

has a "narrow, median band of teeth," which, however, are "sometimes lost," but in the common Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) the hyoid teeth are wanting. The following is a copy of Jordan & Gilbert's specific description of *S. Oquassa* :

"Body elongate, considerably compressed, less elevated than in the other species of this genus, the dorsal outline regularly but not strongly curved. Head quite small, the maxillary short and moderately broad, scarcely extending to the posterior margin of the eye. Eye large,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in head. Jaws about equal. Scales small, those along the lateral line somewhat enlarged. Pectoral and ventral fins not elongate; opercles without concentric striae. Coloration dark blue, the red spots small and round, much smaller than the pupil, usually confined to the sides of the body; sides with traces of dark bars; lower fins variegated, as in *S. fontinalis*. Head, 5; depth, 5. D. 10; A. 9. Lat. 1. 230; gillrakers about 6 + 11. Length, 12 inches. Smallest and handsomest of our trout, as yet known only from the Rangeley Lakes in Western Maine."—J. F. WHITEAVES.

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

WINTER SOIREES.—The first meeting of the Winter Course will be held early in December in the Normal School Lecture Room when Dr. George M. Dawson, C.M.G., F.R.S., &c., will deliver his Presidential address. The full programme for the Course of Winter lectures will be given in our December issue.

CREATING A STAR.—A great coming event is the publication of a wonderful almanac to be called the *Star* Almanac, published by the Montreal *Star*. It is said to be a marvellous work, four hundred pages, with coloured maps.

TORONTO "SATURDAY NIGHT'S" XMAS NUMBER, 1892.—Another literary treat is promised in the Christmas number of *Saturday Night*. *The Newsdealer, Publisher and Stationer's Bulletin*, the Canadian correspondent of which has seen advance copies of all that is promised, says that "It will doubtless be the most beautiful publication ever attempted in America and compares more than favourably with *Figaro* and the most expensive Old Country Christmas numbers."