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**PERSONAL ATTIRE.**

It is always well to be too warmly clad, as this condition is most quickly remedied. A hunting suit of corduroy, color to harmonize with the leaves and grasses of the forest and fields, is the best dress. The coat and vest should be lined with flannel, and both supplied liberally, not only with small pockets, but large ones as well, between the lining and the outer cloth on each side, to be entered from the front. Then there should be a pocket at the back with openings in the side seams on either side, such as those now made in canvas hunting coats. These canvas coats may be substituted for the heavier cloth coat in warm weather. Trousers should be to the knee only, and fit the legs closely, with long, heavy woollen stockings and boots "au sauvage," strapped over the insteps and laced up the back of the calf. As the stockings are generally coarse and liable to irritate the feet, it is well to wear thin half-hose underneath.

You will be governed in the selection of your underwear by the weather you expect to encounter; flannel shirts go without saying, and a soft broad-brim felt hat, though during hot weather the cheap broad-brimmed straw hat, is very comfortable.

If you have no hunting suit and do not care to go to that expense, a half-worn business suit, stout shoes and leggings will answer the purpose.

An extra suit of underclothes, shirt, handkerchiefs, socks, a mackintosh or rubber coat complete the list.

If you wish to dispense with the mackintosh or rubber coat, cut a slit in your rubber blanket and use it as a poncho.

**FOR FISHING**

A six or eight ounce split bamboo rod with well-fitting joints, nicely and securely wound with silk thread every three inches its entire length. A Yawman & Erbe No. 2 automatic reel carrying one hundred and fifty feet of braided enameled line; this outfit can be used either for casting with the flies, or trolling with small spoons or spinners. A hand trolling line. Fly book containing extra flies. A tin box 3 x 5 x 1/2 inch, containing leaders, nicely laid in folded pieces of wet flannel to keep them moist, pliable and always ready; extra spoons, spinners, snells, etc., in canvas books, and a landing net. The most convenient device for a landing net is made of 1/4 inch iron bent in a circle, cut in four pieces, three joints being hinged to fold inwardly. The fourth joint is made with a square hole and a shank passing through it and threaded to fit a ferrule on the end of a piece of bamboo. This bamboo should be of sufficient length to form, when hollowed out, a case for extra tips, which are enclosed in it and secured by a screw cap. When the frame is strung with net, and is detached, it can be folded and carried in your pocket.

**FOR HUNTING.**

For all game, from a partridge to a moose, I am in favor of a repeating rifle; for simplicity, utility and durability it cannot be excelled. Add to it a sufficient supply of cartridges. At present I am using a 30.30 Winchester, smokeless, and find it heavy enough for all purposes. Any one of the modern makes is just as suitable. This, with a sheath knife, broad and thick, 7 inches long, sharp and keen, form a useful equipment.

