

variety having its own season; paper-mills may yet be supplied from such sources. Nurseries for squid—so valuable as tough and toothsome bait—may yet benefit all fishermen alike.

IV.—DANGER-DEPTH LIMIT.

There is one point regarding territorial waters which requires attention, having been absolutely ignored, and that is the element of depth.

Every maritime country with shallow water round its coasts has an onerous duty thrust upon it—

Responsi-
bilities.

1. To remove wrecks dangerous to navigation.
2. To place lightships and buoys at dangerous spots, in addition to the task of dredging, in order to obtain access and egress to and from its coasts.

Proposal.

Wherever the sea-bottom can be reached by divers it acquires a value of some sort, and may be regarded as submerged territory. The responsibility of protecting vessels from the dangers of this submerged territory I suggest should be met by the addition to territorial waters of all seven-fathom depths at low water. Divers can descend and work in three times that depth, and wrecks even in 20 fathoms may be in such a position as to be a source of danger to passing vessels, although below 12 fathoms it is generally sufficient to remove the masts only. However, it is necessary to keep any addition to territoriality within moderate limits, and I select seven fathoms as a suitable depth, inasmuch as that is the depth in which naked divers can do a fair day's work, and within which they ought not