

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE SECTION

GIFTS FROM THE SEA

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FORTUNATE are the people who live on a land whose fertile soil yields bountiful harvests, but no less fortunate are those who, though living on poor soil, have the sea as a source of livelihood. The sea is a constant source of money for the poor

people living in the smaller islands, like Olango where I live. Had it not been for their rich fishing grounds, the people in the smaller islands would have found it difficult to make a living. Because they can not gather fruits and grains from their soil, they turn to the sea in which God has stored his bounteous

gifts for them. Fishes of varied colors, sizes, and kinds abound in big schools, waiting for the fisherman's net, line and hook, or fish corral. Everybody is free to catch them so long as he doesn't use

destructive means, like dynamite or poison.

On the coral reefs may be found shells of different sizes, shapes, and colors. A dish of seashells is very much cheaper than the same amount of meat, and some-

times tastes better. Many people buy shells for decorative purposes. From shells are manufactured buttons, lamp shades, window panels, trays, curtains, and fanciful necklaces.

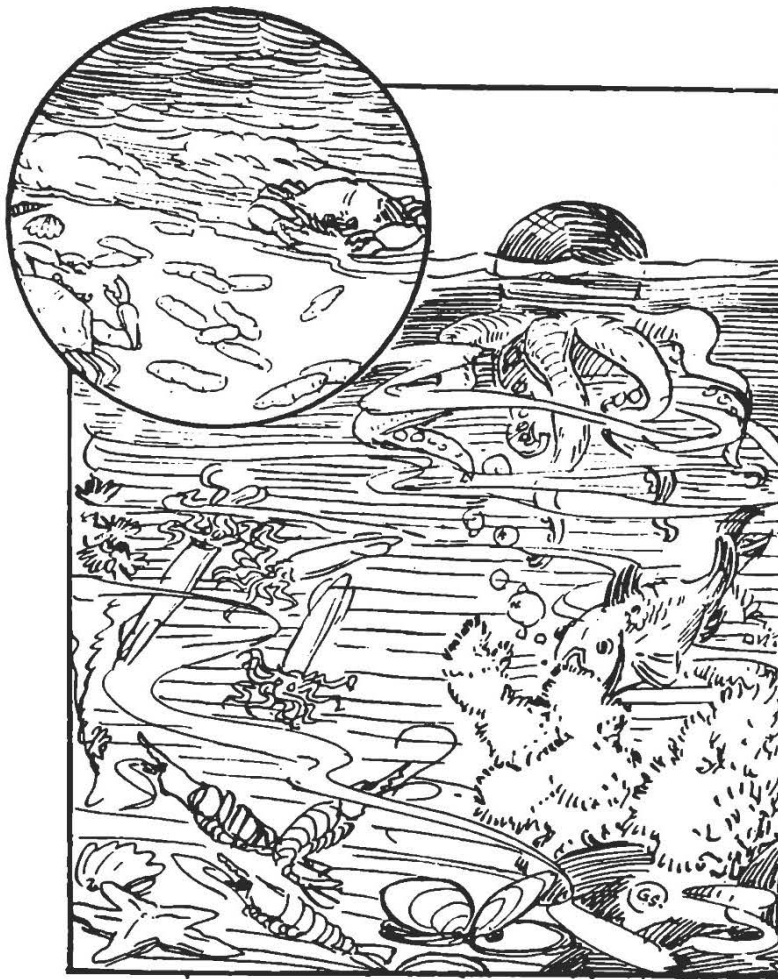
Sea cucumbers, which look like a cucumber in your garden or an enlarged worm, are found along the shorelines.

Trepang, any

of several large sea cucumbers, when dried is regarded as a delicacy, especially by the Chinese.

The cuttlefish, squid, octopus, and others of the same family are very delicious. Many like them dried because

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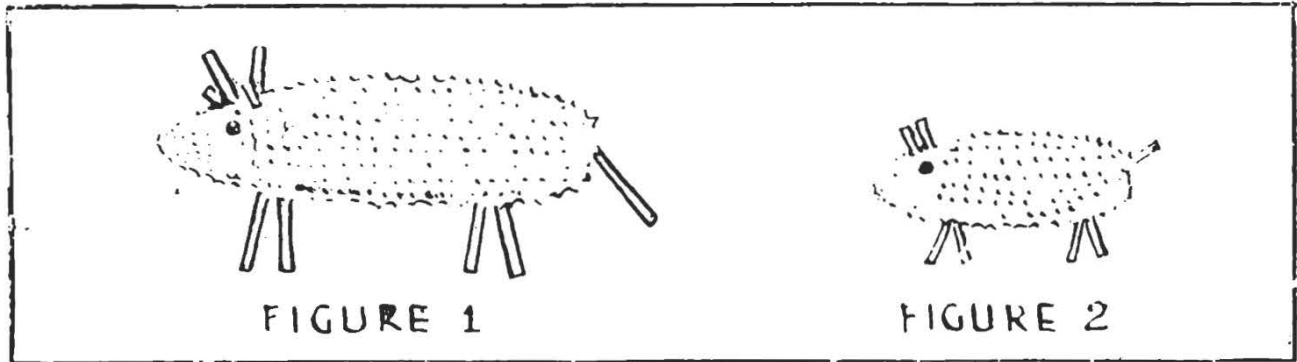


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III. Corncob Animals

Have you ever made animals out of corncobs? Get a short thick corncob and a few toothpicks. If you want to make a cow, stick four toothpicks into the corncob for feet, two for horns, and two short ones for ears. For the eyes, stick deep two toothpicks that have

been blackened with ink. Finally stick one for a tail up and you will have a corncob cow. You can make various animals from corncobs and toothpicks. Figure 1 shows a corncob cow. Figure 2 shows a corncob pig.



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of their appetizing odor.

One of the sea's most useful products are the sponges. The dainty Philippine silk sponge is good for bathing the baby with. The tough-fibered sponge is useful for cleaning automobiles, guns, and household articles.

The Venus Flower Basket is highly prized as an ornament.

The coral is found to be valuable in the manufacture of beads and ornaments. Some people love to make a collection corals of different forms.

The sea urchin which can be easily seen crawling about on the sandy bottom of the sea is a choice dish among many who have tasted its meat.

Shrimps, lobsters, barnacles, and sea weeds are not only cheap but are also rich in food elements which are lacking in many highly-priced foods.

A stroll along the seashore at low tide or a sight-seeing boat ride on a clear day will show to the observer's eye the countless gifts of God found in the sea.

MINDA AT LOS BAÑOS

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from his mother. Before the kid becomes big, it feeds, on the milk of its mother." And he went on, "I milk the mother goat. Goat's milk is very good for old and young. Don't you see that I look much fatter now? It's because of the goat's milk. The doctor says that goat's milk contains much mineral. I want you to drink goat's milk so that you will grow fat."

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

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