

Written for The Land We Live In.

On the Passumpsic River, Vt.

The pleasant recollections of living in the midst of the natural scenery about the Passumpsic river, remains with the writer, but of this he has not time or space to speak in the column or two of a newspaper, if he says anything about what the region affords to the sportsman.

One object of the natural scenery must be mentioned, however, it lies so prominent before the dweller or visitor thereabout. That is, Burke mountain, up the side of which is a trail, and from its top you see the course the Passumpsic takes and the beautiful villages that rest on its banks.

We are told that this mountain formerly had been so much of a resort that a pony was kept at the village hotel at its base, which would take up a party one by one, coming back each time alone, and so doing till all were safely there.

Though now one finds there no help except to help himself, many do this, even ladies undertaking and accomplishing the task without harm coming from the exertion. We saw there besides objects distant in country and villages, a mountain sable which shied into the ledges, and a bird different from any species familiar to us, which the physician with us called the *butcher bird*. Butcher-like, it is said to impale its prey upon thorns and objects like them in growth. Why it should frequent such heights and not be known in the lowland is still a mystery.

In the Passumpsic were trout only, which made the fishing of it a double charm. An hour's ride would bring one to the upper streams of the river—an hour's ride from the mountain with a good horse. Here many small trout were taken.

There were places in the river where the water spread out over sandy and pebbly soils where it run in ripples over shoals glistening in the sun. Again, it would narrow up and be deeper. The favorite places for trout we found to be where high water had washed in a sod bank of such size that you could see the grass upon it beneath the running water.

There were your half or three-fourths pound trout. Not infrequently a much larger one would dart out from a green tree that had been partially uprooted and hung over the water, or from the roots of trees beneath through which the water ran. Still larger ones were those where logs lay in such a position that they could go from under them at night into coves to feed. These three or four pound fellows would take a fly if you sheltered yourself behind a bush and made your cast.

Any one desiring primeval forest, lakes and streams therein, abounding in trout, might turn into a mountain carriage road long before reaching the streams of the river spoken of above, and soon come thus to a guide's house, from which the team could not go any further. Here you must prepare to tramp and camp.

Four or five miles you must tramp into dense woods. We will say that four miles brought us to the stream sought—to "Paul stream"—and "Paul stream" was known in all that vicinity about us as "the place to find brook trout abundant." But on we went to camp on the shore of "the So-America." The camp had been built well of bark and it seemed a good place to tarry. It pleased the Prof. with us from Brooklyn, N. Y., whose purse had paid our guide already for its previous erection. But when the morning came the Prof. went back to the stream, as he did not care for lake fishing.

That morning the writer took the raft upon the So-America, as he did not care to tramp to day by the side of any stream. Good catches rewarded our exertion that day and we felt well satisfied when we met at night, but in justice to truth, we must say that some of the stream trout were equal in size to those of the lake.—The average in the lake though was larger. Before recrossing the stream to re-

turn, we crossed with the guide to find and see *Unknown Pond*, which we found to be much smaller, much less interesting to view and to have no trout that we could in anyway catch.

The sight and experience there generally, did not pay us for seeking it, and we wished it had forever remained unknown before we got back to camp.

Here we relate a little experience as a warning to campers. One night, just at nightfall, in leaving the raft, it lurched forward and our arms were wet to the elbows as the result. The shirt we wore thus was hung up to dry on the corner of the camp, knowing the heat from the camp fire would reach and dry it. The next morning we found a few buttons underneath that corner of the camp, but no restige of the shirt. It had burned, and the camp and we might have been from that act of carelessness. Campers must be careful where they put their dry goods at night. The hunter as well as fisherman could thrive in this forest. Both deer and bear are sufficient for his sustenance as long as he may wish to hunt them.

Presuming we have broken camp and returned home, we will pass over to the other side of the river with our team. As we drive on we come to the Willoughby and Crystal lakes. In the tanks about Willoughby house are some fine specimens of mountain trout, the best collections we have ever seen. But they were not taken in this lake. Here the "Lunge" is plentiful and the troll makes handsome catches in the early season.

The first day of fishing at Crystal lake was the first allowed after three years of close time, to stock it with Bass, reaching it not till 9 a. m., we went straight on from the R. R. side to the mountain in the lower part.

Where the little stream came down from the mountain and the heavy boulders stood over line. At noon we had 13 bass, and increasing the number three more after dining and securing a Junco for which we had no room in the basket we returned home the same night.

Two small trout ponds lie back of this mountain near to which one can drive. In one the trout are very large and dark. The other has smaller ones of a much lighter hue. The land locked salmon has been put in one of them by the Commissioners of the State.

Their names we cannot tell, but from their waters we would name them Blue and Clear Ponds. We have seen fine fish taken from each of the ponds.

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