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Billingate welcomes a record-breaker from Aberdeen - the biggest Sturgeon the Scottish port has ever landed. It almost starts a traffic jam, for it's over ten feet long and weighs nearly a third of a ton. Caught by the trawler Ben Urie, it fetches £151. 10. 0d.

Makes you think, doesn't it? Fancy wasting all that lovely fish on a Soho restaurant!

Talking of restarants, this one in Nuremberg has a very unusual pet - a squirrel. He's popular with the customers, and after a few drinks he gets higher than a kite - in fact, you never know where he's going to turn up next.

A friendly little chap, but easily offended. Mention the name "tree-rat", and he'll go into a sulk for hours!

It's not often an 80-foot seagoing boat gets a piggy-back, but it can happen. Built in Kent for a Middle East petroleum company, the tug Jarrara is hoisted out of the water at Millwall Dock alongside the vessel Nigaristan, which will carry her to the Persian Gulf. It's a tricky operation, for the Jarrara weighs nearly 147 tons, and the giant crane's rated maxium is 150.

The Nigaristan is one of the few vessels which can cross the high seas in safety with such a bulky cargo secured to her deck. Thanks to her, the Jarrara will soon be at work, handling the huge tankers which bring to Britain the lifeblood of our transport and industry.