

The surf net is used in catching the eulachon, or candle fish, and smelt. As the surf rolls in, the Indian runs rapidly forward, and bending down, passes the net under the comb of the breaker, often capturing at once as many as an ordinary water bucket will hold. The handle of the surf net is 6 feet long, mouth of the net 4 feet by 18 inches; depth of the net about 3 feet. The Indians hold the bottom of the net drawn back underneath the handle until they thrust the net in the water when they let the point fall.

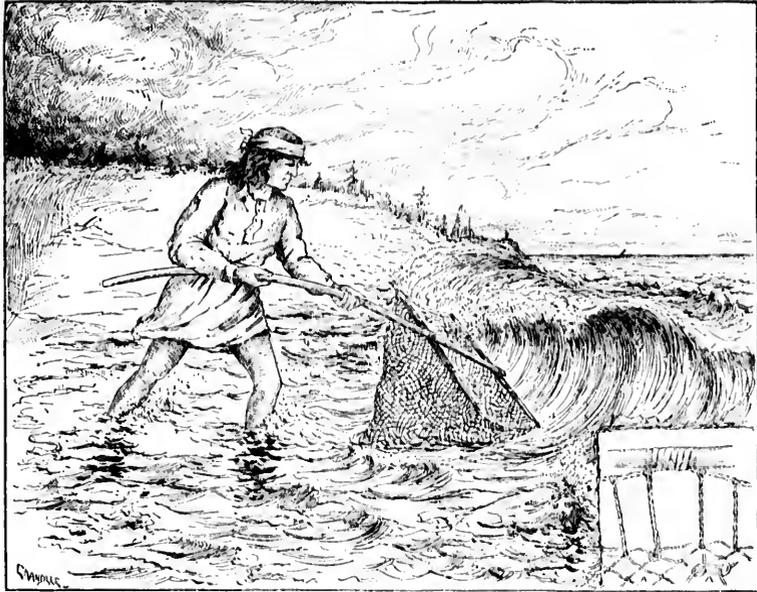


FIG. 5.—Poles of net 10 or 12 feet; mouth of net 6 or 8 feet wide; net about 12 feet long.

The river net is used as in the accompanying illustration, the Indian running a little faster than the current. Length of handle, 14 feet; net's mouth, 1 by 5 feet; depth of net, 4 feet. They are made of the same material as the other nets. They are all rudely put together, and are used in catching the small Quinaielt salmon, pronounced to be the finest species of this family. Their superior quality is no doubt owing to their peculiar feeding grounds in this locality. Their average weight is about 4 pounds, uncommonly deep and rich in color.

Their method of forming the knot in their nets is the same as that of the whites. Their nets are now made of twine, but were formerly made from nettles, rotted as previously described. The strands were twisted singly across the naked thigh until the required length was obtained; then two strands were twisted together on the thigh, the ends being

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