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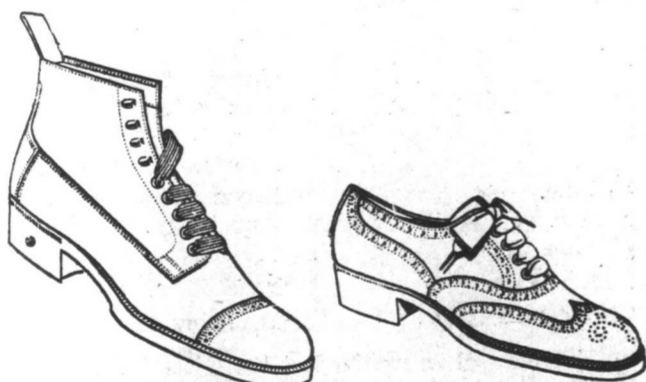
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A Traffic Census of the Fish

Bird migrations have long been studied by fastening tags to thousands of birds. The same method is now pursued with fish, which are being tagged by tens of thousands to disclose movements and routes that carry them from sea to sea to find their native breeding-grounds. This sort of census is prompted not alone by scientific curiosity. It is a necessary link in the process of regulating the fisheries so that particular localities shall not become "fished out." Science Service, in a recent "feature" press-bulletin (Washington), tells us that American scientists are now nearing the solution of this most baffling of fish mysteries. They have set themselves to discover by examination of a salmon caught at sea the name of the river in which it was hatched. Clues already have been found by the X-ray and the microscope which make them confident that in found hundreds or thousands of miles from home mingling with others of the same species from dozens of different streams. We read:

"Where the fish come from, where they will go, their ages, weights, and life habits are being deduced from evidence seemingly more slender than the bit of mud or cigar ashes upon which the fiction sleuth hangs his ratiocinations.

"The homing instinct of salmon is the basis for one of the principal industries of the Pacific coast. In the early spring mature salmon leave their feeding-grounds in the ocean and swim for the place of their birth.

"When he reaches his fresh-water home, Mr. Salmon digs a little hollow in the bed of the stream. Mrs. Salmon lays her eggs in their nest. Then both parents die before their family has a chance to hatch. It is this migration toward the breeding-ground that forms the 'runs' during which some of the fish are caught for canning. It is necessary for the government fish experts to know the home river of the salmon, so as to prevent overfishing.

"There are five species of Pacific Coast salmon, of which the King salmon brings the highest price. But each river has its own particular race of king salmon. The problem of the experts is to detect the difference.

"E. A. McGregor, investigator for the California Fish and Game Commission, has turned powerful X-rays upon the subject. His radiographs show that king salmon 'fry' of the Klamath River race have more vertebrae than those of the same species from Sacramento River. Moreover, the female Sacramento king salmon produce nearly twice as many eggs as the Klamath.

"Other fish investigators are following other clues in their effort to discover the difference between salmon in other rivers. Charles H. Gilbert, professor of zoology at Stanford University has discovered that the scales of a fish show the approximate weight and size at any time during its past growth. Salmon scales show a series of concentric growth-rings that look like tree-rings, although many are added each year.

"In summer, when the water is warmer and the food more plentiful, wide rings are added. In winter the rings are narrower and closer; so that the number of the bands from the center gives the approximate age of the salmon. The width of the scale bears a definite relationship to the length of the fish and the distance across any of the series of rings shows the proportionate size at the period of its life which they represent.

There is also a detectable difference between the growth-rings formed while the fish is in fresh water and those made during life in the sea. Less evident differences that distinguish the many races of a single species are now being worked out by Dr. Gilbert. The writer continues:

"Salmon are caught at their feeding-grounds in the sea. A few scales are scraped from the back and stuck in a book opposite a number. A small aluminum tag, bearing this same number is then clamped on the tail of the salmon and it is thrown back again into the water. Under Dr. Gilbert's direction over 10,000 salmon were tagged in this way last year.

"Like police tracing automobiles by their license numbers, Dr. Gilbert and his coworkers follow the movements of the fish. Fishermen are notified to send in the tags found on salmon they catch with a notation telling where

the fish was captured. When a number of such tags are reported from a certain river, the microscopist looks up the record books and studies the characteristics of the scales from that particular stream.

"These tagging experiments alone have already thrown much light on the life history of Alaskan salmon.

"Systematic tagging of fish is practically in its infancy. It has, however, also been applied to ocean fish who are not so easily traced as the salmon. Cod, haddock and pollock have been tagged by the thousands off the Massachusetts coast. Many of these fish recaptured at various points between Portland and Cape May have yielded information as to their migration routes.

"A traffic census of the sea is in progress. Soon more may be known about the travels of fish than the movement of animals, birds and insects."

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Policeman Shoots Himself Twice

KILLING LITTLE DOG THAT BIT FIVE.

Entire Hoboken Police Force on Hunt of Snapping Yellow Cur.

A little yellow dog bit five persons recently in Hoboken and created so much excitement that the city's entire police force was ordered to kill it. Two motorcycle patrolmen cornered the dog and killed it, but not before one of the policemen had been wounded twice by his own bullets.

For two days the Hoboken police have been receiving complaints of a small dog which snapped at passersby. A phone call advised Police Headquarters that Nicholas Grandjia of No. 60 Third Street had been bitten. A patrolman found the injured man at his home, but the dog had disappeared. Before the policeman got back to Headquarters word had arrived that Joseph Quinan of No. 668 Breen Lane Avenue, had been bitten by a dog which ran away. A few minutes later Louis Walsh of No. 314 Hudson Street jumped into Police Headquarters with his leg bitten and his trousers badly ripped.

Although every available motorcycle man in Hoboken was ordered to hunt the dog, and all reserves were sent out, it was nearly an hour later that Motorcycle Policeman Forsythe found the usually busy point at Washington and Fifth Streets deserted and a yellow dog running toward Hudson Square Park, snapping right and left. Scores of children were playing about as the animal approached. One youngster walked toward it and the

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Forsythe gave a cry of pain and fell. After the dog had been killed it was found that two bullets, which apparently had rebounded from the stone pavement, had hit Forsythe, one in the right ankle and another in the right thigh. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital. The five persons bitten will be kept under surveillance by Health Department officials in Hoboken until an examination is made of the dog by the Pasteur Institute in New York.

Chinese Woman Bandit PUT TO HORRIBLE DEATH.

Shanghai—"Old Mother" Djao, said to be the most notorious and bloodthirsty bandit the province of Shantung ever produced, has been executed at Ichowfu in Shantung, according to reports received in Shanghai by mission organizations. These

advices add that the dreaded feminine bandit underwent that most fearsome of Chinese death penalties, the ling-che, or in English, the slicing process.

Forty-seven years old and an expert horsewoman "Old Mother" Djao led a band of several hundred outlaws who terrorized a broad area. It is related of her that last summer she planned an attack against Ichowfu after calling to her aid two ad-ded groups of bandits. They had assembled at a place near the village of Balhialang when a home-guard of villagers, known as the "Big Knife Society," apprised of their purpose, attacked them and suffered utter defeat.

The villagers were driven back into Balhialang and the bandits followed them. Then the gates of the village were closed and every man was shot down. Sixty women and children then were lined up, and "Old Mother" Djao was asked what to do with them. Her order to kill them all were carried out with the result that every man, woman and child who was within the walls after the gates had been closed was slain. Even the cattle and dogs of the village suffered the same fate.

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