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### Speckled Beauty.

The most successful catch of brook trout I ever had the luck to see was made by a lad not more than sixteen years of age. I had been "whipping a stream" for two hours with less than indifferent luck when I encountered the boy, and the first impulse was to laugh at his outfit. A small sapling, trimmed down, served him for a pole; his line was a stout cord, tied to the pole and to his hook. That was all he had excepting worms for bait. In the pride of my own youth I gloried in the best and most elaborate tackle that I could afford, (far more elaborate than I used in after years), and it seemed absurd to think of getting game fish, especially trout with such an outfit as this youngster had.

It was in Canada, on the northern shore of lake Superior. Trout were plenty. I saw enough of them, but had not been able to induce one of them to take the fly. Just as I came up to the boy he gave a peculiar twisting jerk to his primitive pole and actually landed a beautiful fish before it had time to think whether to fight for its life or not.

I went back to camp that day with the finest mess I ever had, but that Indian boy caught every fish in it. They were cheap fish, too, for the premium on the purchase was a thorough understanding of the fact that the prime necessity in angling for brook trout is "knack."

Elaborate tackle is unquestionably a joy to the angler who knows how to use it. After your fish is struck there is an excitement galore in playing him, and the Indian boy would have had poor fun playing a pound fish with no reel. Yet, as I said he caught fish faster than anybody I ever saw. It makes all the difference in the world whether you are out for fish or for fun. He went for fish and got them. I was out for fun and got very little of it though I bought his fish.

The whole science of trout fishing, after all consists of "knack." The lighter and more delicate the tackle the more the necessity for delicate handling and for meeting the mad rushes of the frightened fish with pure skill. He is strong enough to break your line or even a hook if you are clumsy enough to give him a square jerk at it, and your only chance when he is fighting is to tire him out.

Your scientific angler will disdain the notion of fishing with worms for bait, though it is a thing that many of them will do when they are alone. Ex-President Cleveland is said to have done it openly, and he is counted a very expert fisherman. Doubtless fly fishing calls for more skill, and is to be greatly preferred for that reason. But only a few flies are needed. The beginner will buy as many as he can, usually not knowing which are best. And indeed this is a difficult thing to tell without knowing the water that is to be fished. A safe rule, and probably the best, is to look closely at the flies that are skimming the surface of the water and use a lure that resembles them as closely as possible.

As to the choice of tackle, it is like the spelling of Weller, which, as the immortal Sam informed the court, depended on the taste and fancy of the speller. Every angler has his choice, and so long as his "rig" is light and strong he is not to be criticised. The object is to handle it properly. Casting, striking, playing and landing all call for dexterity, quickness, delicate skill, and accurate judgment. Without "knack" one might better go down to the sea in ships and fish for cod.

At this time of the year, when the season has just opened, there are thousands of anglers at work in the brooks all over the country. Those that have caught fish will laugh at the notion of telling the beginner how to catch trout. They will say and properly enough, that the only way to learn is to go and catch them. It is true that no one can learn how to angle by reading a book, any more than he can learn how to swim in the same way. Yet there are rules, or rather instructions that will be of service to him who begins.

Let him first learn how to cast his fly so that it will fall gently on the very spot desired. There is an opening for many hours of practice on a lawn. It is about all he can do in the way of preparation before actually beginning fishing. Supposing him to have this skill, he must study the fish and its habits, and probably in this study he will lose many and many a beauty that an older angler would land. For the trout is wary and timorous above all other fish.

After dropping his fly where the trout can easily see if he must wait. If he have luck the fish will rush again. Then the sport begins, likewise the really difficult part of science. For if your fish, by doubling some root or stone in the bed of the stream, can foul your line he will do it and go free; and on the other hand if you try to pull him in by main strength he will go free. This is where the skill comes in that can only be acquired by practice.  
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### THE OYSTER'S LIFE.

#### THE LESSONS A COLORED PREACHER DREW THEREFROM.

An Apt Sermon to a Congregation of Oyster Shuckers—What the Various Implements of Their Trade Suggested to Him—The Wonderful End.

"The oyster is the lowest species of animal life," says the Rev. I. L. Thomas, pastor of Centennial Colored Methodist Church, in his sermon to oyster shuckers last night, "but it can be shown that it is a fair representative of man, and in every part of the oyster shucker's profession he is shown the way to the Lord. Now the shucker don't have anything to do with the oyster until it is put into his box, but before it gets there it must be caught. It seems strange to say that the oyster must be caught, but when we examine the beds in the ocean, bay and river, we see the necessity of providing means to catch it. It cannot be caught with the hook and line, so other means have been invented, some of which have been very successful. Just so with a man. He has to be caught, and no one but the Lord is prepared to catch him up out of the bed of sin. The oyster comes to the shucker in a shucking box. Now the shucker's box represents the Church of God, and the man is caught out of the sea of death and pitched into the box prepared for him, just like the oyster.

