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Pollution of Water and Catching
in Nets Is Cause of Serious
Condition.

NEW JERSEY STARTS MOVE

Experienced Fishermen Say That Supply of Migratory Fish Has Been Seriously Depleted—Other Seaboard States Are Suffering.

Newark, N. J.—A movement has been started in New Jersey to save from extermination the migratory fish which spawn in one place and move along the Atlantic coast with the changing of the seasons—such as mackerel, menhaden, herring and numerous other varieties peculiar to this coastline on this coast. Experienced fishermen declare that the supply of these migratory fish has been seriously depleted by the pollution of the areas in which they spawn and by the reckless manner in which they have been caught in nets.

The method proposed by the New Jersey Fish and Game Conservation league to prevent from extermination is to induce the United States government to take control of and regulate the catching of these fish and stop pollution of the spawning areas. It is contended that only in this way can the increasing cost of fish food to the consumer be checked or reduced.

Four Fundamental Points.
The four fundamental points in the New Jersey league's proposal for national legislation are:

Protect spawning areas against pollution.

Prevent fishing in spawning areas.

Regulate the size of the meshes of nets so the immature fish cannot be caught.

Protect the natural food supply of eatable fishes.

The fourth point has to do with one of the most perplexing phases of the salt water problem—the matter of the menhaden industry. The menhaden, otherwise known as mackinaw, which once swarmed along the coast in incalculable numbers, attracting hordes of edible fishes that preyed on them, have been slaughtered right and left to produce oil and fertilizer. In the view of experts their end is not far off, and with their passing will disappear from Atlantic coast waters many of such edible species as now remain.

Fisheries Board Breaks Down.

Efforts to cope with the problem through state regulation here have failed utterly, the last straw being the complete breakdown of the state board of fisheries, which had been created by legislative enactment with a view to increasing the supply of food fishes and reducing the cost to the consumer. The five members of the board resigned in a body in July, 1919, and there have been no reappointments.

Investigation by a committee of veteran coast men disclosed an equally deplorable condition. It is said, in other seaboard states. It was learned, also, that fisheries officials of Connecticut and Maryland agreed with those of New Jersey that a federal law was the only remedy.

HOW LEGENDS "TAKE HOLD"

One That Concerns George Washington Was Long Believed by Residents of New York.

That there is nothing too impossible to fortify the basis of a legend that will find credulous believers for generations is again proved by a story current in the Ramapo valley, near New York. Like so many other tales known along the coast, it concerns George Washington, and it was believed by thousands of the residents of the valley up to a generation ago.

It appears that Washington, when the Continental army was encamped at what is now the Ramapo station on the main-line of the Erie railroad, was uncertain as to the intentions of Lord Howe, in command of the British fleet and army at New York. He used to climb frequently to the high peak of the Toms, a mile north of the valley, from which he could see a part of New York bay, and there spy on the fleet. In the up per part of the peak is a tiny stream, hidden in the crevices of the rocks, and the dropping of the water sounds like a watch ticking.

Legend has it that Washington dropped his watch in a fissure of the Toms on one of his observations, and that the timepiece has gone on ticking ever since.

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Hypocrites put on the appearance of virtue to hide their vices.—Abu Yusuf.

There is but one good throw upon the dice, which is to throw them away.—Chattid.

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Another Siam at Art.
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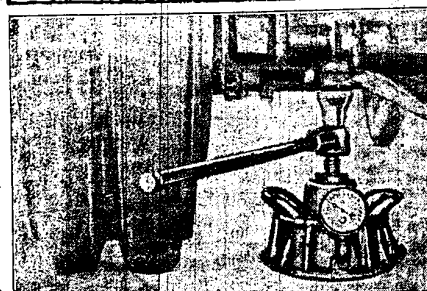
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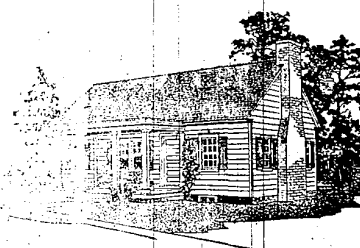


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