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Darning the Weak Places.

BY RUTH CAMPBELL.



"But there aren't any holes in those stockings," said Molly. "Why do you put them into the pile to be darned?"

The Lady-Who-Always-Knows-Somewhat had been sporting out her weekly grist of stockings on the veranda and watching.

The Lady picked up the pair of stockings in question and ran her hand into them again for Molly's benefit. "I know there isn't any hole," she explained, "but see all those weak places."

"You aren't going to darn them?" asked Molly, incredulously.

"Indeed I am," said the Lady. "I always do. I find it's very much easier than darning holes. That's part of my philosophy, you know."

"Philosophy?" echoed Molly, inquiringly.

"Yes," said the Lady. "I mean that I believe in darning the weak places everywhere in life instead of waiting for the holes to come. You know my husband inherited weak lungs. You didn't know it? Well, I suppose that means we've darned the weak place pretty successfully. Both his father and mother died of tuberculosis and he was naturally stoop-shouldered and narrow chested. If we hadn't done anything about it, I don't doubt that his lungs would have given out under some of the hard strains he has had to bear. But instead of waiting

for the hole to come, he darned the weak place by taking exercises and sleeping out of doors and building himself up by his diet. Wasn't that better than letting the weak place become a hole and then spending the rest of his life trying to patch it up?"

Molly admitted that it was.

"Well, that's one way of darning the weak place," went on the Lady. "And Mrs. S. is an example of another. That pretty little girl of hers is just beginning to realize how pretty she is and to think of nothing but clothes and boys. Some mothers would say, 'It's just the foolish age,' and wouldn't try to do anything about it unless the weak place became a bad hole, but Mrs. S. believes in darning the weak places, and she is doing all she can right now to make Dorothy modest and sensible and unspoiled."

And then there are the weak places in our efficiency," went on the Lady, warming to her subject. "Now, I know a stenographer who is so quick and accurate, and such a pleasant person to have around, that her employers bear with her bad spelling. Sometimes they get out of patience with her, but they have always forgiven her so far, and she thinks they always will; and she doesn't try to darn that weak place. I should hate to see it wear through into a hole because it would be so much harder then to patch it up than it is now, but—"

"But I have tried," interrupted Molly, suddenly.

"How hard?" asked the Lady, not at all surprised by the interruption.

"Not very," admitted Molly, reluctantly. "You don't happen to have a spelling book handy, do you?"

Ruth Campbell

Herring Inspection and Grading

(Consular Agent Ozo C. Gould, Curling Bay of Islands, Nfld.)

In the Newfoundland, west coast bays, herring are caught in the spring, autumn, and winter. The winter fishery is through the ice, and the catches are shipped frozen to American and Canadian markets, principally the latter, for consumption in the Lenten season. Fish caught in this way can not be pickled or cured with the best results.

The spring and autumn fisheries are conducted with nets. Of the two, the autumn season is the longest and most profitable. It is extensive only in Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands, but engages the attention of many men, who do not engage in the spring fishery at all. The product of the autumn fishery is shipped principally to the United States. The prospect of a successful herring season next fall is extremely good, owing to the proposed changes in the American customs tariff.

The spring fishery is most extensive in Bay St. George. Its product goes almost entirely to Canadian markets, of which Halifax is the most important. In Bay of Islands the spring fishery opened this year about April 10th and with the dissolution of ice on April 24 was in full swing. The catch is proving fairly satisfactory in quantity. Bay St. George, however, is still blocked with ice, and the fishery has hardly begun.

Previous reports from this office have stated that the condition of the West Coast herring fishery has been far from satisfactory in recent years. The discontent of the fishermen with present conditions is due largely to the increasing difficulty of obtaining satisfactory prices for spring-caught herring, which in turn is due to the condition in which the fish in recent years have been delivered in the Canadian retail markets. A number of circumstances are responsible.

These herring are shipped pickled. The barrels are produced of lumber cut during the winter months by the fishermen, sawed at small local mills "on shares" and coopered by the fishermen. It will readily be seen that these barrels are often poor in quality and rarely of the best sort.

As a consequence, a percentage of the spoilage can be laid to defective and leaky packages, due to exposure to the sun on Canadian wharves, and rough handling en route. Not until some enterprising firm maintains and popularizes a properly equipped cooperage on the west coast is this trouble likely to be remedied. One obstacle to such a project is the desire of the fishermen to make the barrels themselves and thus obtain labor for the winter months and a profit on that labor. But now the fishermen claim that in catching and curing fish, "finding" the salt, making the barrels, and paying the freight to Halifax at the present price of about or less than \$2 per barrel, they do not have any profit. It may be possible, therefore, that winter employment at a cooperage at fair wages, might prove attractive, and the barrels would undoubtedly cost less.

