

Trout Fishing and Trout Streams in New Zealand.

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THE trout streams of New Zealand may be divided into two classes—Rain Rivers and Snow Rivers. There are only one or two streams in the North Island that come under the latter heading, but in the South

all the great rivers are fed by melting snows.

From the great mountain backbone—the Southern Alps, which, roughly speaking, stretches from Marlborough County into

Southland—there rush eastward and westward innumerable great rivers. Those on the western slopes run through wild and sparsely settled forest country, and none have yet been properly stocked with trout. Those on the eastern slopes run through open tussock land—the mountain sheep country—and in every grand gorge or broad valley the angler can find habitations and good fishing water. These Snow Rivers have peculiar characteristics. They are low and clear after weeks of rain, and they roar in



FISHING WITH CREEPER AT THE HEAD OF A POOL, UPPER SELWYN, NEAR COALGATE.