

MILK FOR MOSQUITOES

When one sees a fish culturist milk a cow and then pour the milk into a pond, being informed meanwhile that the purpose is to raise mosquitoes, questioning the fish culturist's sanity seems to be rather justified.

In the rearing of game fish, however, one of the main difficulties is the supplying of live animal food in the form of creatures of a size that can be eaten by the newly hatched fish fry. In natural ponds where the number of fish is limited, the protozoa, bloodworms, cyclops, and ordinary insect larvae present are sufficient, but in the large scale production of a well conducted fish hatchery, every means of adding to the natural food in the ponds must be considered.

It is only the adult lady mosquitoes that bother our peace of evenings, and the "wiggletail" larva we often note in the rain barrels are exceedingly pleasing to very young fish. In turn, the milk being rich in nitrogen adds to the prosperity of the mosquitoes and great swarms of the wiggletails develop. Just before these larvae are ready to develop wings and come out of the water and annoy us, the fish culturist opens the sluice gates of the ponds where they are bred and allows them to sweep down to other ponds where the hungry fish fry wait.

The fish eat the mosquitoes; the fish culturist ultimately eats the fish,-- and derives energy from them to milk the cow again. As Confucious says, "Thus turns the wheel of life".

THE USE OF "DOG" IN NAMES

There are many words of which "dog" forms a part, as in dogwood, dog-cart, dogfish and others. The origin of "dogwood" has caused much discussion. The most persistent explanation attributes the name to the Celtic language, as having connection with the word "dagger". In this explanation it is stated that the flowering tree was called "dogwood" because its exceedingly hard wood may be sharpened to a fine point. This quality caused it to gain early popularity as material for making skewers for meat, and the resemblance of the butcher's skewer to the better-known dagger or "dag", as the weapon was once known, caused the tree to be called "dagwood". This became changed to "dogwood". Another explanation is that the word was applied to the tree as indicating inferiority, but no lover of dogs will accept this without an argument. The dog-cart takes its name from the circumstance that the two-wheeled carts used by English sportsmen had boxes in the rear for carrying the dogs to be used in the hunt. The dogfish took its name from the fact that the fish of this species of shark hunt in packs, after the fashion of hounds and beagles. An interesting circumstance illustrating this tendency is afforded by a historical incident of 1858, when an enormous shoal of dogfish, covering an area of many square miles, appeared along the north coast of Scotland.

HOW TO FEED FLIES IN CASE YOU LOVE THEM

Are you feeding your house flies properly?

These delicate creatures, so charming and desirable about the home, can't be happy and healthy on just "any old thing" you leave about for them.