

SCOTTISH FISHERMEN.

Those of New Haven, the East and West Coasts and Other Places DESCRIBED BY EDGAR WAKEMAN.

Home Surroundings and Superstitions of a Peculiar Folk.

A LIFELONG BATTLE FOR EXISTENCE

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, May 9.—I have been much among Scottish fishermen, both in their homes ashore and in their cabins at sea; and I can never recall them save in pictures of vivid and colorful setting. Simultaneously all these pictures seem to blend in one.

There are the red roofs, the breezy shores, the gleaming sands and the tossing spray of Coltingham and North Berwick, around to the south of the mouth of the Forth; the snug town and harbor, the quaint old streets, the luscious fish-diners and the screaming New Haven; the almost somber silence ever brooding above the piers of Buck Haven; the busy, the busy, the busy line of the German Ocean, the awful storms and the great, dingy, Aberdeen fishing towns of the east coast, from Chelres to Thurso; the brown crags, the emerald sloping and the shadowy, mournful fissions of the Shetland and Orkney shores, with their Dutch and Norse color in faces and ways; the drear, gray rocks and puffin-haunted crags of the misty Hebrides, where the brave half-crooked crozier-fisher battles all his life for mere existence; and the low and sunny shores of the Solway where, at the very threshold of Britain's land by the southern North, underneath the shadows of hoary Criffell's rim, the roaring of the approaching Solway tides tells the borderfishwives to be alert for their creels for their fisher husbands' coming.

A Realistic Pen Picture.

On the east and west, sea-walls of sublimity, time-plowed friths, shore-reaches of barrenness and desolation. Seagulls wheel and swoop, and the sea is a ceaseless, erit bleach in storm and wind. Everything speaks of sea-reef, wraith and wreck. On the north, lands and islands without number split and are through a somber, tremendous prospect everywhere. Shadowy "bellies" cut the sea-walls where the tide is ever ebbing in its ebb and flow. Here a fishing station; there a drear hamlet. Yonder a gravelly beach, with fish-curers and their sodden toil. Beyond, a weird gloom with a herd of drowsy seals turning their shining sides to the low, red sun.

Over all, a filmy, dreamy presence; for the sun's rays in the best of weather filter through veils of mist upon these shore-side toilers all their simple, staggard lives. Through all, the cutting of sharp winds, the driving of almost barbed rain, the splash and swirl of salty, stinging spray.

These are the physical features of the picture. Threaten in and through it all with a sturdy life and coloring are the fisher men and fisher wives of Scotland. I always see these men something after the mold and figure of Dickens' hero, Daniel Peggotty; larger of frame may be; and in the place of his aspect of benignity and resolution, a look in their faces of melancholy and sadness, mingled with a somber smile which for want of better term may be called a brave and defiant grin.

As Brave as Any People.

No braver folk live. Upon the decks of their smacks, schooners or fiddle-shaped "scaevs," their hardihood and daring upon the stormy German Ocean, among the list-hid dangers of the sounds and lochs of the Hebrides, or when battling with the fierce tide of the Solway, the Shetland and Faroe Islands, often reach a positive aplomb of heroism. But I believe a no more restless, unslippy lot ever lived ashore.

This is an account of those strange, iron-framed, barb-tongued creatures who "fow" them; the irresponsible, tireless, fadless wives, who, at the moment they become wives, not only assume all functions of management and command, but who store and dole out every penny of the Scottish fisher's earnings to the last "hawker," who transact all business; originate and assert all homelike ethics; set the pace in matters of "kirk" and religion; and whose tongues from day of trial to that of mortal are never silent and are ever more stinging than the lash.

Generally speaking all east and north coast fisher folk are better in their homes than those of the west coast, who chiefly comprise the crozier-fisher class, barring the border fishermen of the southwest from Ayr around to Annan along the Frith of Clyde and the Solway. The latter are often croziers, and have comfortable homes with well-kept gardens and are altogether the suggestion and typical of the Scotchman.

Four classes of Scottish fisher homes may be cited as most typical—those of the New Haven folk, who find a never-failing market for their fish here in Edinburgh, as New Haven is practically a continuation of the city, east along the south bank of the Frith of Forth; of the east coast folk from Aberdeen north past Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Buck Haven and the same names of Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland and Faroe Isles, and of the crozier-fisher of Skye, Lewis and Harris and of North and South Uist, in the Hebrides.

Here at New Haven a long, narrow street, with the oldest of little old houses, their street fronts almost hidden with ramshackle stoves, crozies, drying racks, granaries and lawns, leading the lines, runs parallel with the Forth. Into this, from the landside, come scores of other, short, narrow streets, in every one of which the same mass of fishing gear, women and children are found. Here and there they old inns are hidden, where the finest fish diners in Britain are served.

This principal street, called Main street, is open to the harbor, turning a little to the right in which all the business transactions of the New Haven fishermen have been carried on for the past 400 years. The harbor itself is not large. Its each wall side is but 500 feet long, and it has but one entrance. Often you will find it without a single mast, although between you and the horizon line of the Fishers hills. Again upward of a hundred craft are rocking idly within the harbor walls.

Creeks Carried by Head Straps.

At these times the fish have been auctioned off and the fishermen, hundreds in number, are away in all haste to supply the tables of "Auld Reekie." Their creels or fish baskets contain from 70 to 80 pounds of fish. These are carried on their heads, and are held in place by broad leather straps about the forehead. The women have been known to thus carry 150 pounds on their backs into Edinburgh.

