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Fishes may revive after being frozen two or three months.

Use of pine shavings as "snow" in moving picture productions is being tried out.

Surveyors' tapes are made of a nickel steel called invar, which does not expand or contract with changes in temperature.

Leopard skin once defied imitation, but skilful furriers can now stencil the leopard's spots on sheared goat skin.

Since 1901, the proportion of plantation rubber used in this country has increased from nothing to 93 per cent.

A small tiara of little gold beads, worn by a woman 6,000 years ago, is one of the old Egyptian finds made at Abydos.

The Chemical Warfare Service is studying the teredo and other marine borers which recently appeared in Pacific waters.

The eyes are more abused than any other organ, because there is usually no pain to warn an individual of injury to vision.

Pulp left over in making sisal fiber contains enough fermentable sugar to yield about five gallons of alcohol per ton of leaves.

To protect old autographs and writings on the rock known as El Morro National Monument, in New Mexico, the inscriptions have been coated with waterproof paint.

Pollywogs

The pollywog in youth can swish
About the pool, a long-tailed fish;
He browses on the sunken weed,
He lives the life all fishes lead,
And makes, we have no sort of doubt,
Fast friends of eels and bass and trout.
And then another life begins—
He sheds his tail, discards his fins,
No longer is a pollywog
But a land-going, green-skinned frog,
By nature most adroitly planned
To live in water or on land.
Our sort of life is not so good.
We never change from babyhood,
Except to grow a bit each day
And by and by get bald or gray.
We have no rare experience
With two quite different elements;
Nor think with recollection fond
Of when we swam about the pond.
Yet, notwithstanding, I'm afraid,
We'll have to stay as we were made.

—James J. Montague in
New York Herald-Tribune.

Buffalo, N. Y., is to have a new museum of science.

The Egyptians built large wooden sea-going ships 2,000 years before Christ.

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