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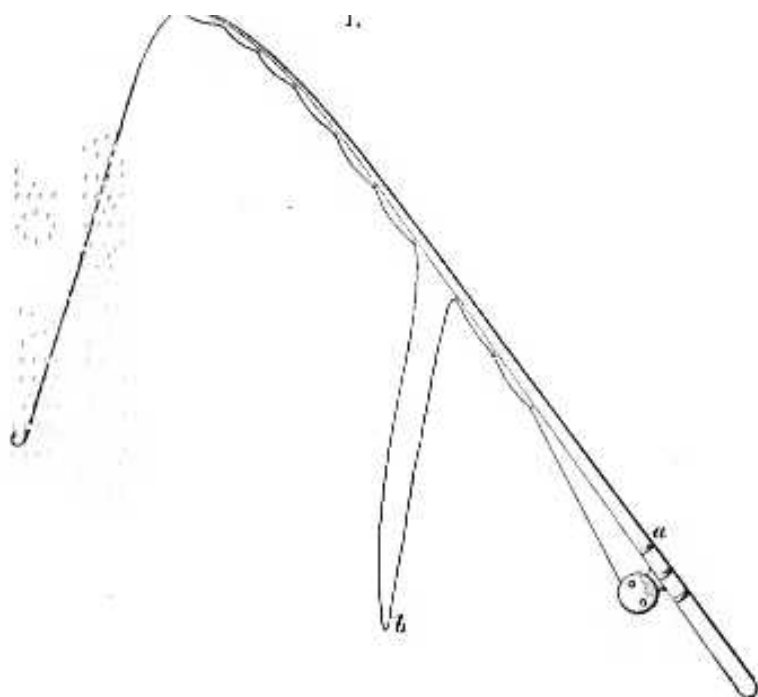
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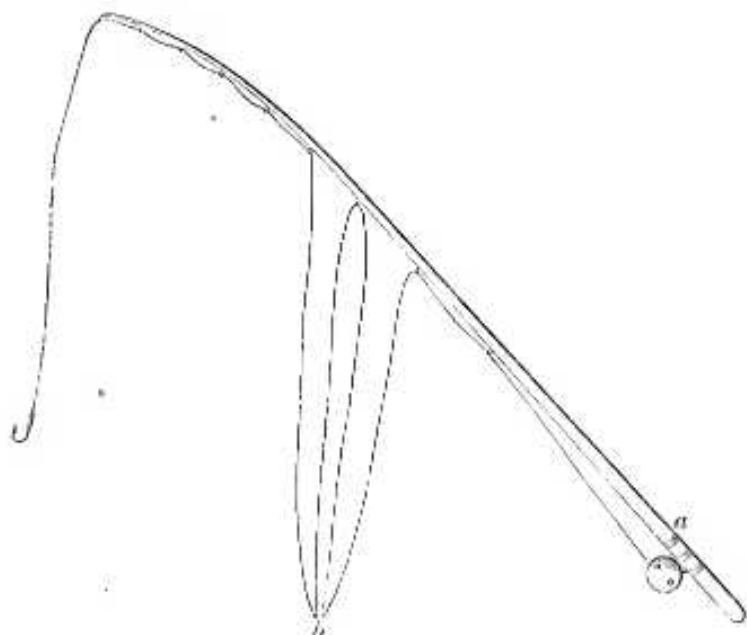
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- a.* Angler's right hand holding rod just above the reel.
b. Angler's left hand pulling down line in order to make a cast with light tackle in Nottingham style. Page 34.



- a.* Angler's right hand holding rod just above the reel.
b. Left hand pulling down two lengths of line in order to make extra long cast. Page 34.

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THE "LEFT OTER"

"Ye who stand behind the counter,
Or grow pallid at the loom,
Leave the measure and the shuttle,
To the rippling stream come, come"

The Invitation.

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P R E F A C E.

WILL you, my dear brother angler, oblige me by reading this preface before you proceed to dip into and pick out pieces in the various chapters, for in the preface the writer generally explains the reason for his work. Some may say that there is no valid reason for another book on fishing, there being so many already, but I would explain in justification that there is a vast army of bottom fishers in the kingdom, and the great majority of them are working men who can only get a day's fishing occasionally, and that it is to these working men anglers I am more particularly addressing the remarks contained in this little volume. I myself am a working man, but I have had very considerable experience in Trent angling when I could spare the time from my work.

The large books upon angling treat so fully of salmon, trout, and grayling, that they do not do justice to the so-called "coarse" fish, and these books, moreover, cost so much that a working man, as a rule, cannot afford to buy them. I must confess, being a working man, I am in the same swim as my fellows in regard to these, and I have a notion that a book which contains the whole art of bottom fishing would be gladly welcomed by those to whom I have referred, or by the would-be anglers generally, if it could be published in a cheap form. Now I am confident enough to hope that this volume will meet the requirements of such persons.

The instructions given here are the results of carefully conned experience, and as the Trent angler is supposed to be the most scientific of bottom fishermen in the kingdom, I trust the tyro will derive some profit from the principles I lay down. I have expended a good deal of time in the prepara-

tion of this work, but this has been given willingly, the whole task in fact having been a "labour of love." I have added a chapter on "Pike Fishing," under the impression that it also may be interesting.

The extent of the pocket of the working man angler has been constantly before me when describing his outfit, and there is nothing mentioned that cannot be bought or made cheaply. Perhaps, also, the better class anglers may derive some instruction from this little book. The plainest possible language has been used, so that the veriest novice can understand what I mean, and I have been very particular in my description of the tackle, baits, &c., &c. I respectfully request the reader to carefully read Chapter II., for in that will be found a full description of the outfit of a Nottingham angler; how to make his tackle, and how to use it, and some recipes that are very valuable to the fisherman. Chapter I. contains some facts connected with the history of fishing, both ancient and modern, and also some notes on the natural history of the fish. I am indebted to various sources for the latter, but principally to cuttings from various papers, &c. I regret I cannot give the source in all cases from whence these were taken, but I hope I shall be pardoned where I have quoted without an acknowledgment, as the fault must be set down to inadvertence rather than design. However, I have mostly gone by my own experience in the matter, and shall say no more by way of an apology, allowing my little work to stand on its merits. Please Mr. Critic, remember, nevertheless, that I am only a poor working man, with a very moderate education.

JOHN WM. MARTIN.

Newark, May, 1882.

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