"The hammer represents the word of God, and just as the shucker hammers on the oyster to make it open its shell, so the word of God strikes mighty blows on man's heart until it opens a little bit, so that the Holy Spirit, represented by the knife, can get in.

"Just like the shucker's knife gets in and touches the heart of the oyster and throws off the shell, does the Holy Spirit touch man's heart and throw off the shell of worldliness. After the shell is off the oyster is chucked into a pot, which represents the visible church of God.

"Now the shucker has three pots—one for small, another for large, and another for extra large oysters. The little pot represents faith, which is the first thing a man gets after the knife of the Holy Spirit touches his heart. The next pot is hope, which always comes when faith springs up in a man's breast, and the last pot—the extra large one—is love and charity, which fills the man's heart as he goes on to perfection.

"Then come the skimmer and the water. These represent the cleansing power of Jesus' blood. The oysters are put on the skimmer and the water is poured over them to wash off little pieces of shell and any other impurities. So is the water of life poured over man by God, and all the impurities are washed away until he is white as snow.

"Next, the quantity the shucker shucks represents justice. If there is anything a shucker wants more than another it is justice. He wants to know that he gets paid for all the shucks, and that he isn't shucking in a measure with a false bottom, that moves down when the oysters are put in and moves up when they come out.

"In all shucking houses is a big blackboard on which the numbers of all the shuckers are placed. This represents the Book of Life, on which names are recorded in Heaven. For every gallon of oysters a man shucks his peg is moved up a hole, and unless that peg moves the man has no claim on the firm, but the more he shucks the further his peg moves and the bigger his claim. So, if a man hasn't recorded his name in Heaven and won't do good works he has no claim on Heaven. If he does much he will get much; if he does little his reward will be little.

"The canning process represents perfection. When an oyster is put in the can and sealed up all has been done to it that is necessary to be done. So when a man has done what the Lord wanted him to do he has reached perfection.

"Next comes the express. What would it avail an oyster if it stopped where it was after being canned? I tell you the firm would feel mighty blue if all the oysters canned stayed in the factory. Shipping the oysters represents the express train or the lifeboat for heaven, which is death. When the oyster reaches perfection it's got to move, and so does a man. The person to whom the canned oysters are sent represents the rightful claim of Jesus Christ, who stands on the other side of the river to look at the boats as they go by to see if there's anything on board for him. If the man bears the mark of the Lord on his forehead, then the Lord cries, 'He's mine, he's mine' and takes him ashore and into the wonderful city."—Baltimore Sun.

#### Some of the Horrors of War.

War means not only public but private calamity. Through its means nations are convulsed and family relations severed. During the Peninsular War one of the Generals, observing the numerous cavalry against which his brigade had to contend, advised the officers in command not to weaken their ranks by conducting prisoners to the rear, but after disarming them to let them proceed of their own accord. It was not uncommon therefore to see troops of French dragons riding quietly to the rear looking for some one to take them in charge.

It happened, at one time, that a certain hussar, having taken a prisoner, ordered him also to fall back, but the man, having ridden some little distance as directed, suddenly applied spurs to his horse and made a detour to his regiment. The hussar observing this, as quickly pursued, overtook him and shot him dead.

Having secured his rein he conveyed him some little distance to the rear and proceeded to take off the dead man's valise. There on overhauling its contents he found a letter from his own father which proved that it was his brother who had fallen by his hands.

Stupified with horror he sat motionless and speechless for some minutes; then big tears rolled down his cheeks and he exclaimed: "The King has commanded and God will forgive me!"  
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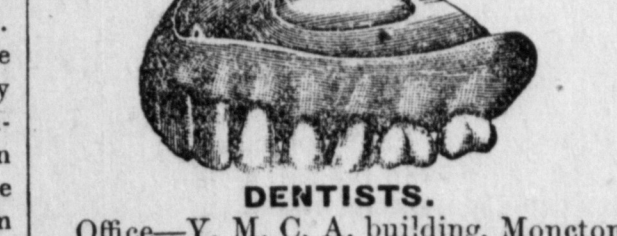
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