

SHORT NOTES

In the past three cases of "seal fingers" had to be treated in the Dolfinarium Harderwijk, Netherlands, because of bites from *Otaria byronia* from South America and *Phoca vitulina* from Vancouver Island, Canada. From the infected lesions a number of bacteria are found like Streptococcus and Staphylococcus. The infection causes swollen fingers, is painful and difficult to treat as the bone is infected. Treatment with a number of the usual antibiotics did not work. After we learned that Leo Pharmaceutical Products in Denmark claims that their Fucidine penetrates even into the surface of bone it was used and with ready success.

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