

Dinosaur with hang-ups

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A DINOSAUR of a type totally unknown to science has been recently acquired by the Hunterian Museum. Called Coatosaurus hunterianus he is a great hit with primary school children coming to classes in the museum.

Anne Tynan, the teacher in charge, asked the Hunterian's technicians if they could provide a coat rack with hooks at a height suitable for young children, and on castors so that it could be rolled away.

Brian McKerracher and Gordon Johnston recognised the danger to children's eyes of a movable rack with hooks, so they hit on the idea of the Coatosaurus: a dinosaur resembling Stegosaurus, but with two rows of triangular projections pointing upwards from the nape of the neck to the tip of the tail.

"It has proved a great success with the children from the moment it was introduced," says the museum's director, Professor Frank Willett.

"It is rapidly becoming one of our most popular features."



● A young visitor to the Hunterian Museum with Coatosaurus Hunterianus