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FIGHT WITH A

(New York Sun.) When the little bald stenographer got Back from his vacation, his face was

peeling skin. "Just getting over the scarlet fever?" remarked the blonde cierk. "PH tell you," said the other, as he

opened his desk. "Twe had the greatest round-off for the boy. So I said: holiday that ever happened." He flicked two weeks' dust from his typewriter kers. "You know, I was born in he coun-

"I knew that from the first," said the bunch to chorus.

"Well, you mustn't get chesty if you do hit the mark once in a while," reto the mechine, wrote "My dear sir," whirled around in his chair and said:

there part of the State. I was born in and the water was dark and calm and venience, the several divisions are made quality. a little village not far from where they looked like big fish. are; so the other day I said to my oldest

see the place where I was born? "The patal associations didn't seem to

proposition appealed to him, and away up against my rigs. For a moment I he went, sans rod, sans hook, sans line, thought the tackle would give. sans everything-except the inch. "Well, when we get to the village, I

hunted up Jim Curtis, an old chum, and that the boy and I were out for a fish. the biggest one one at the foot of the as you will, here's a net and a can, and bont." you and your boy can catch 'em in the The little bald stenographer held up a crock. Same old creek,' he says, 'and brown hand. just in the same place as when you was

a boy. "Then the boy and I went up the road | the boat spen clear around. to the creek. I left my hat and coat and shoes and socks on a stump and 'He's going down stream!' And I jumpsolled up my trousers and waded in, ed back to the oars. knee-eep and pushed the net-a flat affair like a baking board-ahead of me; and when I came to a little rapid at the ping it down stream, between a long end of the pool, I lifted the net and car- island and the main shore, at a threeried it to the bank with more than a mile gait. dozen lively, deaping, wiggling, shining silver minnows in it-the very best bait and his voice was hourse. for bass and pickerel that ever went on

pulled out the minnows by the score. "And just then, the net struck a snag borges full of coal. on the bottom, which was clay, and my beels went from under me and I sat George down up to my collar in over two feet of muddy water. Then the boy howled, and ran around among the buttercup George. 'Is he off?' and daistes, and finally lay down in them and rolled with mirth, while I retired might well be, for we had come down the to the sunny seclusion afforded by a bank half a mile. clump of gooseberry bushes and made

that a red and white heifer had been while the boat slackened its pace. there. Cows are the most curious things. I got both shoes back from among the as I grabbed the line, ' and row downshrubs, but could find only one sock, stream have to be reblocked some night on the

"Well, we got out in the punt at last, went slack-tight againwith the minnows and the rods and the lunch basket; and when we were among the islands below the village, we ed got the lunch spread out on the middle shady spot, under a lot of big, branching of our fish. And such a fish! elms, and the bank was rocky and steep.

"We were in about ten feet of water, discs of feam that floated in from the prize. swift water at the head of the island. ham sandwich, and one eye on my red top, dead beat. and blue float, when zip! away went the boy's float out of sight, and the rod nearly out of his hand.

when I got hold of the rod I knew there line, and our fish came along like a log." was a good base on .. Pretty soon the fish let up, and I reeled in, while the boy all excitement, stood ready with the

landing net. "We got Sir Base alongside, and the there's sometimes a slip between the cup boy slipped the net under him, and very and the lip." cleverly, too. But we had only just got him in, when away went my rod over three. bed the ones and tugged away, like Sam- luck we hadn't brought a gaff. son on the pillars, and then remembered that the boat was anchored with a beat, could make a lot of trouble, and

bamboo, with a light-weight reel-float- kick coming. In he came, six feet long." ing away down stram; and we got it at "Draw it easy," said the blond clerk. | said to the storekeeper. ing away down stram; and we got it at inst, with bass No. 2 hard and fast, and inst, with bass No. 2 hard and fast, with bass No. 2 hard a heavier than the first, and that one It was now or never, and I gave a yank for a cheese."

weighed four pounds."
"Black bass?" said the blonde clerk. "To be sure. We got fifteen in all before they stopped biting there, with an . "And then I had the oar out of again. aggregate weight of forty pounds, and George's hand and was banging the life I didn't see the dot in the middle." two of them went over five pounds each out of him." on the scales of the general store.

