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Albemarle Sound—Its Tributaries and Position—The Great Sand Bar—Unobstructed View—The Fishing Shoals—The Platform—The Sheds—Assorting the Shad—The Sturgeon and the Herring—Manner of Curing—Immense Quantity of Barrels—Mode of Working the Seine—Minute Description—The Hundred Thousand Captives—Their Varying Hues—Their Contortions, Flutterings, Agony and Death—No Sabbath for the Fishermen—The Shad, the Herring, the Sturgeon—Seine and Net Fishing—Division of Labor—Net and Seine Manufacture—The Spawning—Its Locality—The Fish's Love for its Young—Periodical Visits to the Shore—Wares and Waremen—Enemies of the Shad and Herring—Classification and Differences—in at the Death—The Dinner.

[Special Correspondence of the Norfolk Virginia] CROWAN, N. C., March 29, 1866.

This is a sheet of water sixty by twelve miles, bounded on the North side by the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, and on the South by Washington and Tyrrell, all of North Carolina.

Shut in by a great sand-bar on its seaward side, except by a small inlet, it has no outlet, through it has its irregular rises and falls, which depend on the wind. A south-east wind drives the waters of the ocean through Ocracoke, Hatteras and New Inlets, and elevates, while an opposite wind lowers the waters. The waters have a yellow and turbid cast, varying in degree with the rains in the upper tributaries.

The trees, which line the opposite shore, are visible, presenting on the horizon a broad belt of green.

Unobstructed views, whether from the mountain, on the prairie, or on the sea shore, have an interest separate and independent of the objects themselves, which may be embraced in the field of vision. There is an idea of vastness connected with such occasions which, to me, is a mental luxury, and for which I have so often longed in my four years' exile. The sound is the first sheet of water of any magnitude since my last view of the green waters of the Chesapeake and Atlantic, a short time prior to the evacuation of Norfolk. But to my subject.

THE FISHING SEASON. On the line, perhaps a mile in length, are located ten windlasses, for the purpose of working the seines. Each is an upright cylinder, large at the lower end, to receive the rope as it is coiled around it, and pierced with two twelve foot levers; two mules at a lever, moving in a circle, work the levers.

CENTRE. At the centre is a platform, with two slopes; the lesser, which is abrupt, touches the bottom of the water. On this upper declivity the seine is drawn and the fish deposited. Here are large sheds, under which the fish are assorted—the shad, rock and sturgeon from the herring, and the herring into male and female, the latter herring constituting the family roe and the former the gross herring.

THE FISHING SEASON.

The gross herring are stirred in large cradles with salt; the roe, however, is first relieved of its head, which contains the gills, by cutting its backbone at the base of the head, and of the tail, by a motion in a direction from the tail towards the operation, occupying but a moment. The herring are placed next in hogheads, here called stands, where they remain nine days; then removed to what is termed a box, where they drip, and lastly, to the barrel, in which they are packed for export. In packing, the abdomens are turned up, except at the top, where one row is reversed, and the last placed on a side. The whole barrel is now placed under a lever, where it is subjected to pressure, the effect of which is to increase the packing capacity of the barrel, and to exclude the air, one of the three elements which united all is essential to decomposition. The various fisheries of the sound and contiguous waters, according to Pauline, furnish about 50,000 barrels. Vast quantities besides are secured, are consumed in the whole sound region, in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Richmond, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and even Boston, and in many other places, by means of a speedy transit of railroads and steamboats.

WORKING THE SEINE.

At the centre of the fishing line of the shore are two large flat boats, which contain about an equal portion of the seine. These float out from the shore, one in the wake of the other, until they reach a point, which is planted about a mile and a half from the shore and nearly abreast of the centre, and part, each describing in opposite direction a quarter of a circle, as it moves towards the shore, and dropping the seine in the deep water. At each end of the seine is a staff, in mariner's phrase, is more properly a spar, and by means of ropes, formed into an angle, the seine in its whole width is to be equally drawn. Each staff has attached to it six hundred yards of rope. When the boats reach the two extreme windlasses, less than a mile apart, the ropes are fastened, each to its own windlass. At this point commences the hauling. Several hours elapse before the staff reaches the shore; and now the rope, which is fastened every few rods to the ground side of the seine, draws slowly on that side, which counteracts any pressure the fish might exert for their escape. During the two or three hours the staff is reaching the shore the boatmen may sleep and eat. When the staff reaches the shore the boatmen return to their boats, one boat at each end of the seine, and spread the seine on the boats as the seine is drawn in. The rope, which is attached to the seine, is removed from windlasses more remote to those nearer the centre, until the seine is nearly in, when the ropes are run through pulleys, on each end of the centre platform or wharf, where two horses, one at each pulley, draw. At a little later, when the seine is near the platform, the men along work the seine.

THE CAPTURE.

When the men along work the seine, the seine is near the platform. Now the fish are seen swimming about in the arc of water in front. Great care is taken to draw the seine at the bottom without lifting it, some standing on it, while others are drawing. The ground-ropes of the seine are gradually pulled up the lower declivity of the platform to the upper, where iron pegs are driven and fastened. Now

THE DINNER.

I need not add that I enjoyed a fish dinner on the shore; brilled rock and a stew of roe. If you would most enjoy a fish dinner, eat the fish as they leap from the water into the cooking vessel. Respectfully, J. C. A.

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