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GILBERT COMPANY TO HATCH ANCIENT EGGS AT EXHIBIT

A revival of ancient life is listed as one of the spectacles which will be seen at the A. C. Gilbert Co exhibit in the Connecticut Building at Eastern States Exposition when the annual autumn event opens to the public Saturday, Sept. 13.

Demonstrating its line of microscopes, the New Haven manufacturer will hatch tiny shrimp eggs believed to be thousands of years old. The eggs, about the size of a small grain of sand have been collected in western deserts where they were deposited centuries ago when the area was covered by sea.

The eggs, still fertile after centuries of dormancy, are placed in a saline solution where they hatch in about 24 hours. The whole process is picked up through a Gilbert microscope and projected on a screen for spectators to watch.

To Display Trains

In a more contemporary mood, the Gilbert concern will also display its line of American Flier trains. Three of these, bound to appeal to boys of all ages, will be running continuously down the track and over trestles with an 18-foot mural providing scenic background.

The A. C. Gilbert Company is one of 13 Connecticut manufacturers exhibiting this year in the Connecticut Building on the Avenue of States on the extensive fair grounds at West Springfield. In all, 20 exhibitors will present a cross section of the state's economy in the Connecticut Building. Built on the only piece of real estate owned by Connecticut outside its own borders, the colonial type structure is managed by the State Development Commission. Exposition officials hope to top the half million mark in attendance achieved last year by the nine-day event.