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Dame Juliana Berners, Prioress of Sopswell Nunnery, wrote "A Treatysee of Fysshinge wyth an angle." It was published in England, A. D. 1496. In it she gives the names of "All flies wyth wyche ye shall angle to ye trought and grayllyng."

Modern fly makers and fly anglers say that if Dame Juliana Berners were alive to-day she would be the most accomplished of our sportswomen. We offer in the following pages information that will afford ladies of our day an opportunity to rival the fair Prioress of Sopswell. We hope that in this, as in tennis and golf, they will show their superiority to men, and if their husbands have not learned the delights of angling they will exercise their divine right of discontent so successfully as to shame these unaccomplished men into acquiring some knowledge of the ancient art.

The hour and the opportunity are here. The day of the canoe and the camp, of the lake and the woods, of the fishing rod and the trolling spoon has come.

The place is in a country which has fortunately been overlooked, and yet there are four hundred square miles of it in one block. The fishing and shooting have improved here in the latter days. There is surface fishing, mid-water fishing and deep-water fishing. All these are protected by good laws pretty well carried out, and the fishing five years hence will be better than it is

to-day. Its inhabitants can truly say of this pretty hill country :

" Now the roads is good and hard
For our narrow buggy tires,
And the fish is swimmin' lazy
Waitin' for the liars,
And the cows is comin' home,
And the frogs sing in the pools,
And the prettiest girls is sittin'
On their three legged milkin' stools."

This description of Frank L. Stanton's is literally correct of very many places in the territory whereof we now speak ; for instance, about Peterboro, at Burketon, Havelock, Blairton, Tweed, Kaladar, Ardendale, Mountain Grove, Sharbot Lake and about Smith's Falls.

The Angler-Saxons and Angler-Americans who come here, and all anglers indeed, would need to be provided with tackle for bass and salmon trout, and for brook trout and land-locked salmon ; for I verily believe that all these will be found in this territory. My belief amounts to conviction about all but the last, and my faith even in the Ojawaniche is good to strong. Before our next circular is published we will have certain and full information about this and other matters not fully dealt with now.

Let us suppose ourselves leaving Toronto, Ont., in quest of fishing grounds. On enquiry we would likely be told that there was brook-trout north-west of the city at the Forks of the Credit and at Dundalk, Flesherton.