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THE author of this volume has taken pains to make it a practical manual for amateur as well as professional anglers. The disciple of Isaak Walton will find that, while the subject matter is condensed and made free from technicality and literary extension, nothing of value has been omitted. The work covers a ground embraced by no other volume, and will prove valuable as a reference-book to all lovers of the gentle art.

The extent of the territory and waters referred to does not range beyond the inland streams and sea-coast of our Eastern and Middle States. Apart from a few kinds of fish that swim in the great chain of Northern Lakes, save Black Fresh-water Bass and Pike-Perch, hardly any

varieties occur inland, toward the Mississippi River, that draw the attention of either naturalist or angler. Not until the shores of the far Pacific are reached does angling again become remunerative and interesting.

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IMPLEMENTS.

RODS.—The strongest and most elastic are of split bamboo ; ash-wood and lance-wood are sometimes used. For fish of from two to three pounds, rods of from six to seven ounces are taken ; for six-pound fish, corresponding rods should be from eight to nine ounces. Trolling-rods with rings attached.

REELS.—Plain click-reels are to be commended, of sizes to carry the required length of lines. Brass ones, stained black, are favored.

LINES.—Of water-proof braided silk, braided raw-silk, braided linen or flaxen, braided cotton, India-grass as may be preferred. The silk and hair combination has many opponents. Lines are made water-proof by being soaked overnight in fish-oil and hung up to drain for a day ; thereafter dried in sawdust.