But the principal difficulty is not the pooriness of the barrels, but the quality of the fish, when cured. After being caught they are exposed to the warmth of the May and June suns. Fish caught in the autumn risk no such warmth. Unscrupulous fishermen have packed more and more spoiled fish in the last few years; the complaints have gone far toward spoiling the Canadian market. The price to be had in Halifax is said to have steadily fallen, and now the honest packers are suffering in company with their gullible neighbors. In fact, it seems that all of the spring catch is looked upon with suspicion by the Canadian dealers.

It is doubtless true that not all the blame is upon the Newfoundlanders, for their product has not always received proper attention from its consignees. Men well informed regarding conditions claim that barrels of pickled herring frequently lie uncovered on Halifax and other Canadian wharves for days, and even weeks, in the heat of summer, and that many other ways the pack is subjected to carelessness which would ruin the best of pickled herring.

The result is the claim of the local fishermen that the spring fishery is entirely unprofitable. They are now, by public meetings and memorials and through the Board of Trade of Bay of Islands and St. George's, taking energetic steps to ameliorate the existing conditions. The proposed programme, if successful, will "no doubt" bring a better market next year, but at the same time the matter has crystallized into action too slowly to give much promise for 1913. Action last fall or winter would have been more timely and effective.

It is sought (1) to improve the pack and insure good quality, (2) to find other markets than Canada, and (3) to obtain better treatment of the product by Canadian dealers. New markets would be a means to force better prices and treatment in Canada, and it is asked that the Newfoundland Government discover these markets and acquaint the packers with their requirements, the methods of shipment, etc.

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The Canadian market has been tried and its conditions and requirements are well known here; it was formerly profitable and is very accessible. It seems probable that the Canadian dealers will bid higher for a better and uniform quality of pickled herring, and that, in their own interests, they will eliminate any cause for complaint in the method of handling when it is brought to their attention.

The most important thing, however, is to produce a reliable grade of pickled herring. This is sought through governmental regulation. The Newfoundland Government is asked: First, to place at the service of the fishermen through the month of May its expert on such matters; second, to appoint inspectors with authority to prevent the pickling of inferior or spoiled herring or the use of improper containers, and, presumably, to punish offenders; third, to issue numbered licenses to each fisherman who desires to pickle herring; and fourth, to require him to mark plainly on each barrel of his product by means of stencilling plates to be furnished with each license, his license number, a distinguishing symbol (a crown is proposed), and the words "West Coast Herring", thus enabling inferiority to be laid subsequently at the door of the offending party.—N.Y. Fishing Gazette.

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A White Paper on shooting outrages on the police, just issued, gives interesting figures showing the number of cases in which firearms have been used against police officers from 1908 to 1912. The total number of police officers shot at between 1908 and 1912 was ninety-two, of whom six were killed and twenty-four injured, while sixty-two escaped injury.

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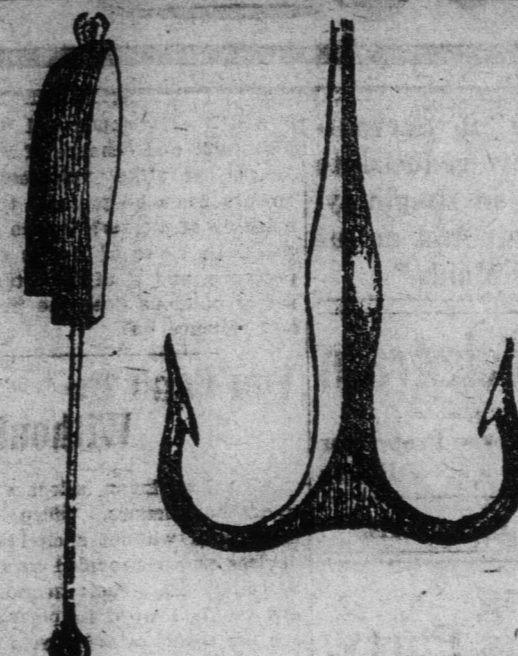
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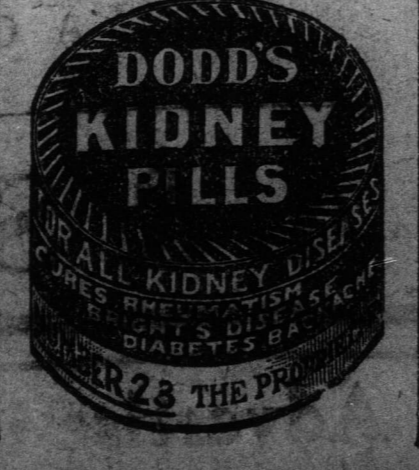
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