

11. Concerning the theory that fish bite better at day-break, I am not in a position to give much information. Only once was I induced by a barbarian to rise at 3 a.m. to see the sun rise, and to go fishing; and my experience on that occasion leads me to believe that fish sleep in the early morning, and do not begin to feed before ten or eleven o'clock; at least, I prefer to believe that such is the case, and therefore advise all anglers to beware of the habit of early rising, which is just as demoralizing and as objectionable as that of intemperance in eating or drinking.

12. The boat, or punt, from which one fishes, should be painted dull lead or green, as nearly as possible the colour of the water; this is important on a bright day, although not so necessary in cloudy weather.

Fish are very easily frightened at times, and the approach of a boat with a white or varnished bottom will often scare them away.

Pure dry white lead, lamp-black, boiled linseed oil, and a small quantity of green paint, can be mixed to obtain the proper shade.

13. Sounds travel easily through water, so that the less noise one makes, when angling, especially in calm weather, the better the chance of catching fish.

14. In anchoring a boat, use an ordinary stone and a piece of clothes line attached to the painter of the boat.

In rivers or lakes with mud bottom there is no difficulty in anchoring, and the stone or anchor may be easily lifted when one wishes to change his position; but, when the bottom is broken, very often the anchor becomes wedged between rocks, and there is no remedy but to cut the line. This is a common occurrence in rocky lakes, so that an angler should always be provided with a jack-knife, or he may find himself in a very uncomfortable position in rough weather.

15. Fish should be killed as soon as caught by breaking