

HOW THE GENTLE ART OF ICE FISHING IS CARRIED ON—IT MAY BE VERY GOOD SPORT

(New York Sun)

They had tired of backgammon at a quarter a game, and the little group in the board room of the exchange house were sitting pulling at their pipes.

"Take ice fishing," ejaculated the customer's man suddenly, "there's a sport!"

"You take it!" snapped the manager who lived in the upper reaches of the Drive. "Next to discovering the north pole, there isn't a colder sport."

"Well," came back the customer's man languidly (he lived in Armonk, of all places), "it has its compensations, returns its dividends, which is more than you can say for the brokerage business right now."

"The equipment for lake fishing is very simple," he began, "but the more you have of it, the more you'll enjoy your afternoon of sport. Should the supply give out, it's a long cold job of taking in the tip-ups."

And as the group settled themselves for the afternoon, he launched into a discourse on the tackle necessary for a good hearty day in the open air, out in furthest Westchester, where men are men and many of them are fishermen.

"There are several ways of breaking the ice," droned the customer's man. "Some more inventive men drive their flivvers right out on the ice, attach a drill to the flywheel and crack up enough ice to supply the most ardent anti-Wichersham night club for a year of New Year's Eve."

"Of course, such elaborate tactics

are not necessary. The ordinary, blow torch, jack knife or grand-daddy ice pick (if the wife isn't giving a party while you're away) will do just as well. When you have cut a dozen or more of these holes about a foot in diameter—big enough to accommodate the dog, the ice pick, your pocket watch or anything else you want to get rid of including the kittens, you plant the tip-ups.

"The tip-ups resemble the rear quarters of a mephitis mephitis or ordinary household skunk. That is it has a big flag which flashes into the air when anything is on the other end of the line.

"Driven firmly into the ice it holds your line, which, for the best results, you drop into the water. Some fishers use bait; others scorn such methods and merely spit on the hook. A touch of alcohol will sometimes tempt the most bluenosed finback.

"Of course if you haven't planted the base of the tip-ups deeply enough in the ice, you're going to lose a tip-up or two, and perhaps a fish or two, but losing the fish is all in the game. How else are you going to prove you've been fishing?"

"The gentle art of freezing to death—pardon me, ice fishing is the topic (here the customer's man sneezed)—is best carried out when four or five men—preferably gentlemen—get up what is known as a party, employ someone to drive whatever conveyance they can muster, and having packed great big basket filled with goodies and soda pop, set out for the sake or

pond which they have chosen as a site for their day's brisk exercise.

"The car is driven out on the ice, the tip-ups are planted; the car is driven back to the camp, the party of five necessary for a good game of stud or red dog disembarks, quite exhausted from their efforts. They then repair to camp where all the fires are run at full blast.

"One man is appointed watcher. Between hands, he advances to the nearest window. With one glance he sweeps the horizon with field glasses. If two or three red flags signify that tip ups are in danger of being carried away, the watcher is dealt out of the next hand.

"He drives out on the ice, pulls in the fish, if there is a fish; or the shoe if there is a shoe; or puts another hook and lively bait on the line. Then he drives back to camp, just in time for the next hand. The binoculars are passed on to the next man, who is then unanimously proclaimed watcher.

"And so the gentle art of ice fishing goes on through the day. But you must remember to put the tip-ups out before 6 p.m. or go to jail. That's the law. You can't keep fishy minors out after curfew in this State.

NOTHING HAPPENED

Aachen, Germany, April 30—Coal miners take some stock in soothsayers now. Shortly after fatalities in an explosion a clairvoyant predicted another disaster at a particular time. No miners appeared for work then. Many of their wives had changed the alarm clocks so they would be late. Nothing happened.

Harry Wade thinks Gandhi, when he goes to London for the big conference, will be attired in the conventional lack.

KEN STRONG BLOSSOMS AS TORONTO FIND

Montreal, April 30—Toronto's Maple Leafs seem to have made a real find in Ken Strong, one time all-American fullback and later outfielder in the New York-Penn League. Strong's clouting has been an important factor in keeping the Leafs in the thick of the International League fight, for he not only has hit the ball hard and often but has hit it when the blows drove in runs.

