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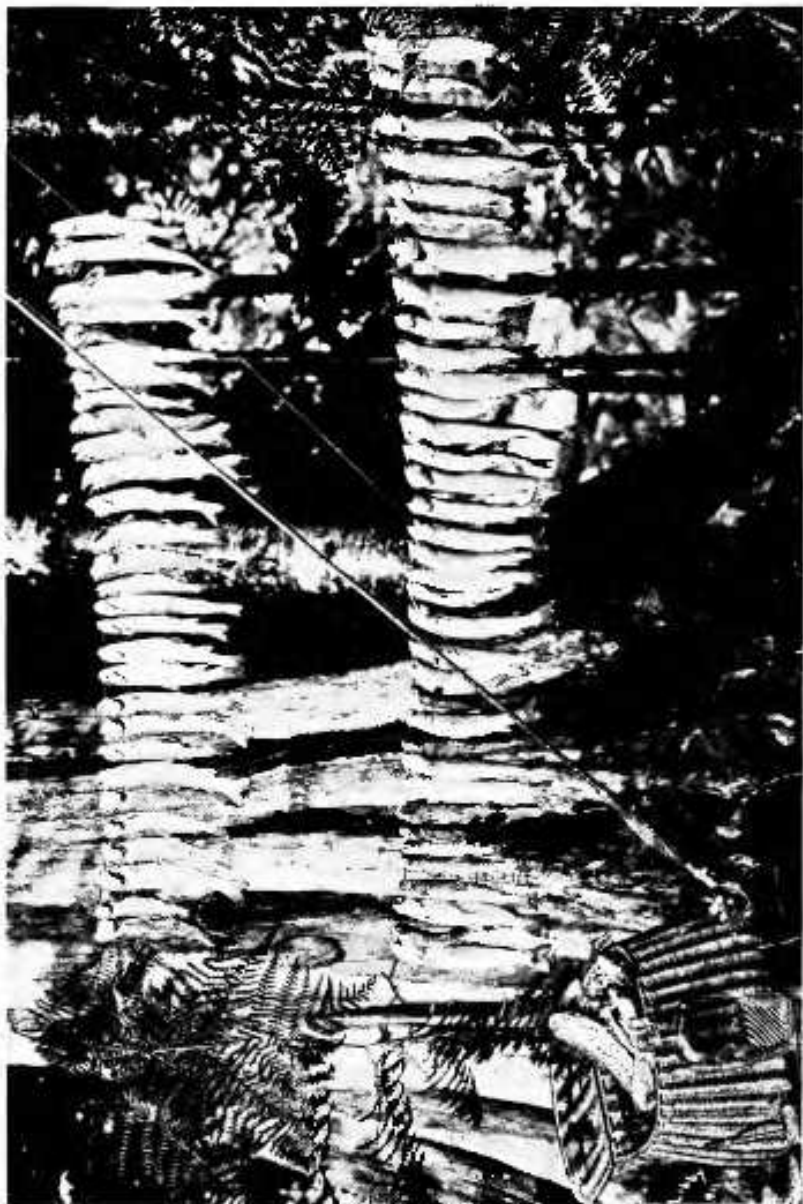
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THESE LITTLE YARNS ARE DEDICATED IN REMEMBRANCE
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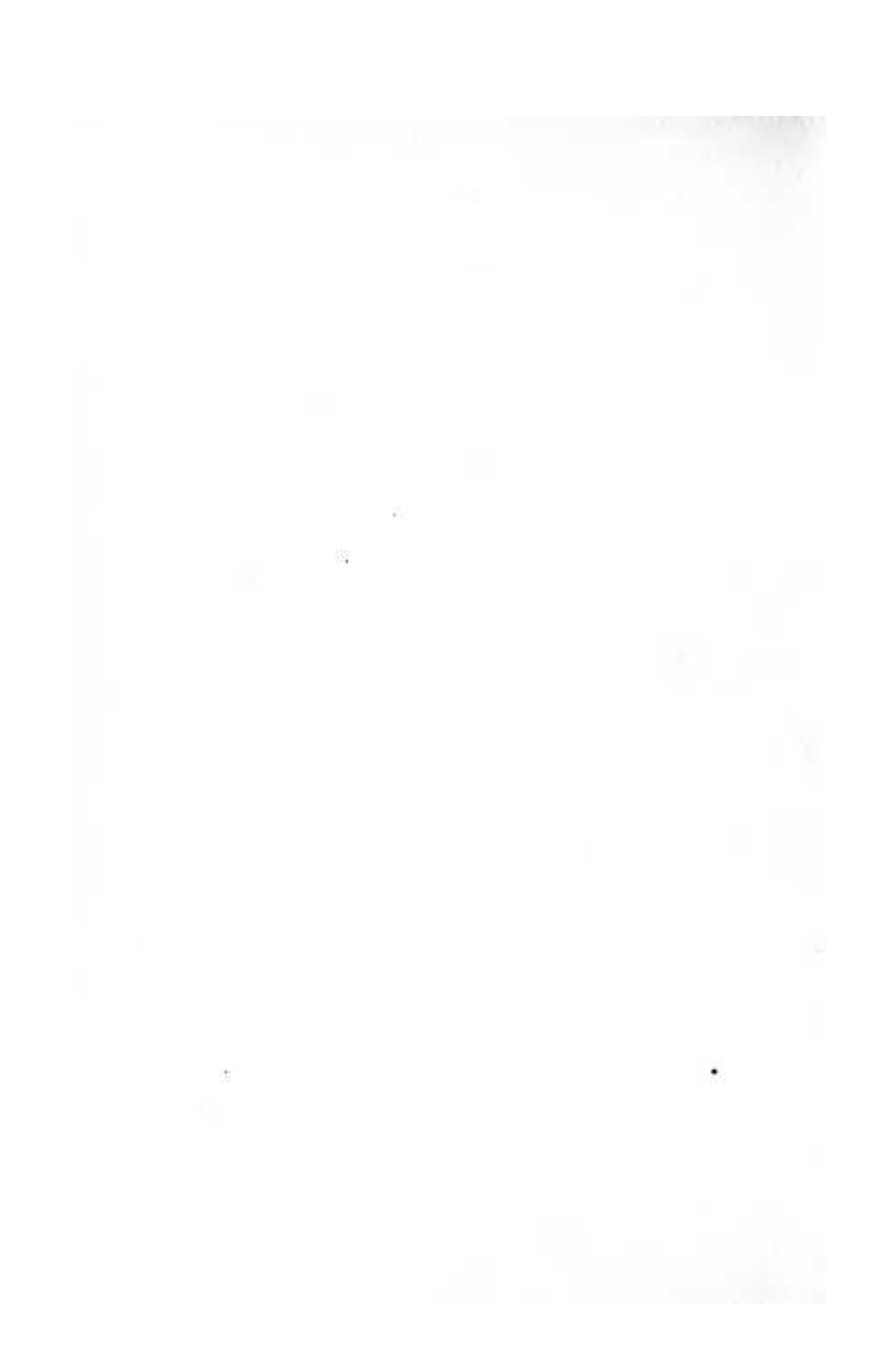
THE BROOK TROUT'S HOME

