

Introducing the Brachiopods.

".....We shall be like certain little brachiopods or 'lamp-shells,' which have remained unchanged in form for millions of years, being practically the same in the seas of today as they were in those of early geological times. While throughout countless ages the living world has been unfolding from lower to higher forms of life, these molluscan types have merely carried on their kind, benefiting nothing by the past, gaining nothing by the future." -- Sir Richard Gregory, Discovery, pp. 29, 30.

More About the Brachiopods.

Realizing the interest which the brachiopod must hold for the average man, our research editor has delved into the files of The Midland Naturalist and revealed the following interesting details:

1. There are more fossiled brachiopods than live ones;
2. The animal has no brains and no backbone, and only the trace of a spinal cord;
3. Its shell is so hard that you couldn't get anything into its brain if it had one;
4. It has large lungs, and a good appetite;
5. Its foot is always close to its mouth;
6. It has no respect for authority and it defies even the law of evolution;
7. It is perfectly satisfied with itself;
8. It is very crustacean.

The Brachiopods of Notre Dame.

A filigree bottle of hair-tonic will be awarded the author of the best song on the brachiopods of Notre Dame. The words must be Scandinavian and the music Australasian, out of deference to the cosmopolitan character of the poor fish. Fossil specimens may be found in the University museum, and live ones playing cards at Hullie and Mikes.

More Wisdom from "Discovery".

"Those who transgress the laws of man sometimes escape punishment; but the laws of nature can never be broken without paying the penalty."--p.201

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"Science may not be able to provide a complete code of ethics, but it does teach that every action carries with it a consequence -- not in another world, but in this -- to be felt either by ourselves or by others in our time or in the generations to come." -- p. 46.

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On Literature: "There will always be the mind that strives to reach to the skies and the scoffer who regards all such aspirations as folly.

"Two men stood looking through the bars,
One saw the mud, the other saw the stars." -- p. 22.

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"Blessed is he who carries with him a God, an ideal, and obeys it; ideal of art, ideal of science, ideal of the gospel virtues; therein lie the springs of great thought and actions; they all reflect light from the infinite." -- Pasteur.