

of the fish just at the back of the head. If he has not caught a sufficient number to furnish him a hearty meal on those favourite parts, he then eats the next best portions.

If, as often happens, his fishing luck has been poor, and he has caught but few, he greedily devours them all, with, perhaps, the exception of a head or two and, it may be, some tails and bones.

Thus it was, that the Indian hunters, as they found these various places, where the bears had been fishing, and then dining, could always tell by the remains of the dinner what success they had had in their last fishing at that spot.

As I have mentioned, the watchful, experienced eyes of my Indians had detected several of these fishing-rocks and dining-rooms of the bear, during our canoeing of the previous days, and so this early morning they were on the alert for the sight of these clever fish-catching bears. And now, sure enough, here was one of them, and a fine, handsome fellow he was, as, noiselessly gliding round the shoulder of the big rock, we surveyed him at our leisure. My telescope, which made my sight-