"I am *Salmo fontinalis*,
To the sparkling fountain born;
And my home is where oxalis,
Heather bell and rose adorn
The crystal basin in the dell
(Undine the wood-nymph knows it well):
That is where I love to dwell.

There was I baptized and christened,
'Neath the somber aisles of oak;
Mute the cascade paused and listened,
Never a word the brooklet spoke;
Bobolink was witness then,
Likewise grosbeak, linnet, wren—
And all the fairies joined "amen!"

Thus as *Salmo fontinalis*
Recognized the wide world o'er,
In my limpid crystal palace,
Content withal, I ask no more.
Leaping through the rainbow spray,
Snatching flies the livelong day,
Naught to do but eat and play."

CHARLES HALLOCK.



BROOK TROUT ANGLING

“. . . it carries us into the most wild and beautiful scenery of nature; amongst the mountain lakes, and the clear and lovely streams that gush from the higher ranges of elevated hills, or that make their way through the cavities of calcareous strata. How delightful in the early spring, after the dull and tedious time of winter, when the frosts disappear and the sunshine warms the earth and waters, to wander forth by some clear stream, to see the leaf bursting from the purple bud, to scent the odors of the bank perfumed by the violet, and enameled, as it were, with the primrose and the daisy; to wander upon the fresh turf below the shade of trees, whose bright blossoms are filled with the music of the bee; and on the surface of the waters to view the gaudy flies sparkling like animated gems in the sunbeams, whilst the bright and beautiful trout is watching them from below; to hear the twittering of the water-birds, who, alarmed at your approach, rapidly hide themselves beneath the flowers and leaves of the water-lily; and as the season advances, to find all these objects changed for others of the same kind, but better and brighter, till the swallow and the trout contend as it were for the gaudy May fly, and till in pursuing your amusement in the calm and balmy evening, you are serenaded by the songs of the cheerful thrush . . . performing the offices of paternal love, in thickets ornamented with the rose and woodbine."—*Days of Fly Fishing*, 1828.