

BANTAM LAKE TIP-UPS.

THREE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 150 YEARS.

Effectiveness of the Bantam Lake Tip-up of This Season. A. W. Bantam, who has been fishing the lake for 150 years, says that the tip-up is now at its height.

BANTAM FALLS, Conn., Jan. 23.—Fishing through the ice on Bantam Lake, Connecticut's largest sheet of fresh water and most famous pond for winter fishing, is now at its height.

On an average about 3,000 hooks are being wet daily. The fishing has been very good this winter. Tons of pickerel and yellow perch have been taken out, some black bass, and a few trout.

The fishermen come mainly from the principal towns in the western half of the State, while at the hotels in Litchfield and at the lake are registered the usual number of New Yorkers and Washingtonians, who have been visiting the lake for years to enjoy the midwinter sport.

Sometimes 150 fishermen are seen on the lake at a glance. All have been fishing with tip-ups or some modifications of them until recently, when a sudden change was made in the method of fish catching.

The collection of fish trapping apparatus at the lake is varied and complete. Some of the oldest fishermen use a simple wooden stand, the first style of tip-up ever seen on Bantam Lake, simply a bit of lath, with a crosspiece as a pivot for it.

When a pickerel draws down in its easy way, the tip-up rises, and the fisherman is alerted by a signal to the fisherman. As there is no slack line with this device the fish is not pulled clear of the hook before it can be landed.

Finally a trap, consisting of an upright stick with an arm supporting a pulley over the fishing hole, was contrived by a Danbury Yankee, who sold many dozens of them to the lake fishermen.

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Each of the variety of tip-ups is built to be used in calm or in stormy and cold weather. A pickerel fisherman generally cuts his fishing holes and sets out his tip-ups when he first arrives at the lake, and he usually leaves his lines in the water for a week or more.

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FISH TALES BY EXPERTS.

An interesting report from the U. S. Fish Commission.

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GEORGE C. SMITH'S CHILDREN.

Their Mother Wants Lawyer Pennington Removed as Trustee.

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DEMOCRATIC CLUB DINNER.

Keating Exception to Ex-Gov. Flower.

The routing greeting given to Ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower was the stirring feature of the dinner at the Democratic Club given last night at the club house in Fifth avenue.

GRACE VAUGHN'S STRANGE STORY.

She Says She Was in an Asylum, Though Not There—Her Story.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Grace Jennings, who is known on the stage as Grace Vaughn, got a divorce from Judge Tuttle's court today on the ground of desertion. Her husband was Andrew R. Jennings, son of A. R. Jennings, a Chicago dentist.

TEN-CENT LAKE TO CONY ISLAND.

Brooklyn Elevated Road Means the West End Trolley Line.

Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday granted an injunction restraining the Brooklyn, Bath and West End Railroad Company from carrying passengers on the surface railroad beyond Thirty-seventh street.

FREE BED AND BOARD FOR TRAMPS.

Pennsylvania Farmers Who Find That It Pays to Entertain Wayfarers.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Licensees to Be Restricted from Owners of Camps and Private Hunting Lodges, as Well as from Guides—Greater Protection for Deer, Moose, and Caribou.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 22.—The Committee on Inland Fish and Game is slowly getting a bill ready to report to the Legislature.

THE NAHUM CHAPIN'S WRECK.

Matie's Body Found—Died Capt. Army.

The body of Matie Alfred E. Davis of the schooner Nahum Chapin, wrecked on the beach near Quogue, L. I., on last Thursday, was found in the sand near the Quogue Life-Saving station.

THE WEATHER.

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TROUBLE KNOWN ON HIS BOAT.

Five Men Killed by an Explosion and the Boat Destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The French cutter Madeline arrived yesterday from Callao.

MISS ECKELS FOR ELECTIONS SUES RICHARD MANSTEAD FOR OBSCURE NEWS.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Suit was begun here today against Richard Manstead, the actor, by Miss E. Eckels, the Comptroller of the Currency.

THE SCHUBERT MANDOLIN PIANOS.

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