The Jumping Power of American Game Fish

Some Remarkable Examples Seen and Photographed in British Columbia Rivers.

WHY are trout or other fish found in the headwaters of mountain streams is a question often asked by those unacquainted with the habits and abilities of fish. It is naturally supposed that fish will follow the current, gradually at least, and once they have passed below the falls of a mountain stream it is not generally believed they can get back again.

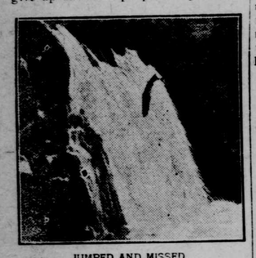
In the first place, of many different species of fish comparatively few descend a stream in which there are falls. I have watched the clear waters of the cataract of Niagara for hours for fish, but do not recall ever having seen a single fish pass its brink and plunge downwards, though I have seen them approach close to it and swim away again.

Fish swim against the current much oftener than they permit themselves to float with it. The lee shore of a lake on a windy day is always the best place to fish. In the Fraser and Columbia rivers of the west, in the Magnetawan, the Moon and the Muskosh rivers of the Muskoka district of Canada, in the St. Johns and the Miramichi rivers of New Brunswick, I have watched the fish fight the current and go upward over the smaller falls in perfect swarms.

The salmon runs on the coast rivers offer a wonderful sight to the fish lover. The photographs reproduced with this article offer some idea of the ability of a game fish to ascend a rapid stream. They were taken along the headwaters of the Thompson river, a tributary of the Fraser in British Columbia. The Fraser and its tributaries are among the greatest salmon rivers of the world. They are ascended every year by countless thousands of these gamey fish. They dart through the rushing torrents in the narrow shutes in a mighty stream, never to return again. They go up the river to spawn, and the efforts they make to reach a point as far up the river as possible are beyond the imagination.

A NINE FOOT JUMP.

The falls shown here are nine feet high. Below them in the Thompson are others of a less height. The fish to have reached these falls must have ascended more than 400 feet above the sea level, and thousands of them are found here, all of which came from the sea. The two pictures given here in all probability show the same fish. The smaller picture, showing an unsuccessful attempt, was taken first, and as it is seldom that any fish will give up until the purpose of passing a fall is accomplished, it is quite possible that the one making the successful attempt, for he went on over and landed safely above the brink, is the same fish that failed but a short time before.



JUMPED AND MISSED.

Even Bruce's famous spider was not more persevering than are salmon who wish to pass an obstacle of this nature between them and their spawning ground, for it is, of course, to get to their nurseries that the fish make these prodigious efforts. They will "try, try again," till they are tired, and then they will let themselves float down to the nearest quiet pool, and there lie in wait till their energies are refreshed; and so out again for another try. And if the water runs down low, so that their chance is less of ascending, they will wait for days and days in that pool, until a "spate" comes, and then out and at it once more. There is many a river on this continent where many, perhaps a majority, of the fish that attempt the ascent are balked all through the season by some such obstruction as this, and never get up to spawn at all, lying in the pool below the fall in numbers until they grow quite red, and finally go down to the sea again and recoup without having accomplished one of the main objects of their existence, and the object for which, solely, they came into fresh water. It is rather a pathetic sight, suggesting many a human life, to see them thus lying helplessly, a mass meeting of the unemployed, in the depths of the pool.

Of course it is a very common and commonplace remark, that a salmon's leaping power, as shown in the ascent of such a fall as this, is very wonderful, but what is perhaps seldom taken into the account is the nature of the "take-off" that the fish has for his jump. It is this consideration that really seems as if it ought to give the salmon the palm over the flea, the grasshopper, and all the rest of them as a jumper, for they at least take off from a solid and a motionless foothold. But when you look at the speed and the force with which the water comes rushing away from the foot of a fall of any height, you may be disposed to wonder in the first place whether it would be possible for any fish to swim against such a momentum of water at all, whether the fish would not rather be carried down helplessly with it. And then you have to realize that what the salmon does is not only to come rushing up through and against this raging flood of water, but actually using this as his leaping board, so to speak, to take off from, to jump up from it, in the opposite direction to its current, nine feet, say, in the air. When we realize this, it does seem indeed as if there must be some very remarkable force in the fish's tail that can propel its body so great a distance off such a swiftly receding fulcrum, and we are compelled to admit that the leap of the salmon is really one of the most astonishing exhibitions in nature of the application of muscular force.

As I have watched the salmon of the coast rivers in their attempts to surmount these torrents, so have I watched the bass, the pickerel, the trout of the inland streams. A favorite resort for this sort of pastime is in the Muskoka district of Ontario, where the swift streams dash over fall after fall. There the small mouth bass take them seemingly with as much ease as do the salmon of the coast, though I have never seen them go so high. The great falls of the Moon, near where the river empties into Georgian bay, offers exceptional opportunities for watching this wonderful ability of the northern bass. At times one may watch for an hour or more without seeing any attempt made, and then again a number of them may go over the sloping falls like a file of soldiers on drill.

