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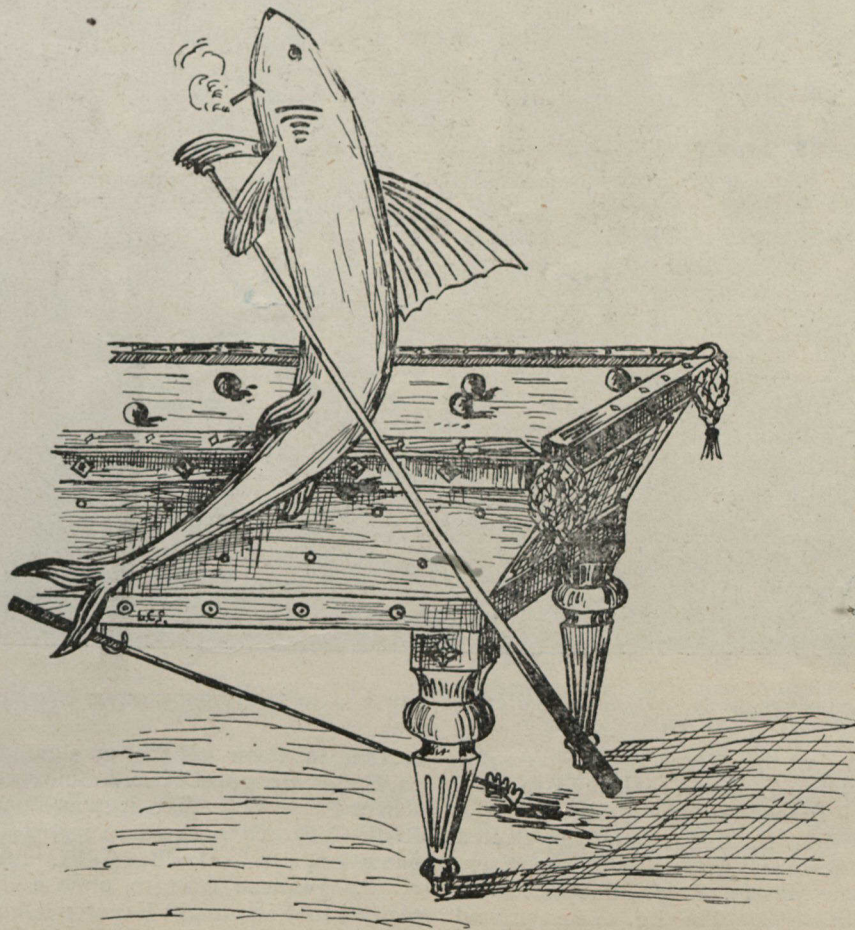
Realizing that there exist around this institution several species of creatures which seem to be peculiar to this locality, and believing that we should endeavor to the best of our ability to familiarize ourselves with all the forms of animal life with which we come into contact, I have determined, in a series of short articles, to describe a few common species. These little talks will be couched in as simple language as possible, so that even the freshmen may be able to understand them.

This species is a very interesting member of the genus

He is not what you might call an intellectual creature, even though he shows a decided liking for *Boston*. But it must not be inferred from the above that the Pool-shark is a numbskull. Far from it! He is very sharp and clever in some things, and few men can add up a number of figures with the celerity and accuracy which he shows in the process. But although he is so clever and agile he never boasts of his skill (before the game). In fact in a good many cases he is rather inclined to be overly modest until he has commenced playing. The members of the species are to a certain extent religiously inclined and they always have *Parsons* among them. The Pool-shark is a

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The *Poolus Carcharus*, or Pool Shark.



damus bummus, and is found chiefly in the neighborhood of the Union Billiard-room. The pool-shark is a very playful fish, in fact he plays all day long, and one of his chief characteristics is that whenever he plays he does so with great energy as if a great deal depended upon the result. Moreover he shows a marked aversion to paying, and whenever he is asked to do so he splashes and kicks around in his native element something awful. He has an excellent eye for color, especially when the object which shows the color has in addition two figures marked on it.

very greedy and voracious fish and an energetic *Hunter* after his prey. He is parasitic and omniferous, but lives chiefly on suckers, showing marked preference for the young and tender ones. He is very partial to tobacco, and in seeking suckers to prey upon usually chooses those who are known to have a supply of that weed.

From what has been said about the habits of the Pool-shark it will be seen that it behooves the little boys of the first year to shun the company of this dangerous fish.

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