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The dog was just the width of his bite away but I did not get bitten. I have no idea but it was the dog's intention to bite, but the timely appearance of a woman and a broom-handle kind of disarranged his plans and caused him to leave by a different route from the one he came. I shall love that woman and broom-handle as long as I live; for I know that if it hadn't been for them I would have been badly chewed and probably died next dog-day. I said nothing disrespectful to the woman about the dog I know as a general thing they don't like to hear anything said about them. They become attached to them. In fact there is nothing in the blame-keeping line, from a piano to a haterack, that a woman will not become attached to, and it is as much as a man's reputation and often his life is worth to say anything against them. I at once made known my errand, and got the pot. She was the best woman to borrow pots from I ever saw. She just coaxed me to take two, but I thought more about carrying them than she did. I have heard since that there is nothing about a house, unless it is the clock or the pattern of a new macque that a woman hates to lend as much as she does her pots. But this woman would have lent me every pot she had, she was so kind. I made up my mind to make her a three or four weeks visit next summer to repay her kindness. I bid her good morning, and she bid me good morning and I left. When I got back to our fire-place the boys had got home with the wood and we soon had our clams boiled.

The clam is a fish. I have always thought it was intended for an insect and that Adam made a mistake when he classified it. The clam is a very popular fish. Most every person likes them. Those that don't, like the butter, vinegar and pepper that is eaten in them which is just the same thing. They taste very much like an ink craser, but are a little easier chewed. They are the only fish you can't choke yourself to death with bones while eating them, and the only ones that don't call for water afterwards. After we had eaten—I will not say how many—suffice it to say that we found ourselves to be as large internally, as any five gallon keg in the neighborhood, we filled our wash-tub to take home, as we calculated there was enough human nature in us to want clams more next day than we did this. We sent Joe home with the borrowed pot. Joe had spoken in a very sarcastic manner to me when I brought the pot: "that he forgot to tell me when I left if they hadn't any pots made not to wait till they made one, but as long as I did it was all right," so I felt glad to see him take the pot home. The dog did not bite him, but frightened him nicely—which made him mad, at the dog, and then at me for not telling him about him,—just as if I was going to run down that woman's dog to strangers. We now started for home. Joe continued his madness until I asked him to sing. He can't sing, but it always pleases him to ask him. When he got done singing we had reached home feeling much recruited in health and pretty well saturated with clams.

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