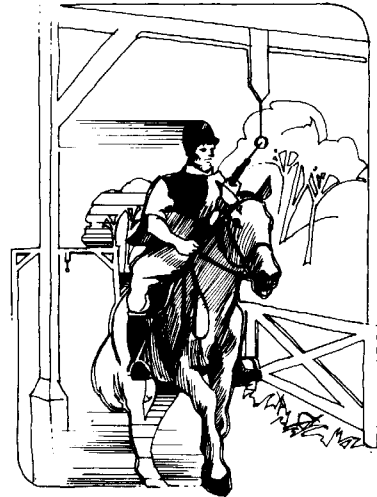
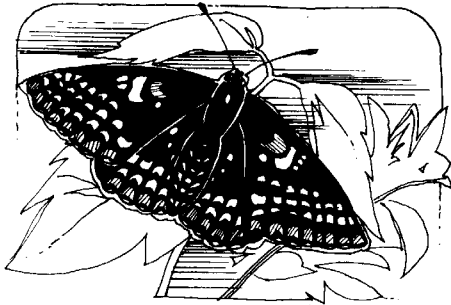
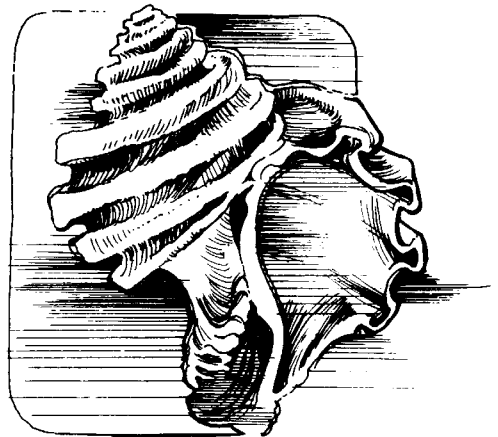


**STATE SPORT.** The equestrian sport of jousting is the official sport of Maryland (Chapter 134, Acts of 1962; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-308).



**STATE INSECT.** The Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas phaeton*) is the official arthropodic emblem of the State (Chapter 253, Acts of 1973; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-301).

**STATE FOSSIL SHELL.** The shell of the *Ecphora quadricostata* (Say), an extinct snail, was designated the State fossil shell by Chapter 313, Acts of 1984 (Code State Government Article, sec. 13-311). The *Ecphora* inhabited the Bay and other East Coast tidal waters 5 to 12 million years ago. It is believed an *Ecphora* shell found in St. Mary's County, c. 1685, was the first North American fossil to be illustrated in European scientific works.



**STATE BOAT.** In 1985, the General Assembly designated the Skipjack as the State Boat (Chapter 788, Acts of 1985; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-312). The last working boats under sail in the United States, skipjacks, in winter, still dredge oysters from the floor of Chesapeake Bay.

