

### TROUT FISHING IS FUN.

Beasts, Birds, Reptiles and Men All Enjoy It.

### A BEAUTY THAT WOULDN'T BITE.

He Was a Foot Long, but Deafened Fishes, Worms and Grasshoppers and Was Baited Proof—The Charms of the Golden Trout of Whitney Creek.

This is the time of year when the water, the kingfisher, the wild duck, the mallard, the snapping turtle and the blue heron, natural enemies of the brook trout that fish in seasonal pools, are seen for the first time on the speckled beauties of the mountain streams by man, the skillful fly fisher who fishes only when the law allows him to do so if he is a true sportsman. The brook trout is one of the gamest, headstrong and most palatable members of the fishy tribe, and he consequently attracts a large share of the angler's attention.

The golden trout is to be found in but one stream on earth, and that is the creek which rises among the eternal snows crowning the summit of Mount Whitney, the California peak that rises 15,000 feet above the sea. It is said that a solitary miner, who had prospected in vain for gold for days away back in 1849, became fish-hungry one day, and, having no tackle, he caught and dropped his hook in Whitney creek. An instant later a trout that seemed fashioned of the glistering gold he had so long sought lay at his feet.

It was very appropriate that golden trout should flourish in the streams of the Golden State, but for a moment the miner thought his eyes, so often strained in his quest for yellow metal, had played him a trick that savored of mockery. Later, however, he took the trout, the gods provided and had a dinner of golden trout that the gods themselves would not have despised. The Whitney creek trout is a veritable fish of paradise. His back is golden red, purple and brown, and his belly from gills to tail is like a heart like a trout that is darts away with the delicate bait and the exciting battle that ensues before the slippery prey is at last safe in the basket, are a few attractive features of a sport that numbers its devotees by tens of thousands.

The speckled trout abounds in the small streams of the northern and middle parts of the United States and in the Canadian brooks. It is very similar to the common trout of Europe and is known by several names and has markings that vary in different parts of North America. But like the rose, no matter whether it is known as the brook trout, the Oregon trout, the golden trout of California or by any other name, it is as sweet to the palate, as beautiful to the eye and as highly prized by the fisherman. There is a great deal said nowadays about the proper costume for an angler, and columns are devoted to a description of his tackle and general equipment. A \$50 bamboo rod, however, is not the distinguishing mark of a true fisherman any more than a single swallow is an infallible sign of summer. Nor are corduroy coats, wading boots that reach far above the knees and Scotch caps absolutely necessary to vary the style of Walton who would lure the brook trout from woodland eddies.

Not that good tackle, reasonable bait and appropriate clothing are to be despised. Expensive tackle, if it is intelligently selected, is a valuable aid, a hook of steel is indispensable if the trout are hungry for such delicious wading boots are just the thing if you are not content to angle from the shaded bank, and a corduroy coat and a Scotch cap are certainly picturesque. But I have landed many pounds of trout with a short, footless bamboo rod, an ordinary line and a hook of steel, and I have frequently kicked grasshoppers. As for clothing, a dark suit that has long since lost the Sunday best distinction, an old slouch or a dark straw hat and a pair of ordinary rubber boots will answer very well.

One may catch trout without a rod, but as playing a big speckled beauty is half the sport to many fishermen a rod often adds much to the excitement. A first class jointed lancewood, greenheart or blackwood rod may be bought for \$15, and a capacious fish basket, a silk line, a few split shot, a gut leader or two, a bait box that is strapped to the body, a few extra hooks, a good knife and a dozen flies will swell the necessary outfit to \$30 or \$35. Nothing more is really needed. Too many trappings, like hope deferred, make the heart sick, and a fisherman who tramps all day in heavy marching order will be apt to wonder how lauk Walton managed to worry along 90 years without becoming thoroughly weary of angling.

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try cool or too near civilization and a brook or temperate climate is fairly well stocked with this game fish. Up stream fishing is the popular mode among experts, and for the reason that the trout usually lie with their heads up stream and are consequently less apt to take the alarm when approached from the rear.

