



(Manufacturing Power at Bedford.)

These possessions of the stream can never be supplanted by modern discoveries or inventions. They still exist to the delight of those who love to fling themselves into the open arms of Nature for rest or recreation.

One bright afternoon last spring Sybil and I were driving where the road lies along the river bank near the fishing ground. Laughter and noisy talk of men and boys arrested our attention. The men were seen holding a net against the current, while the boys went farther up the stream and beat with sticks upon the water, driving the fish against the outspread net, which on being dragged to the shore, yielded a bountiful "catch." There were bass, pike, pick-rel, suckers and bull-pouts. The little fishes had wriggled through the meshes and escaped.

"There," said I, "That illustrates the law of compensation—the advantage of being of small account in the world." "But," exclaim-