

that a turkey has been stuffed with oysters to the loss of the flavor of both turkey and oysters, we had not been prepared for a like preparation of our ducks, so were not disposed to admire what appeared to be ducks stuffed with fragrant fish; for, although we did not find any fish in the ducks, yet the flesh of them was so strongly impregnated with a fish-like flavor, that we somewhat reluctantly ate them, our hunger overcoming our fastidiousity.

Now for a sail or a row on the bright waters of the bay, shining in the shimmering light of the still summer evening, whilst the sun beamed brightly, as he sank to his setting, casting a rosy tinge upon the clear waters of the lake.

Our host procured boats and oars and fishing lines and bait, but although we had a really delightful hour on the water, none of us caught any fish, nor could we buy any from any of the fishermen, who we learned were all employés of American firms, who sent all the fish caught in that locality to be sold in Detroit or Cleveland; so that fish was then as difficult to procure at Port Elgin as is milk at a dairy farm, or peaches at Niagara.

As the large party taxed the sleeping accommodations of the gast-haus, the juniors did not grumble to occupy the upper rooms—nor, on their survey were they overwhelmed by the honor of having been asked to “go up higher,” because they, on the next morning, each reported that his apartment was so close to the roof that he could not stand up in it, and was wholly without furniture other than the bed, so that he had to hang his clothes on the floor until morning. When on rising they adjourned to the pump in the yard, they found an ample supply of soft-soap and pure water for their morning’s ablutions, at which they gave, as was due, place and precedence to their Lordships of the Chancery and Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court of Judica-

ture for Ontario, who preceded them to the long, home-spun, hempen towel hanging behind the bar-room door, where it had been in general use for an indefinite period, and bore marks of many encounters and much patronage.

The stenographer had somewhat the advantage of the rest of the party in this matter, as his amiability and humility had prompted him to accept as a sleeping-place the pine bench in the bar-room, where his conscience and the hardness of the couch had prevented his sleep, and prompted him to an unusual early rising, which gave him the cream of the water of the pump and the comparative dryness of the towel.

The “ducks” of the previous evening’s repast had been rather too rich for the weak digestions of some of the party, so they had not much appetite for breakfast. The others partook of the more homely fare of pork and saurkraut and black coffee laid before them, to the entire neglect of the cold fowl remaining from the previous evening. So all were disposed for an abrupt ending of the sessions of the Court held at Port Elgin for the convenience of the people of that locality by the kindly consideration of their Lordships, the Judges, and the attendant Counsel.

Learning that a train would leave the station about noon, it having been delayed on its way from the northward, the party decided to seek a more southerly clime without more delay. So a message was sent to bid the landlord to have the bills and the baggage all ready.

The messenger soon returned and announced that everything would be ready in due time and that the landlord was very sorry to part with his guests so much sooner than he had expected.

The messenger beckoned one of the counsel aside and held with him a whispered consultation, during which both of them gave vent to sounds of