Now Strong is blossoming out as a star elder as well. His one hit yesterday drove in two runs to help Toronto beat the Baltimore Orioles 6 to 5, and he followed it up by saving the game with a perfect throw to the plate in the ninth inning. The peg caught Sand sliding home with what would have been the tying run.

Despite the victory, Toronto could not move above fifth place in the league standing, for its three leading rivals, also turned in victories, while the defeated Orioles joined a three-way tie for the lead.

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Wisdom is where you find it. A Brooklyn father and mother had been very much occupied socially for the last few months and a four-year-old daughter had been left in a five-room apartment many afternoons. One evening the mother returned from a bridge party and found the little girl sitting silently in a corner of the living room with a rather forlorn look.

"What's my little sweetheart been doing?" asked the mother.

"Mother, if you'd stay at home you'd know," coolly replied the child.

SOME SECRETS OF GRETRNA GREEN ARE RELATED

London, April 30—What is the secret of Gretna Green forge, where hundreds of runaway marriages have been performed?

Richard Rennison the Gretna Green blacksmith, has at last broken the silence regarding his activities by revealing the secrets of the forge as a centre of romance during the past three years.

The blacksmith has previously refused fully to reply to the criticisms levelled against Gretna Green marriages, or to discuss the couples whom he has married.

Now, however, he has challenged the critics by claiming the Gretna Green unions almost invariably turn out happily.

"Firstly," said Mr. Rennison, "I should like emphatically to contradict statements that Gretna Green marriages are illegal.

Ceremonial Legal

According to Scots law, these marriages are legal so long as one of the parties have resided in Scotland for 21 days.

"Before conducting a marriage I always enquire whether these residential regulations have been fulfilled. If they have not, I advise the couple to come and see me again when the period of residence has expired.

"In the past three years about 900 marriages have been performed at Gretna. Last year I married 300 couples and 325 the year before.

"I do not disapprove of runaway marriages, because I know that they invariably turn out successfully. My own marriage has been a great success, although I married my wife only five weeks after I had met her.

"Couples rush to the forge from all parts of the world. Last year a couple landed in England from the United States and made an immediate dash for Gretna.

Runaways Return

"I told them to stay in Scotland 21 days and return to me. They did as they were told and after I had married them they went back home.

"I have seen many runaway couples, but am often worried by people who imagine that couples never disappear without making straight for the forge.

"Have you seen my son?" wrote a German to me. "He has left Germany with a lover, so will probably be asking you to marry them."

"Couples are sometimes followed by their parents, and during my experience as blacksmith there have been some dramatic scenes at the forge caused by eloping couples and their parents.

"It is not only young people who find romance at the smithy. Two years ago for instance, I performed the ceremony between a man aged 81 and a woman aged 79.

"One of them begged for no publicity."

MUSIC TO BE THE KEYNOTE NEXT WEEK

Self-expression in music will be the keynote of the National Music Week, to be inaugurated Sunday night, May 3, during the Atwater Kent Hour, over an extensive National Broadcasting Company network.

"NBC has been alert to the need of arousing interest in self expression, as well as establishing a renaissance of the piano in the home," said E. C. Mills, director of NBC's two piano courses, "Keys of Happiness" and Music In The Air."

"The piano," he added, "is the most logical and natural means through which most people find musical expression.

"The National Music Week idea is splendid and appeals to both the adult and the child. There are some 13,000,000 pianos in the homes of America. They are too little used. Through two special programs, NBC is bringing piano instruction to every home radio speaker in the United States."

Coast-to-Coast networks of NBC carry piano instruction by Sigmund Spaeth and Osbourne McConathy, each Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon, respectively, to thousands of persons eager to master the instrument.

"No single accomplishment can com-

pare with the pleasure gained from the ability to play the piano reasonably well," Mills continued. "In youth, this accomplishment makes one the life and center of every party. In middle age, it enhances many hours, and in the sunset days of life—when we may have become a bore even to those who love us, many a pleasant hour can be whiled away at the piano.

