

Indian Fish Trap.

The chief item of food of all Indians living along the streams of the Pacific coast is the salmon that swarm into the rivers in countless thousands. These are caught in numerous ways and dried for winter use. One of the most effective methods is that used by the natives living along the Quinalt river, a beautiful stream flowing into the Pacific ocean from the Olympic mountains, in Washington. This device is an improvement upon their more crude appliances made possibly by their acquisition of the knowledge and inventions of the white man, and consists of a wier built across the stream to prevent the salmon from ascending, and a trap for catching a portion of the immense numbers thus collected below the obstruction. The wier is made by driving posts about six inches square into the bed of the river across the stream at intervals of about six feet, and bracing them solidly from below and then setting in cross pieces about three inches square at the top and bottom, thus forming supports for the wicker work, which consists of frames about 2x6 feet in size, made of willow poles about two inches in diameter, upon which is woven a net work of willow branches, with meshes of sufficient size to let the water drop through without interruption and at the same time small enough to detain the salmon below.

The river at this point is from two to four feet deep and the wier is from six to eight feet high. The net work is built in sections so when there are no fish running or no fishermen at work they can be easily taken up and stored away, or in case of a break be more readily replaced. The wier is simply to delay the fish and of course renders the stream just below it alive with them, which is novel and exciting scene of itself. The fish are taken by means of a trap built just below the wier by driving four piles in the shape of a square, fourteen feet apart. The piles are cut off about fourteen feet above the water and capped in and thoroughly braced on the sides above the water. At the top of each pile a pulley is fastened with a line running through it, which is attached to a corresponding corner of a drop net. The drop net is lowered to the bottom of the stream and when full of fish is brought to the surface by means of the ropes and pulleys above described, the whole thing being worked from below by Indians in canoes, and of a truth, the "emptying" of the net is a very thrilling piece of sport.

The wier and trap belong to the Indians in common, each family having its turn of fishing. It is fair to say, however, that the wier is only kept in place when someone is fishing, and the hindrance of the fish ascending in their spawning grounds is not material.—West shore.

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would have taken four years to settle the conflict. Four weeks would have been sufficient.

The New York Herald says: "A number of our own party makes a tour. A junket is the trip of a number of the opposition." For the correctness of this definition of "tour" and "junket" the reader is referred to the party newspapers' accounts of Harrison's recent trip.

The increased prices of champagne and imported cigars are not worrying the newspaper men of this section half as much as the thoughts of their wives and daughters being compelled to worry through this winter without sealskin sacques.

All the good and patriotic men are not confined to one political party, nor do all the thugs, ballot box stuffers and thieves march under the same political banner. It is well enough to remember this when listening to the enthusiastic orations of the gentlemen who enthrone and orate at a stated price per diem and expenses paid.

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Mothers' Home Talk.

Among the agitations of the day, equal almost in importance to the much discussed "silver bill," is the "servant question." It is not purposed to take up just here the pros and cons of the subject, as generally dealt with, in any way, but to point out one or two things that seem to have been forgotten or overlooked, so eager has each faction been to throw the blame upon the opposite party, in the present strained relations between mistress and maid.

In bringing up one's children there are just one or two things that the average house-mother cannot afford to do—she cannot afford to do all her own housework, and she cannot afford to have a nurse, as nurses are generally hired. This all seems a little paradoxical, but let us see if there be not reason in it.

We ought to be stronger—I am perfectly willing to concede that; but we are not stronger, and that is a fact not to be denied. Where there is a large family, or even a family of four or five, including the parents, the housework is no small item, and the physical strength which can successfully compete with that and the family sewing, and have still time and energy left for the higher pursuits, or even the reading and conversation which will keep a woman abreast of the times and make her companionable in her own household, is rare indeed. By doing without a servant, many a woman has assisted her husband to swell his bank account "against a rainy day;" but would not one of the rainy days, for which the bank account is, alas! so often needed, the failure of the health of the wife and mother? when physicians must come; when hirelings must take the place of the tender mother—would not this day be "afar off?" If the mother would reserve her physical strength, and increase her mental strength, in her earlier womanhood, would we have so many cases of shattered nerves and physical wretchedness—so many cases of premature decay of some of our brightest and best?

"Economy is wealth!" Don't tell me that! I know it! But just what is economy? Is it economy to walk and use up one's last pair of shoes, when, by riding for half what new shoes would cost, we can save them! Every human frame is a natural storage battery for the electric fluid of life. Is it economy to use up all this fluid during the first few years of one's life, leaving our latter years with no fund (or a fund so small as to be practically none) to draw upon? Clearly, it is the economy that wastes instead of saving. No mother can afford to grow away from her children, or let them entirely pass out of her path. Many must, perhaps, because there are many hard paths to travel in this world; but where it can be done, think long and seriously before you do your own drudgery for the sake of saving money, at the expense of that far more vital good, the welfare of your children as good citizens.—Home Magazine.

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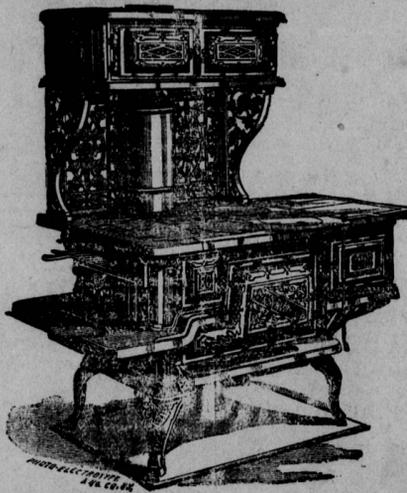
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