

# Scenes at the Island of Santa Catalina

## ANGLING PRECAUTIONS

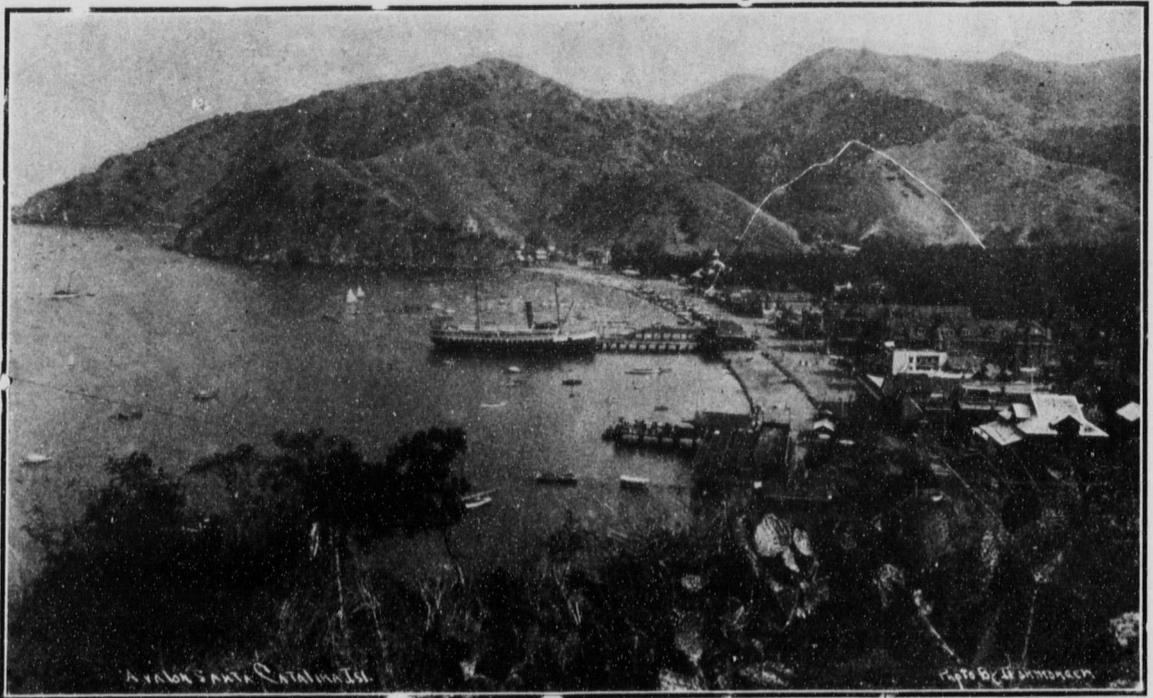
**T**HE rarity of accidents to anglers in American waters may cause the majority of them to give little thought to the possibility of such things when purchasing their fishing outfits or equipping themselves for a day on favorite trout or salmon stream.

In wading large brooks and streams it is the common practice for the angler, particularly in April and May, to equip himself somewhat as follows: A flannel shirt, warm trousers or knickerbockers and woolen stockings, over woolen underclothing; a waterproof jacket or coat, wading trousers or thigh-length wading stockings; over these another pair of wool stockings and hobnailed brogues. In a dry state all of these articles are heavy, but when saturated they are much more so. Add to these a creel, a landing net and other small things, light in weight but certain to hamper one in a fall, and the angler's movements are not much more agile or graceful than those of a man in a diving suit. Add again the rod, which may be dropped readily enough, but which is the last thing to be cast aside in an emergency, and the possible danger of one's position at times becomes apparent.

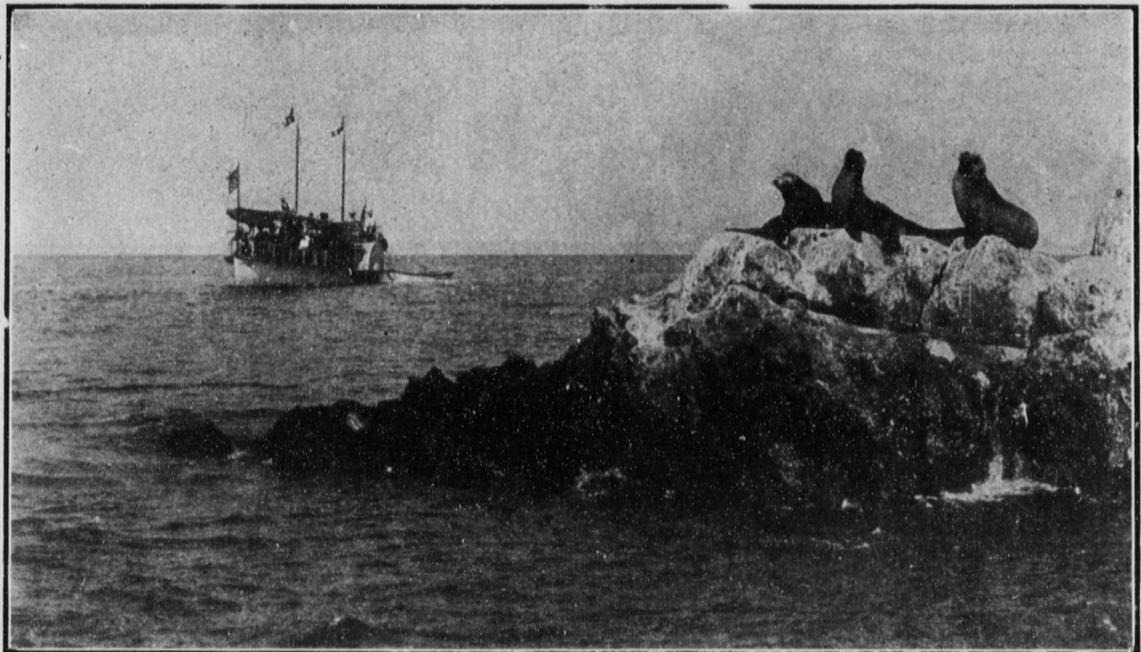
A certain amount of weight is necessary in the equipment for early fishing. The air and the water are cold, and one moves so slowly that his circulation is not raised. The boots or brogues must be both stiff and heavy, for many steps are taken where it would be easy to sprain or break an ankle in light footwear, and the half-pound of nails is necessary to prevent slipping on mossy and slimy stones.

