

looked through one of these holes, and when closely covered with the blanket could easily perceive the bottom, where I supposed it to be twenty feet deep.

ON the borders of Lake Ontario, and I suppose on all the other great lakes in Canada, a great deal of different kinds of fish are caught in freshets in the spring of the year, which the frost in winter confine to the body of the lake, and from which they seem anxious to be relieved: how soon the small brooks are open from ice for their reception, they push out in such numbers that one would be apt to suppose, that none of certain kinds stay behind, the one striving to get a-head of the other. The inhabitants in the neighbourhood are provided with small nets; such as we call in Scotland *bag* or *hose nets*, with three or four hoops in the body of each to keep them open; the small end, which is close, is fixed to a stake uppermost in the middle of the stream, the wider end, stretched down in the water, is open with a wing extended from each side to the opposite banks, which prevents the fish from passing any way but through the hoops and body of the net; a contrivance is made within that allows the fish to pass easily through to the upper end, out of which they cannot find their way back. The nets are generally set at night.

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