

DAILY HERALD.

TRICK OF "TICKLING" TROUT.

A Process Well Known Among the Boys of Ireland.

"I was astonished to learn by Mr. Thornydyke's statement that the bears on the shores of Carbon river, at the base of the precipitous Mount Tacoma, have mastered the process of catching the hook-nosed salmon by the art of "tickling," said a gentleman who was born on the Emerald Isle, and is proud of it. "I wonder whether the boys in Ireland taught it to them or learned it from some? I know when I was a youngster we Irish lads carried on the sport to a extent that led the gamekeepers to suspect that there were more and shrewder poachers in that part of the country than had ever been hounded out of it; but they never suspected that the ragged, barefooted boy who whistled as he plucked the blackberries from the hedges, and would have been as familiar with the mariner's compass, had it been placed before him, as with a trout rod, creek reel and cast of flies, was one of the licenseless culprits who caused the scarcity of trout.

"Yet so it was. When the keeper was well out of sight the small boy would throw away the blackberries which he had collected but did not care to eat, and knowing by long experience where the big speckled fellow loved to lurk, he would dart to a deep, still spot, well shaded, and where the bank overhung the water. Then crawling to the edge he would look cautiously over. If a trout was basking near the surface, the dirty little hand, making no perceptible ripple in the stream, so carefully was it put in, was soon under it. The fingers were then raised, until with almost incredible gentleness their points touched the trout's stomach, when a slight oscillation was commenced. This was the "tickling" part of the maneuver. The boys thought the trout enjoyed it, but perhaps they supposed that it was only the weeds softly brushing them. Anyhow, it rarely disturbed them, and the hand gradually assumed a surer position, until, with a dextrous movement, swift as the lightning flash, the fish was cast out of the water, generally on the opposite bank. The probability is that the trout so captured is asleep, and though its eyes are, of course, open, it can see nothing.

"I have often caught two dozen fine trout in a day after this fashion, and all the time kept a bright lookout that I was not caught myself; and while I was 'tickling' them I was carefully avoiding sportsmen who, not far away, were fruitlessly whipping the stream. "The bear seems to capture his prey, as it were, by main strength. He just puts his claw under the fish and casts it out. The hook-nosed salmon must be a stupid fellow to be so easily taken. The Irish boy has to be more artistic, so perhaps he taught the mode of fishing to the bears."—[S. F. Examiner.

Triumph of the Divining Rod. One of the most recent triumphs of the divining rod in Britain has been at the Avondale docks. The company owning the docks having received an intimation that an American company proposed establishing a sugar factory near the docks, provided a good water supply could be secured, a certain Mr. Lawrence—who has the reputation of success as a water finder—was engaged to examine the neighboring ground. In this case the rod employed was a piece of spring steel, which was bent to the shape of a horseshoe, as the searcher, holding his elbows close to his side, began to walk slowly over the field. After a while the steel became so violently agitated, and twisted itself with such force, that one of Mr. Lawrence's fingers was cut. He directed the company to commence boring at the spot thus indicated by the shuddering of his blood, and the work was accordingly commenced. At the depth of 107 feet water was struck, and has since flowed at the rate of a thousand gallons per hour.

In New England, also, the location of wells is said to be frequently decided by the aid of the water twig. And moving westward, we are told that the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroad companies have, in crossing arid plains, been glad to avail themselves of the services of the divining rod in order to successfully locate their artesian wells.

Doubtless ere long this seemingly mysterious power will be scientifically explained. For the present, however, it remains among the number of unfathomed mysteries, of which a few still remain, to puzzle our wisest men and provoke the temptations and ends of those who (forgetting how little our great grand-parents knew of the forces of steam and electricity and how certain it is that nature still holds many a secret which science has failed to discover) believe that whatever is beyond their own power of understanding must necessarily be foolishness.—Miss Gordon Cumming in the Quiver.

The Dog Should Have Had the Medal. At Cardiff Town Hall, South Wales, recently, Captain Thompson, of the steamer Muley Hassan, was presented with a silver medal for saving a life. The steamer was passing through the Strait of Gibraltar when the captain's retriever dog showed signs of restlessness, and eventually jumped overboard. A boat was lowered and the dog was discovered holding the collar of the coat of a drowning man, who was lying across two oars. The man was afterward discovered to be the only survivor of a Spanish revenue felucca which had been upset four hours previously.

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