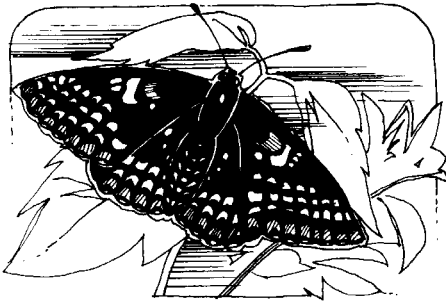
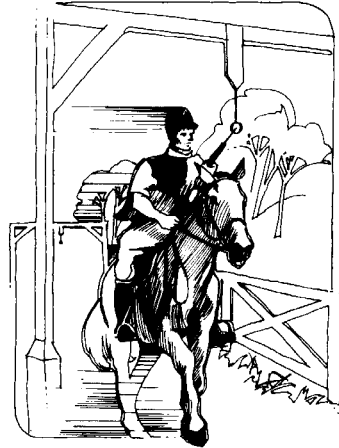
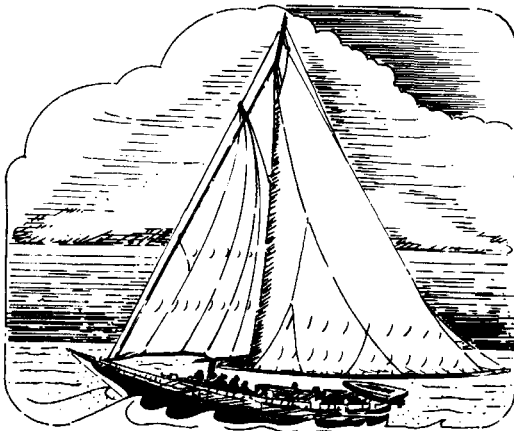
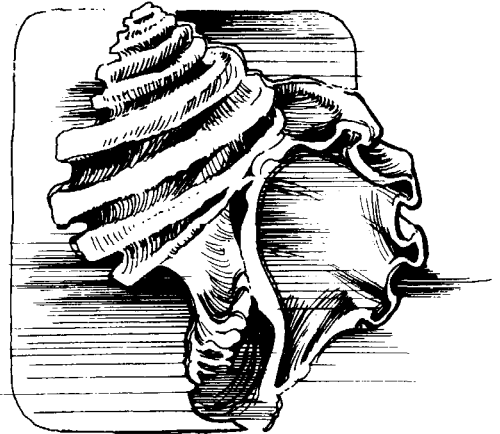


**STATE SPORT.** The equestrian sport of jousting is the official sport of Maryland (Chapter 134, Acts of 1962; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-308).



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



**STATE BOAT.** The skipjack was designated the State Boat in 1985 (Chapter 788, Acts of 1985; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-312). Skipjacks, named after a leaping fish, are the last working boats under sail in the United States. In winter, they dredge oysters from the floor of Chesapeake Bay.