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One of the steps in the courtship of a pair of breeding newts (Taricha rivularis). After a period during which he clasps the female firmly from above, the male moves a short distance away, attaches a packet of sperm (spermatophore) to a pebble and then assumes a position in front of and at right angles to the female. In following him the female is led to the spermatophore, which adheres to and is then drawn into the female cloaca, where the eggs are fertilized as they descend from the oviducts. See page 1735.