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## ALLIGATORS' EGGS IN INCUBATOR.

### A Johns Hopkins Professor Tries Some Experiments.

The "nest" of the Florida alligator is constructed of sticks, leaves, mud and other materials, on the bank of a pond or stream in which the mother alligator lives. The eggs, about thirty in number, are laid in the cavity of this nest, carefully covered, and permitted to incubate by the heat of the sun.

Last August Dr. Albert M. Reese, of the Johns Hopkins University, received by express two lots of alligator eggs from Southern Georgia, which he proceeded to incubate artificially. In the first lot, in spite of all precautions the embryos within the eggs could be kept alive only a little more than a week. In the second lot the contained embryos were so far advanced that most of the eggs were opened and the young alligators preserved for anatomical study. A few of these eggs, however, were packed in a small box of damp humus, to prevent drying, and were kept in an incubator at a temperature of 37 degrees C.

"On opening the incubator a couple of weeks later, curious squeaking sounds were heard coming from the inside of the eggs, the sounds which, in nature, tell the mother that her young are about ready to hatch and should be helped out of the mass of earth and leaves in which they are buried. These sounds are audible at a distance of fifteen yards or more so that even when the eggs are buried in the nest the parent is probably able to hear the call of her young. The next day after the first sound was heard one of the alligators broke out of its shell, and a couple of days latter two more hatched; the rest of the eggs proved to be infertile.

"During the act of hatching the young alligators would snap at the fingers or any small object, quite savagely; but after finally escaping from the egg they could not be induced to do so. The umbilical scar persisted for some time after hatching, but gradually disappeared. The alligator is about twenty centimeters in length when hatched, and that an animal of its bulk should have been contained in so small an egg is quite astonishing. These three artificially hatched alligators are now living, in apparent good health, in a glass-covered box in the laboratory. They are fed about once a week on small bits of raw meat which are thrown into the shallow pan of water in their box. It is probable that had the first lot of eggs been treated as was the second lot, the desired stages of development might have been obtained."

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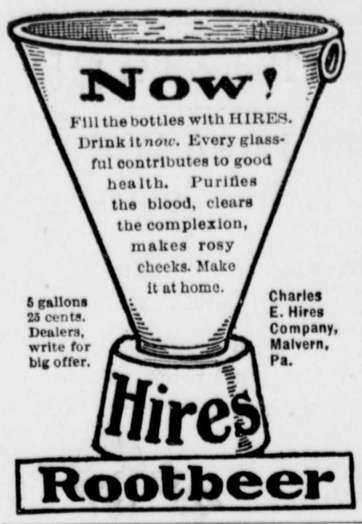


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