A very interesting sight and one not to be missed is the spectacle afforded by a number of trout leaping up stream. They are as limber and wiry as so many shining steel springs, and when they come to a shallow riffle or a low dam or fall that bars their farther progress they take a run and jump so to speak out of the water, and describing a graceful crescent through the air land several feet farther up the stream. When a number of trout are indulging in these acrobatics, the uninitiated observer is apt to imagine that they are playing leap frog.

The salmon trout is even a more wonderful jumper. It is said to swim over 20 miles a day when going up stream, and a waterfall 25 feet high is a futile barrier to its way. On one occasion a salmon weighing 20 pounds and gave any fisherman a battle royal when struck.

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### NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

A French rider who rides on tracks with his hands off the handle bar is punished by fines.

The best mile ever done by a colored rider was covered in 2 minutes 13 1/2 seconds.

Ben one man in eight succeeds in riding a mile in less time than 2 minutes 25 seconds.

Schenfield is having trouble about securing his license to race in England.

W. D. Osmond of the University of Pennsylvania recently rode two miles in 5 minutes 28 seconds, breaking the American college record by eight seconds.

Harry Wheeler's mile at Savannah in 9 minutes 10 seconds is record for competition on a quarter mile track.

Over 100 electric lights will be placed around the track at Chicago so as to permit night racing.

A Milwaukee paper has presented to the Milwaukee wheelmen a magnificent \$100 gold medal to go to the novice in the Waukesha race who makes the fastest time.

McGraw is an All Round Player.

One of the Baltimore club's best all round players is John McGraw, who acquires himself very creditably, no matter what position he is assigned to fill. He is a swift and accurate shortstop.

McGraw is particularly well at home as a shortstop and plays in that position with the Baltimore club. He was born at Truxton, N. Y., 30 years ago and has been playing ball ever since he could swing a bat. In 1880 he made his debut as a professional player with the Oriole (N. Y.) club of the New York and Pennsylvania league.

The following year he did such good playing with the Cedar Rapids team of the Illinois and Iowa league that the Baltimore club secured his release. He has been an Oriole ever since and is considered a very valuable player.

The International Bicycle Races. The committee in charge of the international bicycle races to be held in Chicago during the week beginning Aug. 5 has arranged the following programme, which will interest cyclists.

First day—One mile, novice; half mile Illinois division championship; two mile Illinois division championship; two mile Illinois division championship; one mile scratch; five mile international open; one mile, open; one mile national championship; two mile handicap; one mile, novice; one mile national championship; one mile scratch; five mile international open; one mile, open; two mile international championship.

Fourth day—Half mile national championship; one mile scratch; open; two mile international open; one mile, open; two mile handicap; one mile national championship; half mile, novice; one mile, open; one mile national championship; half mile, open; two mile international championship.

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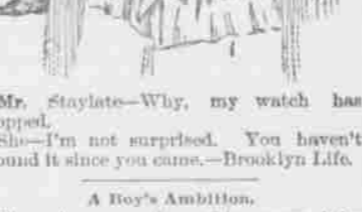
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Pompey Leone Scott was accounted the oldest inhabitant of Vincennes, though no body knew just what his age was. Pompey's reply when questioned on this point usually displayed the mixture of shrewdness and simplicity which distinguished his character.

"I ain't got no date on my hand put down, hokey," he would say, "an' I hab to go by guesswork. When I think on all dis yez nigger has seen, 'pears like I ma' be more'n a hundred yezrs old."

"But w'en I reflex on w'at Pompey Leone Scott hab done an' hab seen he been libbin' in dis yer world, oh, shile, I belie he j'us some trifin' age, like twen'y-five, say!" —Youth's Companion.

No Wonder.



Mr. Staylate—Why, my watch has stopped.

Wid—I'm not surprised. You haven't wound it since you came.—Brooklyn Life.

A Boy's Worthing.

There is, as a rule, nothing more left than the ambition of a boy of 5 who has looked carefully over the whole range of human endeavor and made up his mind what he is going to do. A lad of that age known to all of his kind as "a boy on 6" was asked the other day if he expected to become a lawyer like his father.

"Oh, no," said he, with a positive shake of his head. "I'm going to be a captain of a big ship, and I'll sail out west and befriend the Indians on the plains."—Harper's Magazine.

