

twelve thousand feet in length, with lines hanging from it from three to six feet long and three feet apart. So, as each of these short lines bears a hook, there are, on an average, three thousand hooks which must be baited before the trawl can be set up.

In the cod fishery, six trawls are generally set at once — one at the bow, one at the stern, two on the starboard or right side of the vessel, and two on her port or left side. The trawl is kept in position by buoys.

When the trawl is to be hauled, or brought back to the vessel, two men are sent out in a dory to gather up the line and collect the fish. Dories are sent out in all degrees of bad weather, and, owing to the sudden fogs and storms, often are never heard of again. Yet the men who are detailed for this dangerous service, never refuse nor complain. They realize that they must take their chances for life or death with the rest.

Frequently two men will be hauling in the trawl and rejoicing over the quantity of cod taken, when suddenly the fog shuts down around them, and the familiar schooner, their ocean home, is out of sight. They do not fear, for they have a compass. They know the vessel was east of them, and so, with high hopes, they pull hard to the eastward, each moment expecting to see the tall masts rising through the mist. But, poor men! the harder they pull, the faster they are going away from safety and from all hopes of seeing home and children again; for, unknown to them, the wind and current have changed, and instead of the vessel lying to the east, she is far to the west, and every stroke is taking them farther away from her.