"I've caught the large mouth green bass in drowned land full of stumps, "I would to believe such a yern!" suppose you have saved a god many with a long line thrown out toward the "Ia's gospel truth, boys! The tail of lives?" The Life Saver—"Well, I should stumps, and a piece of bacon rind on that fish when I carried him over my rentark! Why, I was clerking in a drug two hooks for bait, and some of those shoulder, trailed a foot on the ground. store at Asbury Park, all last summer!" tellers went six and seven pounds; but ite weighed fifty-seven pounds."

the best of them wasn't in it for gameness with any three-pound black bass that the boy and I cought that day.

bass that run over five pounds there isn't | mouth." anything else in the river you ant to fish for with a rod. So the boy and I that village?" said the stout clerk, as the went trolling.

"I know there was big game among cil. firick red and flecked with patches of the islands, for I remembered some whoppers being taken out when I was a kid, ered up his note book. "There's the some by troll and some by heavy nightlinese bated with large chub; and I wanted to give the day's sport, a good

"George, how would you like to catch a thirty or forty-pound muskallonge, to pack in ice and send down to Uncle Tom in Jersey City, just to give him a

"Poys, we hadn't been at the game twenty minutes before the thing hap- superceded by black ink. They are are pened. George, in the stern, had the line, still made, and in many colors; and red torted the little bald man. He slipped with the end of it lapped around the link is still, as ever, a standard for varon his office coat, stuck a sheet of paper gunwale streak. I was pulling along jous special uses in counting rooms. leisurely 'nough, in about ten or fifteen feet of water, and about thirty feet "My wife and kids you know are sum- from shore. It was a steep bank, with as in the preparation of statements or mering on the St. Lawrence in the nor- elderberry and other bushes overhanging, exhibits, in which, for purposes of con-

"It was lucky for George that he "Hear would you like to go out and The line shot out of his fingers, and stiffened on the boat with a jerk and jar present much charm, but the piscatorial end into the river, and knocked the oars ing with on black paper, and especially

> "We're stuck on the bottom, Dad!" cried George.

and as I did, my jaw fell, for the line elms by the bridge. Here's the key, was slack against the end of the boat. You can have the boat all day, and wel- "We've lest him!" I said; and with come; and here's a couple of rods and a that, the line whipped across my fingers trolling line; and iff you want minnows, and nearly cut them off against the

"See that bruise? It's only now get-

ting well," he said. "The next moment "'He's all right!" I yelled to George.

"George went white between excitement and fear, for we were now clip-

"Will the line hold, Dad?' said George "He went flat in the bottom of the

a hook. The boy capered with delight, boat, with his hands over the end, and "Say, you're great dad!" he called out tried to pull in the line. He might as as he marched along with the can, while well have tried to phaze an Atlantic ca-I played every likely tooking pool and ble. It was taut and straight and hard as a line between a tug and a string of

"What are we going to do, Dad?' said

"Just let him go,' I said line's getting loose!" cried The

"He's getting tired,' I said; and he "But I had no sooner let him feel

"When we got back to the stump again. The boat swung round, and he where I had left my things, we found was away off upstream. In a little "Jump to the oars, George!" I said, a hottle of ink last some time.

and my hat, which was a derby, will "And George did. The fish was pret-

"Splash!

"You could have hung your hat on "A. seat, and set the rods. It was a nice, George's eyes. We had had a glimpse

"He's bigger than me,' said George. "He's likely longer than I am,' I said, a sort of calm pool ecked with little fearful that after all we might lose the in Germany, Eugland, Holland, Spain

We had the punt anchored, and I had were off down stream once more. It was say that a third of the ink now used in just laid back, with my mouth full of his last spurt. Presently he came to the the oces and counting rooms of the manu-

"Right across, a hundred yards away, along the island shore was a strip of yellow beach. I jumpel in up to my waist. "He was on his feet in a jiff, yelling twenty yerds from the water's edge, and to me that the fish was pulling him in. George, not to be outdone, followed suft, would have to pay for inks made in Eu-The line was running out like mad, and up to his neck. ogether we pulled on the robe; but they buy taem, nevertheless,

"Well," said the little clerk. "Well," said the little bald stenogra- best in the world." pher, as he ran the carriage of the type writer up and down, "you know that

"You didn't lose him?" said two or

the side and out of sight. I tell you, I . "I thought of that as we haulde him didn't bnow whether I was standing on in. He looked so big, it seemed too good this line," said Mr. Ryan. "He had my head or my heels just then. I grab- to be true. And I wondered by what

"I knew a fish of that size, even dead "We could see my rod-it was a light an oar and let him have it if there was a evidently a regular customer.

that landed him, big as he was, eight

feet up the beach. And then"-"And then?"

