IMITATION PEARLS.

They May Be Detected by the Hole Drilled Through Them.

The means of ascertaining the genuineness of pearls, which are frequently imitated with marvelous skill, is especially important to the layman, even though the jeweler may quickly detect them. Imitations are usually lighter than real pearls and generally are brittle, although some are made solid of fish scales and do not break so easily, while the holes, which in the real pearl are drilled very small and have a sharp edge, are in the false larger and have a blunt edge. As a rule, the imitation pearls are like hollow spheres of glass colored internally with a coating imitating the orient of natural pearl.

The manufacture of these articles embraces two series of operations—the production of the sphere and the introduction of coating. The spheres are produced by the glassblower, who by aid of an enameler's lamp solders the extremity of a tube when the substance is of the right consistency. In this way are obtained very regular little spheres that serve for the composition of the ordinary quality of false pearls.

In the more beautiful imitations the tube employed is slightly opalescent, and the glassblower, besides, gives to the little spheres while they are yet malleable certain slight perceptible inequalities of surface by gently tapping them with a small iron bar. This gives them a still greater resemblance to natural pearls, which are very seldom absolutely regular.—Exchange.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Massachusetts, Quero Bank, 14,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.

Sch. Shepherd King, shore.

Sch. Emerald, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.

Sch. Mina Swim, shore.

Todays Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spliting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, $2.87 1-2; medium do., $1.75; largeWestern, cod$2.87 1-2; medium do., $1.75; haddock, $1.10; cusk, $1.75; hake, $1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, $2.50; medium do., $1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, $2.25; medium do., $1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, $1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, $1.10; hake, $1.10; pol lock, $1.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, $5.25 per cwt. for large and $4.12 1-2 for small.

Salt handline Georges codfish, $5.25per cwt. for large, $4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, $5.50 for large $4.50 for medium.

Salt hake, $2.00.

Salt haddock, $2.00.

Salt cusk, $2.25.

Salt pollock, $1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, $4.25 per bbl.

Bank halibut, 9 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 9000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rebecca, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Belbina B. Domingoes, 14,000 had dock, 500 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Numan, 12,000 haddock, 800 cod, 4000 hake.

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Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 600 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Viking, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 600 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Little Addie, 800 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mettacomet, 7000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 15,000 haddock,1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock. $4.75 to $5 per cwt.; large cod, $6; market cod, $4 to $4.25; hake, $4 to $7; cusk, $2; pollock, $4.50.

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BEGAN TAKING TESTIMONY

Hearing in Newfoundland Case Will Be Private.

Next Session Before Commission Will Be Held Here.

Charles Hall Adams of Boston, acting as commissioner for the supreme court of Newfoundland in the case of two Bay of Islands fishermen, Dubois and Crane, who have appealed from their conviction in Newfoundland for shipping on and putting herring aboard the American schooner Ralph L. Hall of this port, yesterday began taking testimony in room 505 Carney building, Boston.

Crane and Dubois were each fined $500 with the alternative of three months in jail on conviction of having shipped on the Hall in violation of the Newfoundland fisheries act, and thrcugh their counsel, W. R. Howley of St. Johns, they appealed. Mr. Howley represented them in the proceedings yesterday before Commissioner Adams. In behalf of the government there appeared James M. Kent, M. P. and K. C., who has associated with him locally Grosvenor Calkins of Boston.

The Newfoundland lawyers objected to reporters being present at the hearing as they held that they were acting under a commission from the supreme court of Newfoundland, and that the evidence must be first read by the judges of that tribunal, so the newspaper men were kept out. Mr. Adams set for three quarters of an hour in the case and shortly before 2 o'clock postponed the hearing until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, when it will be resumed in the board of trade rooms in this city.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, commander of sch. Ralph L. Hall, was the only witness to testify yesterday. He appeared as a witness for the appellants, and had been examined by Mr. Howley and cross-examined by Mr. Dent when the adjournment was taken.

Because of delay in getting the witnesses in hand, Mr. Howley, the latter part of last week, cabled to the judges of the supreme court of the colony and asked them to extend the time in which testimony could be taken in the United States from the 20th of this month to the first of March. The judges cabled back the required permission, and the taking of testimony may consume several days time.

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BIG WORK.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan Lands Three Trips in Six Days.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Capt. Frank Nunan, which was at T wharf yesterday, has been doing some tall hustling, landing three trips in six days. On the fancy prices yesterday she made a stock that will net her crew about $50 each and for the three trips their share was $110 each, pretty good pay for six days work.

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Sch. Mary C. Santos, 30,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake. 2000 cusk.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 47,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 600 halibut.

Sch. George H. Lubee, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Emily Sears, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Shepherd King, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod, 5500 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 7500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Haddock, $3 to $4.50 per cwt.; large cod, $5 to $6; market cod, $3 to $4; hake, $4 to $7; cusk, $2 to $2.75; pollock, $5; halibut, 20 cts. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. S. P. Willard was at Halifax yesterday.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston and will be towed here today by tug Eveleth.

Tug Eveleth towed sch. Ingomar to Boston this morning, where she will take out her fare of frozen herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson still lies here with her cargo of frozen herring on board It is reported that her owner, Capt. T. M. Nicholson, has been offered quite an advance for the cargo.

The price of Newfoundland frozen herring was raised yesterday at Boston and New York to $4 per hundred weight, from the vessel.

The outlook is that in a very short time there will be a great scarcity of shore and Newfoundland stock.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Philadelphia and was at Delaware breakwater yesterday and sailed for home.

Sch. Oregon, from this port with a cargo of frozen herring, arrived at Philadelphia Saturday.