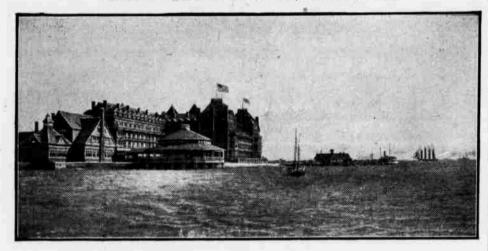




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of a Battle With a Monster Speckled Trout Guests Story.

HAVE HAD many days' fishing," said the veteran angler as he settled back in a chair at The Holly Inn, the other evening, "and I've enjoyed the sport in quite a range of territory, but the best days' sport I ever had in my life was at a small and unknown pond,

dreamed about, and it's well worth the journey for the experience.'

"And so we started, lugging a canoe and supplies for a week, and reaching our destination after fourteen hours of tedious, difficult travelling.

"It was a strangely wild and beautiful place, and I believe the guide was right when he said that he didn't believe the place had been fished more than half a dozen times in the last twenty years.

"The pond lies in a niche in the mountains, and the stern cliffs rise straight out of the water on all sides, and the water is as cold as ice and as clear as crystal, evidently supplied from cold springs underneath. Great spruce and cedar trees have fallen down the mountain sides and are piled up in the water in reckless confusion, beneath which are



SPRING DAYS AT PINEHURST.

headwaters of the Penobscot river, in love to hide. Northern Maine.

ney; ten miles by buckboard, a tramp of | eight miles over a spotted trail, and then a push, slide and tumble down a brook that always seems to be just low and rocky enough to make wading uncomfortable and canoeing an impossibility.

"I'd been kicking to my guide about fishing close to camp and describing the kind of sport that I wanted to have just once before I died, until at last, he proposed the trip in to the little pond I have mentioned. 'It's a rough journey,' he added, 'but mark my word, there is sport there, the like of which you never

called Little Dingley, lying at the deep, dark caverns, in which the trout

"As I stood on the shore the morning "It's twenty miles in there from the after our arrival and looked across the Canadian line, and a rough, hard jour- little sheet, barely a quarter of a mile wide, and not more than twice as long, I felt amply repaid for the hardships of the journey, for there is no stranger freak of nature in the Maine wilderness. Directly in the centre of the pond two huge twin rocks rise straight out of the water, which, ten feet away, is apparently bottomless.

"Breakfast over, the guide was pushing the canoe toward those huge rocks. Reaching them we alighted on one and he instructed me to cast my flies over by the side of the other boulder, which was some thirty feet away.

"Half a dozen times the flies trailed