FISHERY BY-PRODUCTS

Fish, apart from their value as human food, are diverted now to an ever growing industrial utilization. The total United States fisheries catch for the year 1944, according to reliable statistics, was 4,500,000,000 pounds. of this amount, 1,600,000,000 pounds were used fresh or frozen, 1,200,000,000 pounds were canned and 1,600,000,000 pounds were used for by-products purposes. This means that for every two pounds of fish used for food more than one pound went into industrial processes.

Fish in one form or another finds its way into the daily purchases of the average person. Soap, face cream, linoleum, varnish, paint, leather products, costume jewelery and many, many other commodities consume marine animal oil in their making. Stock and poultry feeds are brought up to demanding nutritional standards by the addition of products of fish orgin. Certain types of fertilizer are derived from fish sources, while fish meal and fish oils, because of their rich vitamin and mineral contents are essential to animal feeds. The base of cod liver oil, haliver oil and related therapeutic compounds is, of course, fish.

With industrial chemists and biologists unceasingly searching for still other non-food uses for fish, pressure on the existing stocks countrywide promises to increase. The wisdom of the fishermen of Maryland, in having provided 1941, a procedure, The Fishery brood stock to assure increased supplies of fish, has been established.

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Seventy-five per cent of the population of this country have hearing defects.

An Arab in the year 875 A.D. actually flew with a pair of man-made wings.

In 1882 there were 1,934 theatres in the entire world.

Laborers working on a royal Egyptian tomb 3,100 years ago, called a sit-down strike until back wages were paid.

First calculating machine was made by the noted Frenchman, Blaise Pascal, who was born in 1623.

A fair sized ocean-going ship of two centures ago would average about 200 tons and cost about $17.-000.

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