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SPONGE FISHING

Back to full scale operation goes Florida's sponge fleet. 150 feet below divers prepare to reap a rich, underseas harvest. This fleet of two hundred boats in the Gulf of Mexico aims to bring up three million a year. Working below the surface divers range wide areas to rake in the sponges. Fouled air lines and attacks by sharks make sponge diving a hazardous occupation.

The natural sponges are washed to press out foreign matter. We don't know how many America intends to export, but British bathrooms could find a use for quite a few.

Tarpon Springs is a market place for a big-scale under-sea industry.