"Out of George?"

"Don't be a fool."

"On the scales atthe geenral store." "It was the biggest muskallonge taken out of the river in three years. The tail "Well, the black bass stopped biting; was over fifteen inches across and you MUSKALLONGE "Well, the black bass stopped biting; was over fifteen inches adross and you and when you've been catching black could have put your head inside his

"What did you say is the name of bald stenographer put a point to his pen-

"Wait a minute," he said, as he gathchief's beil."

"For all ordinary riting purposes," said a man acquainted with the ink trade, "colored inks, once used to some extent, have now been almost entirely

"Then various other colored inks are sometimes also used in counting rooms, each in a separate color. But for the ordinary purposes colored ink, as violet, hadn't the line wrapped around his hand, have gone almost wholly out of use; black is the thing.

"Among the inks for special uses might that pretty near sent George end over be mentioned white ink, made for writemploy for writing cards for window displays and like purposes.

"Black inks are largely comprised between the blacks and the blue-blacks; "George, I said, "if we're not, then the former putting on black as it leaves told him I wented a bost and tackle, we've hooked the biggest fish in the the pen, and the latter putting on blue and turning black. There is now used Good! he says. That's my boat; "I jumped to the end to grab the line; in this country more blue-black than black, and the proportion of blue-black sold is increasing. "Countries have their peculiarities in

this respect. In France, for example, more black ink is used; while England has long been distinctively a blue-black "Writing ink is sold in a great variety

of packages; ranging from two-ounce bottles to sixty-gallon casks. School boards are the chief purchasers of ink by the

"Among the smaller pacages there are still sold onnuolly thousands of gross of the pyhamid-shaped bottles of the timehonored type, once in well-nigh univerversal use. In some remoter parts it might be that ink would still be found in no other form, and the pyramid bottle is yet sold, in fact, more or less everywhere, though it has now been largely supplanted by modern bottles of improved shapes, in which the ink is more easily accessible, which are far more convenient to the user.

"There have been made in bottles in this country verious improvements, all, however, chiefly with a view to greater utility. he fancy ink bottle, which serve also as inkstands, as bottles in the form of a lady's slipper, come from Europe,

and chiefly from France. "The greatest consumers of ink? The commercial and financial users, decidedly. Ink, is to be sure, an article of world-wide use, and it is used in millions of homes, and it might be thought that my hand than away our great fish went the aggregate consumption of these millions of users would be the greaer. But even in a letter-writing household they are not writing letters all the time, and

"In counting cooms and offices, on the other hand, men are using ink all the time, and they are critical users, who ty tired by this time, for he came along must have not alone good ink, but fresh for quite a way. Then suddenly the line ink, clean inkstands, and that sort of thing, and so, common as the use of ink F. P. VENABLE, Presiden, is, it is in the world's offices and count-"Great Scot! said George, and gasp- ing rooms that the greater amount is

"American writing inks exported? To wherever ink is used. American inks are sold to some extent in every country in Europe, to a considerable extent in Europe, xzfiflffbgkqjcmfwypmfwypfwy and Italy. The sales are made almost "hen the boat swung around and we entirely for the office trade. I should facture, with the proportionate consmption of American inks all the time in-

"These inks cost them more than they would have atoyp yjt? ("(1234512345345 and in increasing quantities, for the simple reason that American inks are the

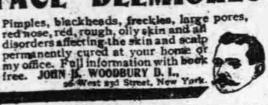
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"I owe you some money, don't I?' he

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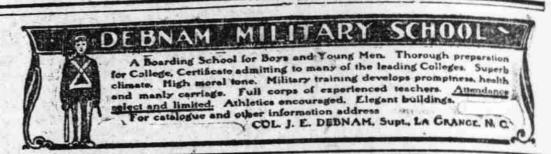
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