The Right Person.

Stranger (at the door)—I am trying to find a lady whose married name I have forgotten, but I know she lives in this neighborhood. She is a woman, neatly dressed, and perhaps you know her—singularly beautiful creature, with pink and white complexion, sea-blue eyes, lovely eyes, and hair such as a goddess might envy.

Servant—Really, sir, I don't know.

Stranger—Really, sir, I don't know. The gentleman'll be down in a minute.—Yankee Blade.

Without Delays.

Fond Mother (listening to baby's cries)—What a sweet toned voice she has, dear! She'll be an splendid singer. We must send her to Italy and have her voice cultivated.

Brutal Father (trying to sleep)—Send her now.—Tit-Bits.

A Complete Cure.

Herds—Do you believe in the faith cure? Said—Yes. One treatment cured all the faith I had.—Vogue.

Hereafter.

He—Do you believe in a future state? She (angrily)—Of matrimony.—Detroit Free Press.

Rescued from Death.

All Said She Could Not Live a Month.

Now Alive and Well—Thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I must praise Hood's Sarsaparilla, for it is wonderful medicine. I suffered 10 years with Neuralgia and Dyspepsia and fainting spells. Sometimes I would be almost stiff with cold perspiration. I spent a great deal of money for medical advice, but I did not improve until I got to work with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I began to take it. It worked like a charm, and now I am in perfect health. I owe all to Hood's Sarsaparilla."

A Picture of Misery.

Every one who saw me thought I could not live another month. But I began to improve at once after beginning with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and have gradually gained until I am now perfectly cured of my illness, and now I am in perfect health. I owe all to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Instead of being dead poor, I am alive and weigh 142 lbs.—Mrs. ELIZABETH MESSER, 10 East Barney Street, Baltimore, Md.

### OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD COMPANY,

No. 227 South Fourth Street Philadelphia, May 27, 1903.

### To the Stockholders and Creditors of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

The Board of Managers herewith present the following plan for the readjustment of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and the funding of the floating and other indebtedness now in default:

PLAN.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will create an issue of thirty-year general mortgage bonds, bearing six per cent interest, free of taxes, of the par value of \$2,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the floating debt of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and the funding of the floating and other indebtedness now in default.

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Subscriptions have been obtained, in consideration of a commission of 5 per cent, from financial institutions and others to take all of the bonds not taken by the creditors and stockholders of the company.

The making of such an issue is conditioned upon the agreement of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to reduce the minimum fixed rental to a sum sufficient to pay an annual dividend of 5 per cent on its capital stock.

(b) The agreement of the holders of over 90 per cent of the general mortgage bonds to sell their registered interest or coupons as the shall mature, beginning with that of July 1, 1893, and including that of January 1, 1898, to the Pennsylvania Company for insurance on lives and granting annuities, in consideration of a commission of 5 per cent, of the face value of the bonds, for an issue of coupon trust certificates together with the interest and coupons purchased (with the option to the bondholders to purchase certificates at par, in case the earnings of the company applicable thereto shall not be sufficient to enable it to pay said interest and coupons at maturity) the said certificates shall be redeemable at 105 per cent of their par value and accrued interest, and in case the Railroad Company shall, in any year, have net earnings after the payment of the coupons and interest on said bonds maturing in that year sufficient in the judgment of the Board of Managers for that purpose, the railroad company shall and will appropriate the same to the purchase of the said certificates at the best prices obtainable, or their redemption at 105 per cent of their par value and accrued interest, the said certificates to be payable to the order of the registered owner, or trustee, and when so drawn said certificates and an equal amount of coupons shall be canceled.

(c) In consideration of a commission of two and a half per cent, payable in ten semi-annual installments, a subscription has been made up to take all the coupon trust certificates at par not taken by the bondholders.

(d) The agreement of the holders of the bonds of the Philadelphia, Reading and New England Railroad Company (guaranteed by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company) to accept payment of the registered interest and coupons as they mature (beginning with that of May, 1893) for three and a half years in the 5 per cent mortgage bonds of the said company, at par, the earnings of the road to be expended upon the property; or an agreement to retake the property and release and indemnify the Railroad Company from and against its liability.

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