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## **The Coral is Not just an Ornament**

Quick, what uses other than decoration can you think of for the ordinary coral? The days are not far off when your orthopedic surgeon will hail coral as his new magic material. Scientists in the University of California have found that suitably treated coral is an excellent material for bone transplant to replace missing parts of existing bones lost by injury or acci-

dents. Coral in powdered block forms were inserted the bones of dogs and after weeks, new bone growth observed in coral inserts made it a part of the original bone. Highly porous corals are best suited for bone implants. A French company even markets the material under the brand name 'Biocoral'.

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