

You are defending a liar, are you not ? No, sir, I am simply showing that if he says he caught the fish, he will be stating a fact.

How much do you suppose will he give the boy for the two trout ? That depends, sir, on many circumstances of which I have not the least knowledge ; it depends on the man's wealth, whether he is rich or poor, on his character, whether he is mean or generous, whether he is stingy or lavish, whether he has a greater desire to keep his money or possess the fish ; it also depends on the boy ; if the boy knows that a great war is on, and that the food controller is advising, exhorting and entreating the public to eat fish, he will raise the price to a respectable figure ; again if the boy knows that fish is a great brain food and that he imagines from the look of the man that he is a simpleton and needs much brain food, he won't part with the cherished trout for a song ; once more if the lad is fond of money and knows that the sport can't very well get nice fresh trout anywhere else, he will bleed him without mercy.

Where is the man's fishing rod ? The tip of the handle resting on the ground, the rod, slanting upwards, passing under the man's left arm, rests obliquely against his body and projects about four feet above his right shoulder.

Where is the line ? The line fastened to the end of the rod and looped to it about two feet from the point where it is tied, crosses the man's right shoulder in a larger loop, continues on diagonally across his back and comes once more in contact with the rod, a little below the basket over which it has passed, from which point it runs down along the rod to the reel.

Where is the man with respect to the rod and the line ? He is between the rod and the line.

Running over the man's right shoulder what is there ? Running over the man's right shoulder there is a strap ?

What sort of strap is it ? It is a leather strap.

What is it for ? I suppose it supports the basket.

Where is the basket ? It is resting against the man's left-hip.

What is the basket for ? I don't really know what it is for ; perhaps it is for the sport's luncheon ; perhaps it is for the fish which he did not catch ; may be it is like the little bags which ladies carry everywhere they go ; he may have his handkerchief in it ; a little mirror, to make sure that the sun has not reddened his nose too much on the excursion, a powder-box and puff to use on his nose in such a case ; a spirits stove with shaving requisites that he may shave while waiting for the fish to bite ; a few pious books to help him to endure with truly christian patience the long wait on the unreasonable fish ; a bottle full of, of, of buttermilk as recommended by his Doctor, for the good of his stomach ; his soiled linen which he intends to wash