

which soon landed us with our numerous boxes and cases of provisions.

Seated in the midst of all this luggage was to be seen our "talk," or interpreter, whom we had named "Ferguson," after Mark Twain's courier, for he owned an unpronounceable Norwegian name. Carts and carriages having been summoned we soon arrived at the farmhouse where strangers were usually received. It happened that certain wedding festivals were in progress, which we wisely declined to participate in, knowing how much beer and "aquavit" we should be expected to swallow, for the tossing and heaving we had sustained on the rolling German Ocean caused us an imaginary sensation that the solid earth itself was still moving like a vessel beneath us. Two hours later my friend was rushing along the bank of the Baeverdal trying to keep up with a salmon at the end of his line which was making for some rapids, and next moment I had the pleasure of gaffing a fish for one of the most skilful fishermen who ever threw a fly. It was a fourteen-pounder, and, curiously enough, the heaviest of any of the forty-six fish we landed during the next four weeks. My companion kept to the fly the whole time. After landing eighteen fish during the first fortnight, the river fell and he scarcely moved another fish afterwards. I therefore became an exponent of the use of the worm as bait, and proved its superiority under certain conditions by capturing the remaining twenty-eight. The following will show what I mean. It was customary with us to leave off