DANIEL CLEVERTON.

LEOPARDS AS PETS.

They Exhibit Much Intelligence and Apparent Affection, But Can Never Be Trusted.

Sir Samuel Baker gives some excellent advice to those adventurous people who endeavor to make pets of wild beasts, especially tigers and leopards.

Although the cups of leopards are charming playthings and exhibit much intelligence and apparent affection, it is a great mistake to adopt such companions, for their hereditary instincts are certain to become developed in full-grown life and lead to grave disaster.

The common domestic cat is sometimes uncertain with her claws, and most people must have observed that the seats and backs of leather chairs are well marked by the sharp talons, which cannot refrain from exercising their power upon anything which tempts their operation.

I remember a leopard in Khartoum that was considered tame. The beast broke its chain, and, instead of enjoying its liberty in a peaceful manner, it at once fastened upon the neck of a much-prized cow, and would have killed the animal had it not been itself beaten to death with clubs.

All such creatures are untrustworthy and they should be avoided as pets. The only class of leopards that should become the companion of man is the most interesting of the species, the hunting leopard (Felis jubata). I have never met a person that had shot one of these animals in a wild state, and such an animal is rarely met with in the jungle.

HOW THEY PROPOSED.

Gainsborough's wooing was made most absurdly easy for him. He had completed a portrait of Miss Carr, a charming young lady of 16 summers, when his fair sitter was so delighted with her presentment that he more than hinted that while she took the copy the artist might claim the original. Gainsborough did not decline such a tempting offer.

Bismarck's iron resolution was never better demonstrated than in his lovemaking. At his first meeting with the lady who was to share his life for so many years he proposed to her and was accepted, and on the following day, presenting himself at the house of her parents, who knew him only as a young man of undesirable reputation, he demanded the young lady's hand and refused to leave the house until his suit was granted.

For constancy it would be difficult to find a rival for Jeremy Bentham. In early manhood Jeremy Bentham proposed for the hand of a young lady, who promptly refused him. Forty years later he renewed his offer, with the same result; and, still loyally cherishing his love in old age, he proposed again at the age of 80 in a touching letter, in which he wrote: "Since the day when you presented me with the flower in the lane, not a single day has passed in which you have not engrossed my thoughts."

Probably no gallant who ever laid his heart at a fair lady's feet was more undecided than Lord Byron when he wrote the letter which committed him to his unhappy marriage with Miss Milbanke. He had just proposed to another lady, and, as he held her letter of refusal in his hand, he said to a friend: "It seems that it is to be Miss Milbanke after all; I will write to her. He sat down and wrote the "fatal letter," handing it to his friend for perusal. "A pretty letter," the friend remarked, after reading it. "It is a pity that it shouldn't go." "Then it shall go," exclaimed Byron, and thus opened one of the most tragic chapters of his checkered life story.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan will assume the leadership of evangelical work at the St. Louis world's fair.

Maj. William Hancock Clark, eldest son of the eldest son of Capt. William Clark, of the Lewis and Clarke expedition, will have an important part in opening the exposition in Portland in 1905.

Having in mind how the eighth letter of the alphabet is misused in England, some one in Washington has perpetrated this crime: "What was really the disease from which Sir Michael Herbert suffered when he had the row with Bowen?" Of course the listener gives it up, whereupon the answer is given: "It was a severe attack of the (H)ague."

Senators Stone, of Missouri, and Berry, of Arkansas, both ex-governors of their respective states, have been counting the ex-governors who now hold seats in the United States senate. Three governors or ex-governors will take their seats after March 4. They are McCreary, of Kentucky; Clark, of Arkansas, and Stone. Both the senators from Louisiana have served their states as governor and Dillingham and Proctor have been governors of Vermont. One-fifth of the present membership of the senate is composed of ex-governors. The list includes Berry, of Arkansas; Perkins, of California; Mooney and Foster, of Louisiana; Cullom, of Illinois; Alger, of Michigan; Nelson, of Minnesota; MacLaurin, of Mississippi; Dietrich, of Nebraska; Foraker, of Ohio; Wetmore, of Rhode Island; Tillman, of South Carolina; Culberson, of Texas; Proctor and Dillingham, of Vermont.

When She Shed Tears.

"George," she whispered, softly, "mark yonder breadth of cloud, stretching to the utmost part of the heavens—a boundless, infinite sea of nothingness."

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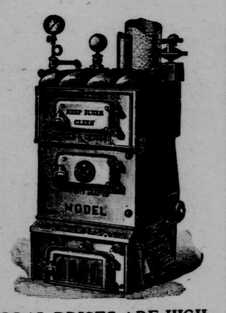

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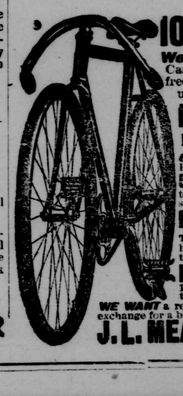

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