"The study of music by young people induces orderly processes of thought. A large part of music is almost mathematical in orderliness. Dr. Eliot of Harvard once said, 'My idea of a perfect accomplishment is to be able to play, reasonably well, a Beethoven sonata on the piano.

"The National Music Week movement merits the attention of all thinking people. No effort or expense is spared by NBC to encourage and develop the sense of musical appreciation and desire for its expression in American homes."

The Spanish Navy is killing off Mediterranean sharks, said to be depleting that sea of sardines. It should be interesting to see a shark laboring over a key-winding can.

"We all make mistakes—that's why we place rubber mats under cuspidors."

To make things go, take them as they come.

One thing may be said for our enemies. They don't pester us with advice.

"Alfonso may go into seclusion in England," where he will not meet the recently deposed Mayor of Chicago.

Volliva's flat earth is carrying depression too far.

GOOD PROGRAM TO BE ON THE AIR FRIDAY

Following are the best features of Friday night's radio program given in Atlantic standard time:

CFNB FREDERICTON

8.30—Weather Forecast, News, Columbia Records.
9.30—Robin Hood Musicale
12.30—Columbia Records.
1.15—Stock Market Report.
7.00—Weather Forecast, Stock Market Report.
8.30—B. H. Painters.
11.00—Kodak Program.

WEAF NEW YORK

6.45—Uncle Abe and David.
7.00—Major Bowes' Family.
8.00—Cities Service Concert.
9.30—To Be Announced.
10.00—Kodak Week-end Program.
10.30—RKO Theater of the Air.
11.00—Vincent Lopez and Orchestra.

WJZ NEW YORK

6.45—Literary Digest Topics in Brief.
7.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
7.15—Moscul Moments.
7.30—Phil Cook.
7.45—The Brazilian Nightingale.
8.00—Nestle's Program.
8.30—Breyer Leaf Boys.
8.45—To Be Announced.
9.00—Intermoven Pair.
9.30—Armour Program.
10.00—Armstrong Quakers.
10.30—Clara, Lu and Em.
10.45—The Ragamuffins.
11.00—Slumber Music.

NBC CHICAGO DIVISION

11.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
WABC, NEW YORK
7.00—Philco Symphony Orchestra
7.30—Ritz-Carlton Concert.
8.00—L'Heure Provinciale.
9.00—Canada on Parade.
10.00—Canadian Pacific Hour.
11.00—Windsor Hotel Dance Orchestra
WOR, NEWARK
7.00—Uncle Don; Sports; Orch.
8.30—Skylark; Mike & Al.
10.00—Frat Row.
10.30—Orchestra; Lyons and Lyons.
10.45—Dinah and Dora.

WTIC HARTFORD

7.00—The Merry Madcaps.
7.30—Behind the News in Africa
7.45—Hima Islanders.
8.00—Cities Service Concert.
9.00—Eskimo Service Concert.
9.30—The Travelers Hour.
10.30—Theater of the Air.
11.00—News; Weather.
11.10—Club Hollywood Orchestra.
CNRA MONCTON
10.30—Home Economics.
2.00—Daily Potato Bulletin.
2.30—Ocean Limited Hour.
3.15 News Bulletin.
6.15—Stock Reports.
6.30—Dinner Hour of Music.
7.00—Dom. Dept. Agric. Report.

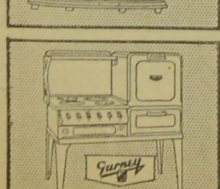
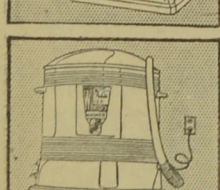
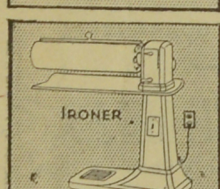
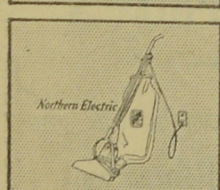
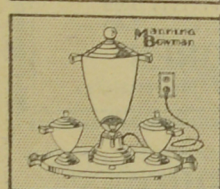
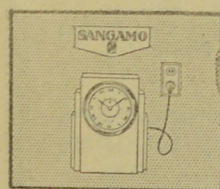
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