Uncountable are the skirts they wear. These fall just below the knees and two or three of the outer ones are gathered back over the haunches in voluminous puffs. Stout woolen stockings, stout buckled shoes and a stout pea-jacket, complete the raiment; save that the married women wear a handkerchief or "hand" cap upon their heads, while the maiden fish-wives go bareheaded.

While at their labors, every article of their dress, save their caps and shoes, is of coarse, dark blue woolen stuff. When shopping at Edinburgh or visiting among themselves, their attire is of wide, gorgeous-striped linens, petticoats upon petticoats, and their trills, turbans and jewelry are indeed startling. But on a Sunday when at least 2,000 of the 5,000 New Haven fisher folk are gathered in the Free Kirk, which stands over against the fish market, their "kirk hats" or best apparel is of sober grays and rich black, decorous enough for any staid and aristocratic community.

The Hands of An Kept Busy.

The wives and daughters of these crozier-fishers are, from the conditions of their husbands' toil, less fishwives in fact, dress

COMPILING THE CHURCH RECORDS.

A New Departure by the A. M. E. Zion Grand Conference.
The A. M. E. Zion Conference yesterday accepted an invitation from City Organizer Ecker to attend the Carnegie free recital today. Mrs. A. J. Foots, an evangelist of New York, was one of the speakers yesterday. It was decided to compile an encyclopedia of the A. M. E. Zion Church. It will be a volume of about 1,000 pages and will be written by Dr. N. J. Green and Rev. G. E. Bledsoe.

Each morning the first half hour will be given to Rev. Andrew Cartwright, who will speak on his experiences as an African missionary. In the afternoon Dr. R. E. Morris was chosen general superintendent of the Sunday School Union with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala. Rev. T. A. Weatherington was made financial secretary of the conference, which is to furnish Sunday school literature for all the churches. Each presiding elder was instructed to see that each Sunday school in his district is supplied with proper literature.

SAVED HER LIFE FOR HER CHILDREN.
An Up-Michigan Mother Perishes in the Flames After Saving Her Little Ones.
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH., May 20.—News has reached here of a tragedy at Iron-quois, a settlement 20 miles up the shore. The dwelling of Benjamin Van Loden, a French Canadian, was on fire. He had six children had been put to bed. Mr. Van Loden was absent, and the work of rescuing the children fell upon the mother. She made three trips into the flames, carrying out two children each time. On the last trip both she and her children were on fire when they reached the open air. Mrs. Van Loden died here yesterday. She was the wife of a fisherman, and it is believed she saved the lives of the little ones. In this she was rewarded with success, but paid for it with her own life.

DREAMS, by Jerome K. Jerome, in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.
An Excellent Plan.
Now is the time to begin to save money for paying your expenses to the World's Fair. A good plan is to deposit your savings in the People's Saving Bank, No. 211 Broadway and get a 4 per cent interest on the money you lay down and upward interest received and interest allowed.

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Curious Commentary on the Clergy.
All Scottish fishermen take carefully the first person upon whom their eyes alight in the morning. Their "luck" for the day will depend on whether the person was well or ill favored. It is a curious commentary upon the standing and influence of clergymen among them that a clergyman, a pig or a cat are the most abhorred of all objects as they are saluting out of the harbor. The sight of either, or the discovery of the footprint of a flat-footed person in the sand, bores all manner of ill luck; and to utter the name of a clergyman or any four-footed beast on board of a Scotch fishing boat would render the offender subject to bodily punishment on that day.

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DIED.
BRADY—On Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 139 P. M. MARGARET, daughter of John J. and Margaret Brady, aged 18 years.
Funeral from the family residence, No. 24 Park street, on SATURDAY MORNING, May 21, at 8:30 o'clock. Services at St. Peter's R. C. Church at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

DICKSON—At Meadville, Pa., on Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 3:20 P. M. ELIZA DICKSON, widow of the late Dr. Thomas Dickson, of Pittsburgh.
Funeral services at the residence of her son, Thomas H. Dickson, 238 Allegheny avenue, Allegheny City, on SATURDAY MORNING, May 21, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Westview, Pa.

JOHNSTON—On Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 5:30 P. M. JAMES M. JOHNSTON, in the 28th year of his age, at the residence of his parents, No. 7 Laocock street, Allegheny.
Funeral services on SATURDAY, May 21, at 12 P. M. Interment private at a later hour.

MCCURRY—On Thursday, 10 A. M. CHARLES P. MCCURRY, in his 31st year.
Funeral services from the residence of his brother, Councilman Hugh McCurry, at No. 23 Fourth street, Southside, SCRANTON, Pa., on SATURDAY, May 21, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

ROBISON—MRS. ELIZA ROBINSON, widow of Robert Robison, deceased, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Robert Laucus, Avalon, near Pittsburgh, Pa., at 9:15 P. M., May 20, 1892, in her 84th year.
Notice of funeral later.

[Chambersburg papers please copy.]
SETTL—On Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 3 A. M. MARY LAMOTTE, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Smith, aged 22 years.

WOOLSEY—On Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 3:45 A. M. ELIZABETH K. WOOLSEY.
Funeral services at her late home, No. 620 Bond street, Nineteenth ward, on SATURDAY, 21st inst., at 2 P. M. Interment private.

SULLIVAN—On Friday, May 20, 1892, PATRICK SULLIVAN, aged 51 years.
Funeral from his late residence, No. 100 Forbes street, on SUNDAY, the 22d inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. Services at St. Paul's Cathedral at 2:30 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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