Since Mr. Lecky suggested that the use of the potato as an article of diet was responsible for the physical degenercy of nations, so far from improving, will deteriorate, both physically and mentally, should potatoes become their principal food. Carl Voight maintains that the potato contributes very little towards the restoration of wasted tissues; while Mulder, the the Holland physiologist, gives the same judgement when he declars that the excessive use of potatoes among the poores | than \$20. classes, and coffee and tea among the bigher ranks, is the cause of the indolence of nations. Leidenfrost maintains, that ter. that the revolutions of the last three centuries have been due to revolutions in natrition. The question has also been raised whether the general use of the potato, to the exclusion of other articles of food, is not responsible for a great deal of the growing physical degeneracy of New

TAKING FISH WITH NITH O GLYCER-INE .- One of the means to open the great raft in Red River, Louisana, says a Southern paper, had enveloped everything of interest to fishermen. We have reference to that explosive power, nitro-glycerine, which is now being so successfully manipulated by Lieutenant Woodruff. In making a blow, or blast, one day last week in the neighborhood of Kouns' Canal, at the least calculation 150 fish, weighing from 1 to 100 pounds, were killed by the concussion. The charge was four pounds of nitro-glycerine in the two champagne bottles, sunk to a depth of seven feet under water. The explosion was fearful to behold. The air was filled with water, fish, flying timbers, logs, &c. Fish enough for the force at work a day or two were gathered up, and the balance that did not recover from the "stun" were left on the field of battle.

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