are likely to be shy when first brought into captivity, as in aquariums, and the very apex at first to refuse food. Sometimes fish refuse persistently week after week, taking none at all and growing thinner and thinner and weaker, until finally they die. Usually, however, the fishes, with proper care, come to feed, though many of them may need to be pampered and nursed along at first. Finally many of the fishes, as they become accustomed to captivity, get very tame, so that they will take food from the hand. Some of the fishes that will do this are fish that might not be thought of as feeding in this manner. The codfish, for instance, will come to the surface after it has become used to captivity and take a strip of fish held down to it in the fingers, at the same time gulping in with it a great mouthful of air and water.

While there is at first necessary for their welfare not only the greatest care, but such food only as they have been accustomed to in nature or as they like best, it is in most cases possible later to switch the fishes to other things, with occasional return to their natural food. Some fishes, however, will eat only live food, and this must always be provided for them. Not infrequently the food, whatever it may be, must be fed in some special way to meet the requirements of individual fishes, and some of the methods employed are curious and interesting.

Fishes in captivity have fewer opportunities, often they have none whatever, of lying in ambush for their prey, and they have far less room for sweep and action in pursuit. Killies placed in a pool or tank as food for larger fishes evade pursuit if they can, and seek the edges of the water, by the walls or the surface, whither they are less likely to be followed. Killies will live for days out of water in properly dampened moss or seaweed. When first put back in the water they are sluggish in movement, but they soon recover their natural activity.

In feeding live killies it is not unusual to keep them out of water for a time, so that they may be more easily captured by the fishes they are to be fed to, which might otherwise be unable to capture them at all, or which might get them only at the risk of doing injury to themselves by running into the walls of the tank. Sometimes among the fishes brought to an aquarium there may be one that has lost an eye. Such a fish is particularly liable to injury in pursuit by running into the wall on its blind side, and to such fishes there are always fed slow killies, and they are put into the water on the side on which the fish can see.

There is at the aquarium a hawkbill turtle from the Yowl islands, off the coast of New Guinea. The hawkbill eats clams cut up into pieces that it can handle. It likes killies, but it could not begin to catch a live killie in the quarters which it occupies, and at first it was difficult for it to pick up dead ones. So the killies were fed to it on the point of a stick. It is doubtful whether fishes capture them at all, or which might get them only at the risk of doing injury to themselves by running into the walls of the tank. Sometimes among the fishes brought to an aquarium there may be one that has lost an eye. Such a fish is particularly liable to injury in pursuit by running into the wall on its blind side, and to such fishes there are always fed slow killies, and they are put into the water on the side on which the fish can see.

Sometimes fish are cut into strips, which, floating down through the water, may be mistaken for live fish. Sometimes such strips are carried down into a tank upon the tip of a rod and moved about in the water to attract slow feeding fish by their resemblance to live small fish. There are many fishes that can swallow a fish as big or nearly as big as themselves. The sculpin and the sea raven are such fishes. They have very large heads and proportionately large mouths. When they are feeling well, they will, like many other fishes, rise to the top to get the food as soon as it is dropped into the water. If one sees a sea raven or a sculpin rising straight up through the water in this manner, with its big mouth wide open, he can begin to understand how it could swallow a fish as big as itself, for it seems as if one could see inside of it clear to its tail.

There are some fishes that have a particular fancy for worms. For these, if there is not a supply at hand, fresh beef is cut into strips resembling worms.—New York Sun.

The Antiquity of Man.
Our geologists rarely use the term "quaternary." By European writers it is understood to mean the period which followed the tertiary and includes the present time. Archaeologically it is divided into two epochs, the older including the preglacial, the glacial and the postglacial ages, all characterized by a chipped stone industry, the latter beginning with the neolithic culture and continuing till now.



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