

Just Folks.
By EDGAR A GUEST

THE TREE

Before my doorway stands
A tree that welcomes me with open hands;
It hears it through my window pane
The anthem to the rain,
And when a sterner breeze
Blows from the life of marching melodies,
Whether skies be dark or fair,
I know that tree is standing there.
Sometimes wonder if it knows
How sweetly Time's bright river flows,
And if it knows that it shall stay
After I have gone away?
I boast my little time of power,
I dance away my little hour,
I stand and feel myself secure
I think my conquests shall endure;
But I know some day the tree
Will see the gray herse come for me,
It will greet the sun and feel the rain
And smile outside my window pane,
It will watch the children at their play
And after I have gone away—
I wonder, I wonder if it shall see
My name on a stone denied to me.

Fishery of the World

THESE ACTIVITIES COMMEN-
D BY THE FISHERMEN OF
THE NATIONS.

A FISH BUYER, in The London
Daily Mail.

It is the season of cod. The fish
boats at Grimsby, Hull, and Aber-
deen overflow with them. They lie
in heaps, kits, or boxes accord-
ing to the local custom of selling or
exporting of quality. North Sea
cod, the Faroe cod, darker cod from
Iceland, all with jaws agape, glare
at you as you pass. On a single day
nearly 2,600 scores were landed at
Grimsby alone. The next day one
score put out 300 scores. This sea-
son abundance overflows to the fish-
merchants' shops and the street mar-
kets. The careful housewife is led to
buy cod on her mental menu. The
fish supply comes mainly
from Norway, Newfoundland, Ice-
land, and the North Sea. Our fish-
ermen are chiefly concerned with the
fish which swim around Iceland and
the North Sea. The latter supplies
the slab: the former for the
trades and for curing. About
half of British caught cod comes
from Iceland.

Change in Cure.

It was when cured cod held pride
in fish commerce. Now the
trading has its but the cod trade in
the countries is still supreme. In
importance, it bears relation to
the most trade with us—a sta-
tion of the poor.

Scoring is an older craft than
salting of herring. As long ago
as the sixteenth century towns now
in the North Sea sent little bar-
rels to Iceland, where now the great
trawlers ply their trade.
But though sails have given way to
steam and hooks to trawls, the habits
of the fish remain as of old. Early
in the spring, in fact while it is still
winter, vast herds of cod assemble
the south and south-west coasts of
Iceland. They are preparing to
spawn.

Scientists have labelled living fish-
and find they come even from the
offshore and nearshore coasts
of the island some hundreds of miles
out. In the massed concourse the
fishers swoon destruction. At times
over three tons of writhing codfish
lie in a haul.

Salt Fish Trade.

Some ships go "salting." Here salt
is the place of ice and the cam-
p can no longer be sustained.
The customary trawler hands are
a numbers of tall Faroe men.
After colouring as "splitters,"
then salt with left cuts of special
sails and a portion of the backbone
removed. Sprinkled with coarse salt,
the fattened fish are stacked in the
hold, where self-curing commen-
ces. In the light of day it will be for re-
moval to the "cod farms" or drying
sides found in and around our north-
ern fishing ports.

Here curing is completed and the
salted fish is ready for export.
The "salting" the fishermen are
usually jealous of their "river mon-
ey" and rose are salted down for sale
to the sardine fishers of the Bay of
Biscay.

The main catch is often contracted
before the voyage begins. A five
or six weeks' trip may produce
up to 150 tons of salt fish, leaving to
the imagination the volume of cod
sides and backbones on the sea bed
of Iceland.

And so, of two cod which Nature
killed from the north coast of Ice-
land to the remote temperate waters
of the Westman Islands, one may find
as portions in the dried fish shop
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