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Some Fish Stories Science Calls True.

Special Correspondence. ASHINGTON, May 22 .-Some good fish stories are

being told by Dr. Theodore N. Gill, professor zoology in the George Washington university of this city and internationally famous through his work for the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Gill has been making a special study of the habits of fish in caring for their young. Affection is not supposed to be a fishy characteristic, but this expert has found that some of the finny tribes acknowledge some of the responsibilities of parenthood.

In the course of this investigation. Dr. Gill has had occasion to look into the manuers and morals of a very celebrated Greek fish, the giants, and celebrated Greek fish, the glants, and to verify an antique description which for centries was regarded as dumag-ing to the veracity of the Greek philosopher Aristotle. The results of this study have been published in the natural and physical science series of the George Washington University publications, in one of those pamph-lets which serve to call attention to the unique opportunities for special research which are offered at the na-tional capital.

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An odd little fish is the glanis and one that has been the subject of much scientific discussion. Centuricy ago Aristotle wrote this interesting paragraph which for many centuries was regarded as distinctly a "Bsh story."
"Of the river fishes, the male glant is the female, having brought forth, departs, but the male, where the greatest deposit of eggs has been formed, romains by them watching, rendering no other service except keeping off other fishes from destroying the young. He does this for 40 or 50 days, until the young are sufficiently grown to escape from the other fishes. And he is known to the fishermen wherever he may chance to be watching his eggs; for he keeps off the fishes by rushing movements and by making a noise and motaning. And he remains by the eggs with so much of natural affection that the fishermen, when the eggs adhere to deep roots, bring them up to the shallowest place they can; but if he chance to be a young fish, but if he chance he spans at all the fishes of norther desert his young, but breaks the nooks before, he does not even then desert his young, but breaks the fisher her he does for the does not even then desert his young, but breaks the fisher her he has smallowed hocks before. He does of norther fishes does not even then desert his young, but breaks the hock by a very strong bit."
Tecause none of the fisher similar to those attributed to the giants the description was long regarded with sceptions and young the last century, Cuvier and Valenciennes, wrote: "What Arying a bord by the avery strong bit."

fish experts of the last century, Cuvier and Valenciennes, wrote: "What Ar-istotle relates in detail, and in two passages, of the care which the male slurus takes of the eggs of his fe-male, horders a little on the marvel-ous. According to him, the Jarge sluri deposit them in deep waters; the smaller among the roots of wil-lows and other trees, among the reeds or even the mosses. The female, having laid them, leaves them, but the male guards and defends them, and, as these eggs are long in hatching, he continues this care 40 or 50 days."

AGASSIZ' DISCOVERY,

It was reserved for Professor Louis Agassiz, the one hundredth anniversary of whose birth is about to be celebrat-ed at Harvard university, to discover the real facts about the Grecian fish. In 1856 through President Felton of Harvard, who was an enthusiastic Greek student, the great naturalist re-ceived a glanis from the very same river where Aristotle had made his observations. Agassiz' trained eye at once discovered that the fish had been wrongly identified with the Silur-us family of northern Europe. A new name, Glanis Aristotils, was given to the species, A new interest was aroused which resulted in the naturalist's no-ticing that the cure-taking habits of the glanis are similar to those of the hundren and the naturalist of It was reserved for Professor Louis

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the glanis are similar to those of the American catishes, which are not of the same family or sub-family. Dr. Gill has now brought together in his contribution to the George Washington university series the known facts re-

contribution to the George washington university series the known facts re-garding this particular fish. In another publication he has re-cently developed many other facts which tend to remove the impression that all fishes are indifferent to their eggs and young, leaving them entirely to the care of Mother Nature. "Oliver Goldsmith in 1774 told his readers that fishes seem, all except the whale kind, entirely divested of those parental solicitudes which so strongly mark the manners of the more perfect terrestial animals." but Goldsmith was no na-turalist. The studies of the George Washington university expert have in fact shown that this notion is far from the truth and that although, of course, greater parental watchfulness is exergreater parental watchfulness is ever claed among the higher animals, evi-dences of the same instinct are to be found among many of the fishes.

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