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## THE IDENTIFICATION OF LARVAL TICKS FOUND ON SMALL MAMMALS IN BRITAIN

The latest in the 'Occasional Publications' of the Mammal Society, written by K. R. Snow. The booklet provides a key to, and descriptions of, the five species of tick found on rodents, lagomorphs and insectivores in Britain. It may be obtained from the Publications Officer, The Mammal Society, Larkmead, Barton Mills, Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk IP28 6AA, price (to non-members of the Mammal Society) 25p + 7p s. a. e. (6½" x 8½") or 10p p + p.

## JARS WANTED

Does anyone know of a supplier of large, squat screw-top jars of the 'extra-wide mouth' variety for storage of fluid preserved specimens? This shape is available from a number of manufacturers in sizes up to 500 ml, but do they exist anywhere in 1000 ml and 2000 ml capacity with the same squat shape? Information please to John Skinner, Central Museum, Victoria Avenue, Southend on Sea SS2 6EX.

## GCG NEWSLETTER

Volume 2 No. 3 of GCG Newsletter includes articles on the JG Cumming Fossil Collection, Oak Hill Park Museum, Accrington, Blackburn Museum, John William Elves (1850-1918), the Philpot Collection, the Sherborne School Museum and Type and figured brachiopods and bivalves in the Yorkshire Museum. There is also a useful supplement on the internal conventions used with the IRGMA Geology and Mineral Specimen cards in the Documentation of the Geology Collections of Tyne and Wear County Council Museums.

## HANDBOOK FOR BIOLOGICAL RECORD CENTRES

Copies of the Handbook have been distributed to all record centres, but additional copies are now available (price £1.10) from Stephen Flood, St. Albans Museum.

## HOW TO CREATE LIFE

1. Dissolve contents in ½ pint tap water
2. Place container in warm daylight place
3. Leave for 2 days

HEY PRESTO - you have created life!

'.....perhaps this was the way life first started on the Earth, maybe man himself will one day discover the magical mysteries of suspended life that Artful Artys have known for millions of years .....'  
(From instructions with 'The Amazing World of Artful Artys' on the rearing of the brine shrimp Artemia)