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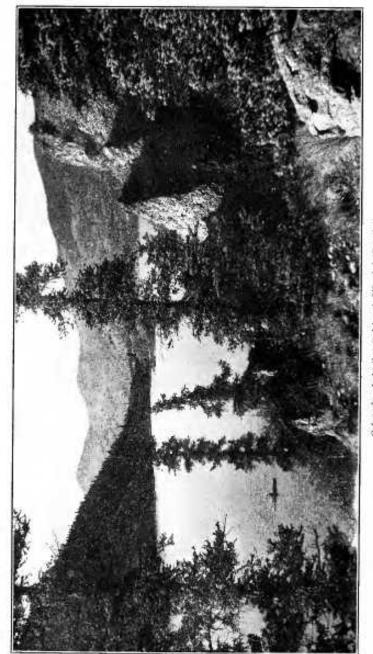
"Our Saviour chose simple fishermen *** St. Peter, St. John, St. Andrew and St. James, whom he inspired. *** He never reproved these for their employment or calling as he did scribes and money-changers."—IZAAK WALTON,

The Compleat Angler, 1653.

"I am the wiser in respect to all knowledge and the better qualified for all fortunes for knowing that there is a minnow in that brook."

-THOREAU.

"Let us make the best of the time yet allotted to us and regain what of youth is possible—let us go a-fishing."—Annaew Lang.



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A RECORD OF THE FAVORITE BAITS, RODS AND TACKLE
OF THE EXPERT ANGLER

AND A SUMMARY OF THE FISHING RESORTS

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"The Wildpowles," Ex.

"I may, peradventure, give you some instructions that may be of use even in your own rivers," —Charles Corros,
The Complest Angler, 1676.



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THE ANGLER

"Anglers. " * * men of mild, and sweet, and peaceful spirits. Moses and the Prophet Amos were both Anglers." IZAAK WALTON.



Trout Fishing in the Gunnison River, near Celestia, Colorado.

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" What a man

brings home in

his heart after

fishing is of more account

than what he

brings in his basket."

W. J. LONG.

HE Angler represents the highest order of fisherman.

All anglers are fishermen, but all fishermen are not anglers.

There is the same distinction in the angler and the fisherman as there is in the horseman and the jockey, and the yachtsman and the sailor.

As some one has said before, there is no commercial side to angling.

It is a noble, recreative pastime, indulged in by those who value the pursuit as much as they value the game.

The angler never judges his day by the size of his creel, while the mere fisherman always does so. It's quality with the angler, quantity with the ordinary fisherman.

There are many kinds of anglers and many kinds of angling; so are there many kinds of fishermen and many ways to go fishing, but, setting aside the savage who fishes with a spear and the Japanese who have birds (cormorants) fish for them, generally speaking, there are but two common forms of fishing and three kinds of fishermen.

The two common forms of fishing are represented in fishing with the hook and line, and fishing with the net, and the three general classes of fishermen are represented in the angler, the net fisherman and the hand-line fisher the angler, the fisherman and the fisher.

The angler fishes with gentle tackle—appropriate rod, reel, line and hook—for the natural pleasure he finds in the day and pursuit as well as in the capture of the fish; the fisherman drags his net for his living, and the fisher plys

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his hand-line for the pure love of slaughter, or because he imagines praise in fishing is acquired by the biggest basket,

The net fisherman is not as noble as the angler because his present-day pursuit depletes the waters, while the angler, though he, too, takes fishes, protects and multiplies the finny tribes; but this same net fisherman is no worse than the ungentle hand-line fisher, who brags of his tubful and barrelful, and, in the opinion of many wise judges, of the two, the fisher is the more destructive.

Net fishing and the net fisherman have not always been in contempt. It is only in these days of glory in the greed for gold that the pursuit has been degraded, and, with the fast-multiplying laws of restriction and man's awakening to the necessity of protecting and propagating our food fishes, it is quite probable that net fishing will be so regulated as to command praise in place of reproof for the

netter.

There are many net fishermen and market-fish dealers who are foremost in the effort to mend the ways and means of the trade—highly respected gentlemen and honest business men whose voices are as loud against destructive methods and whose assistance toward protection and propagation is as great as any anti-netting class in the world.

Remember ve:

The Old Testament teaches fishing with both seine and line.



Another View of the Gunnison River, near Ceballa, Colorada.



Fig Fishing for Trout in the Lake Fork of the Gunuleon River, near Loke City, Calorado.

The best of the Apostles—Peter, Andrew, James and John—were fishermen.

And Jesus loved fishermen, and associated with them more than with any other class of men.

"He began to teach by the seaside."

"He entered into a boat."

"He was in the stern of the boat, asleep."

"His disciples were fishermen."
"His best friends were fishermen."

"His pulpit was a fishing boat, or the shore of a lake."
"He fed the people on fish when they were hungry."

"He was always near the water to cheer and comfort those who followed it."

The first authentic mention of the angler is in the book of Joh B C 1520 (vii 1 and 2)

of Job, B. C. 1520 (xii, 1 and 2).

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Archimedes built a house boat or fallery for Hiero of Syracuse which had a fish pond in the bow, from which the owner and his guests could take live fishes,

Izaak Walton tells of the angling exploits of Marc Antony and Cleopatra, and Sir Humphrey Davy declares Trojan was an angler. Plutarch's account of Anthony's fishing and description of the numerous paintings on the walls of the houses of Pompeii, and Oppian's book on fishing attest the antiquity of the angle.