

say that occasionally 1,000 craft are all fishing together. Each craft shoots, at an average, about two miles of nets. So that there are two thousand miles of nets drifting, drifting, waiting for the shoals of silver herring to become entangled in their meshes.

A good night's catch is 20 lasts, or 200 crans. A cran is 1,320 fish, and a last ten times as many. The last is supposed to be ten thousand. But, then, a hundred herrings are (according to local count) 132. Last year some very high prices were realised, as much as £2 a cran, or £20 a last, being realised for fresh fish, so that a catch of 20 lasts

would bring in £400. I do not think these figures have been reached. But a boat has made £350 for a night's fishing.

To come to the curing, a perfect bloater should be washed and salted almost before it stiffens. Then, when it has a sufficient "tang" of salt to give it a "smack," it should be hung up "for one night only" in the smoke of smouldering oak billets. In the morning let it be taken off the riving-stick, headed and gutted, and grilled for breakfast.

Kippers are split, cleaned, and packed in layers and so dry-salted. All fish are sweeter for being dry-salted. Brine is sometimes used so often as to become

foul. But a dry-salted fish is purged of blood and all offence. Then they are hung up. A famous firm of kippering merchants have hung up as many as fifteen lasts of fresh fish in one night.

The export trade has increased enormously of late years. In 1904 nearly 318,000 barrels were exported from Yarmouth alone. Now, as I write, there are three large steamers waiting in the harbour for cargoes for Hamburg and other ports on the east side of the North Sea.

Probably there is no commercial investment that pays better than to be the owner of a lucky steam drifter. In one year the owners of one have been known to take £2,000 as their share. Not a bad sum for interest on the £3,000 which the boat cost. That is exceptional. But high figures are not.—"London Express."

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"Don't you think," asked Mrs Oldcastle, "that Mrs Farnsworth indulges in a good many peccadilloes?" "Does she?" replied her hostess as she unfastened her 50 guinea bracelet. "I thought the doctor had put her on a diet of prunes and uncooked things."

Nothing New Under the Sun.

The scientific journals are finding out from their back files that the pneumatic tyre and the X-rays were both matters of half a century ago. One of these journals finds in its issue of May 8th, 1847, the following paragraph: "A number of cabs with newly-invented wheels have just been put on the pave. The novelty consists in the entire absence of springs. A hollow tube of indiarubber, about a foot in diameter, inflated with air, encircles each wheel in the manner of a tyre, and with the addition of this simple but novel appendage the vehicle glides noiselessly along, affording the greatest possible amount of cab comfort to the passengers." And the following in another issue of the same year: "A Belgian savant says he has just discovered that electric light directed on the human body makes it so diaphanous as to enable the arteries, veins and nerves to be seen at work, and their action to be studied." Whether this light was produced by the methods such as those used by Rontgen is not known, but its properties seem to have been somewhat similar.



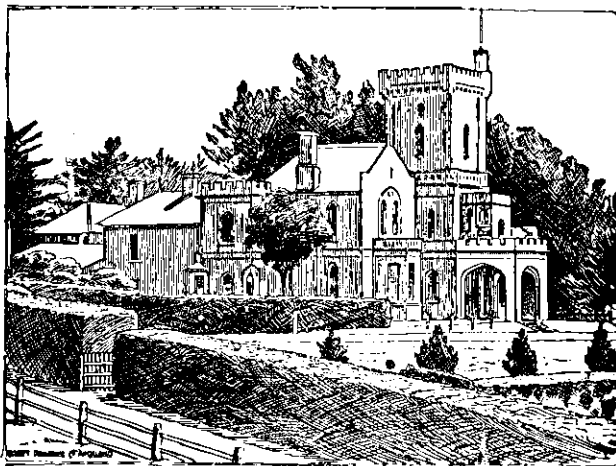
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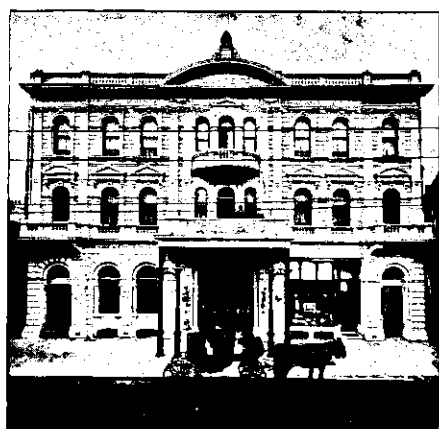
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