ABS OF MANY KINDS AND THEIR CURIOUS WAYS.

dlers, Shore Crabs, Oyster Crabs, Stone Crabs and Lady Crabs-The lost Beautiful Crabs.

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There are ever so many curious kinds grass in the world, "said a hateralist a Washington Star writer the other. The star washington of the famy little fiddlers, which found all along the Atlantic coast of 1 inite! States. They inhabit the issues near the seashere and often they a seen in numerous companies and en regiments, wandering over the oldy or sandy flats where they make sir homes. When disturbed, they quick scamper in every direction, seeking a nearest holes, and often failing to a reininate in their choice of a refuge, wher such conditions you will frequently abserve the rightful owner of a burre in the act of ejecting one or more inin the act of ejecting one or more in

otherwise be devoured."

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ever, only the females live in the oyster shells, where specimens have been found by every lover of the bivalve on the half shell. Fannily enough the nucles do not dwell with the oysters, but who seen are found swimming at the sarings of the water. The adult female attains the size of half an inch across the carapace. These little fellows are considered very good to each by enjoyres, who swallow these little fellows are considered to be detected by epicers, who swallow hem raw together with the cysters usuity. They are also cooked separately writing fashions, and are occasionally eighted. A nearly allied species is found at the shells of common sea massels and

in the shells of common sea masses are seculops. It is bigger than the oyster trais, and the females alone of this kint are parasites.

One of the most highly prized of crastaceans is the so-called "stone crab" of the Youth Atlantic coast which is found all the way from South Carolina to Key West, and in the Galf of Mexico also. It likes, in the great same along creeks West, and in the Gulf of Mexico also. It lives in holes in the mud along creeks and estuaries or in crevices among rocks. A heap of refuse bricks often affords it a congenial hiding place. It is usually taken by hand, the hunter reaching into the hole supposed to be occupied by the treature and grabbing him at the risk of a severe bite. The animal has very powerful claws and its nip is something to be dreaded. Novertheiess, a skillful person can make the capture without much danger, if only he is quick enough. The art lies in seizing the prey before it person can make the capatio strains much danger, if only he is quick enough. The art lies in seizing the prev before it has time to make a clutch. Where crabs of this kind are caught they are highly exteemed as food, the meat of the big claws having a lobster-like flavor. They are preferred even to the blue crabs of the sort common in the Chesapeake and Potomac, and command a higher price in the market, being much less common They grow to a larger size than the blue crabs, measuring two inches more across the back shell, When seized they cling to tightly to the walls of their abode than it is apt to be very difficult to detach them without fetching them out pieceneal. meal.

"Among the queerest crustaceans are the 'tady crabs', or 'sand crabs,' which are abundant on sandy shores from Cape Cod to Florida and in the Gulf. of Moxico. Their bodies are roughly six-sidel. white in color and marked with specks of red and purple on the back. They bury themselves commonly near low-water mark on the beaches, covering themselves up to the eye swith sand and being thus prefectly concented white watch. mark on the beaches, covering themselves up to the eyes with sand and being thus perfectly concealed while watching for prey and looking out for enemies. If they are disturbed they disappear altogether and instantly. So numerous, are they in some localities that a dead district the beach will often be found. oer on the beam will order by touch overred with them, but if any one ap-proaches they actutic off and vanish with marvelous colority. Presently, if all is-quiet, an immense number of ayes and antennes are protruded from beneath the The same of the sa

JEER CRUSTACEANS. and, and after their owners have satisfied themselves that all is not all of craise re-appears and continues operations. These lady craise are an important article of food in the New Orlean market, but it is rarely that they are seen for sale in the north,

world are procured in the neighborhood of the Farallone Islands, off the Pacific coast. They are called 'red rock crabs, and specimens sometimes soil in the markets of San Francisco for from \$5 t \$10 each, merely for curiosities. Their ground color is bright vermilion and their spines deep blue. The blue shall is covered with minute bristles and the claws are adorned with tufts of hair. Curiosity is often expressed as to the reason why blue crabs are sometimes found in the Potomac and elsewhere carrying smaller ones beneath them the bristles and the state of the female at the time when she has cast her shell and is consequently helpsies. In this manner the male cratakes care of the female and defends her from enemies by which she might otherwise be devoured."

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I returned home and gave up all hope the sharm. About two of recurring the charm. About two months ago I came to the Pacific Coast on business. I arrived in Senttle about two weeks ago, since which time I have been visiting friends who live near Yesler avenue. Yesterday noon I was down the property of the prope ler avenue. Yesterday noon I was down town and stepped into a restaurant for

town and stepped into a restaurant for lanch.

"After eating a hearty lunch, I called for some penches and cream. I began to eat the peaches, and was cutting one of them when the spoon struck a hard substance, which I worked out and held up to the light. It was my missing charm! The story is a strange one, concluded Mr. Considine, "and I should hardly be willing to believe it myself if told to me by a stranger, but, novertheless, every word of it is strictly true."

[Seattle (Washington) Press.

Infantry Can Endure More Than Cavalry.

On a march infantry will endure the fatigue much better than cavalry, and in a long distance the foot soldiers will outmarch the horsemen. Those who doubt this statement should remember that a horse in army service carries about 270 pounds weight, while the soldier carries only his gun and from twenty to forty pounds. Notwithstanding the fact that a ten minutes ha't is made in every hour for stragglers to catch up, cavalry straggle more to the rear than infantry do, and the care of a horse on a long march is a serious matter. The horses are picked animals, but even the best horse is liable to fall lame from the loss of a shoe, or a stone in his hoof, or from some other cause which at first may be entirely unperceived by the rider.—(Globe-Democrat.

### To Test a Diamond.

Here is an easy means of determining whether a supposed diamond is genuine or not. Pierce a hole in a card with a needle and then look at the hole through the stone. If false you will see two holes, but if you have a real diamond, only a single hole will appear. You may also make the test in another way. Put your finger behind the stone and look at it through the diamond as through a magnifying glass. If the stone is genuine, you will be unable to distinguish the grain of the skin, but with a false stone this will be plainly visible. Furthermore, looking through a real diamond, the setting is never visible, whereast it is with a faire stone. Here is an easy means of determining

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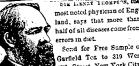
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