Even in brooks the current in places is strong enough to give one who falls a moment of anxiety, while in streams there are rifts in which one would find it extremely difficult to regain his footing after a fall. Pools and swampy places need scarcely be considered, since the angler seldom ventures into them without testing the footing, step by step, and if it is insecure there is a current to prevent him from backing out and trying a more favorable place to enter. By some men wading staffs are employed, but other anglers dislike the encumbrance.

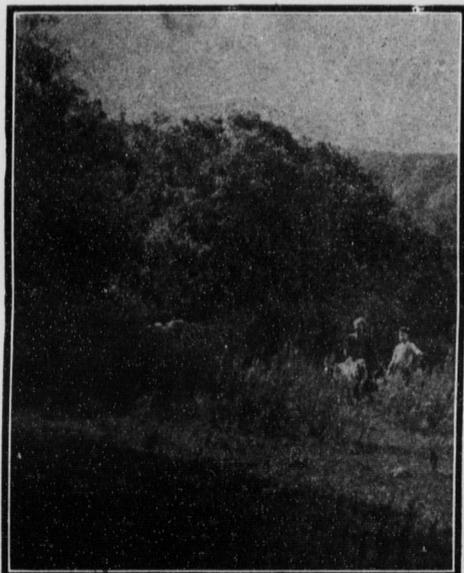
The recent drowning of Francis M. Walbran in an English stream, and of Lieut. Cook in Ireland, both encumbered with heavy gear, has brought home to the angling world the necessity for great care in wading, and the danger in encumbering oneself with articles that may hamper him if he loses his footing in swift water. To reduce the weight of wading equipment is difficult, but it is possible and advisable to avoid all straps with old-fashioned buckles and other things that may prove troublesome in a mishap and to simplify things, so that the danger may be reduced to the minimum. Whatever the footwear may be, the soles and heels should be well protected with broad-headed nails, and these should be soft wrought iron and not steel. Iron will wear, but unlike steel, it will always grip stone and gravel, and will not wear smooth.—Forest and Stream.



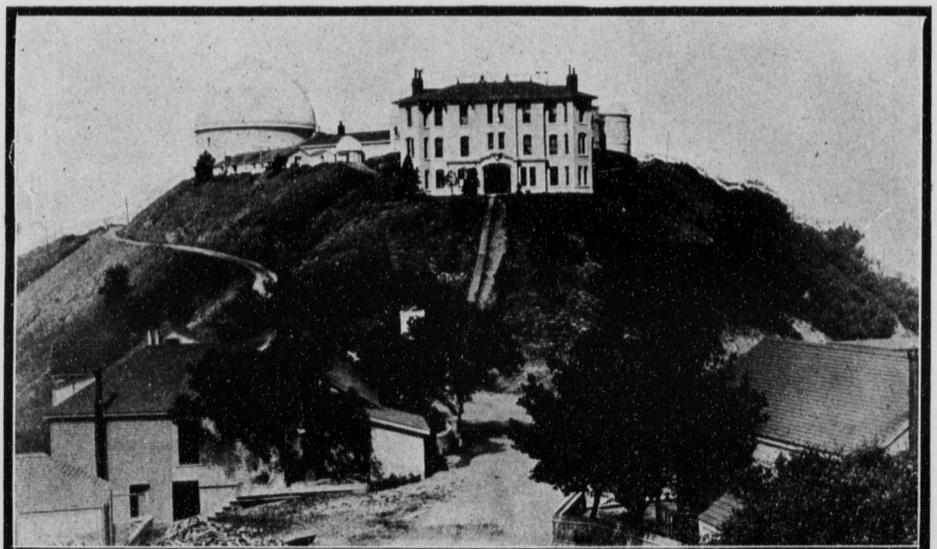
AVALON, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND. THE MECCA OF THE WORLD'S DEEP SEA ANGLERS



SEAL ROCKS—NEAR THE GROUNDS OF THE MONSTER BLACK SEA BASS



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NEAR ESCONDIDO



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