

At night he sleeps with the body hidden under the plants, leaves, etc., of aquarium, the nostrils and part of head only being visible; but in day time he prefers to bask in sunlight on a small raised landing. At this time a small common turtle, probably for warmth, generally slept perched on his back.

Efforts in taming have not been very successful. One attempt to bite was made.

Although considerable attention is required in changing water frequently in warm weather, and watchfulness in keeping the aquarium at all times covered to prevent escape, still the pleasure derived from observing his habits, more than compensates for the trouble taken.

A Japanese turtle and a Chinese turtle were companions to the alligator. The Japanese was a fine specimen, kindly donated by one of the curators of the New York Aquarium.

They would have hibernated, if given opportunity. Most of their time was spent hidden under the leaves, weeds, etc., of the aquarium. When called they only extended their necks, occasionally taking a little meat, but on bright days, they came out to enjoy the heat of the sun. When spring came they were lively and became quite tame, taking flies from the hand as long as one had the patience to catch them, but tearing off and rejecting the wings. They were called Jap and John, the former being the livelier and responding to a whistle or to his name when called.

Everything of a carnivorous character seemed to suit their palates; their food while in mouth was torn into pieces by the claws. It was great amusement feeding them worms; each taking hold of an end, a tug-of-war would follow, lasting till the worm was torn asunder. The best sport was when a turtle tried to take a worm from the alligator; if the worm were strong enough to stand the strain the former would be towed round and round the aquarium and handled very roughly.

Some Salamanders (*Spelerpes bilineatus*) were placed in the aquarium, as companions, but inside of an hour the turtle had bitten a large piece out of the tail of one: they had to be at once removed. Fish were placed with them as companions, but the turtles gave them no peace. Turtles are very courageous and