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ANGLING NOTES.

By "Creel."

"The Song of the Ripple."

Oh, the song of the ripple is the song
for me,
Out where Nature lives life free;
Where the song is the gurgle of waters
cool,
As they stride along to the deepening
pool;
And the scent of the fern wafts thro' the
air,
And God is good; Life wondrous fair.

And I rise all eager, adjust my creel,
And I long for the song of the angler's
reel,
As with lightning run, it hums and sings,
Ah, you must know the joy it brings,
When with a cast that is true, you get
your wish,
And you hook with care, your first good
fish.

And the song of the ripple sounds sweeter
still,
When you know he's a "beauty" to test
your skill;
When with splash and twirl, a run he
takes,
And a beautiful bow in your rod he
makes;
There's the flash of silver through waters
cool,
And he dives for safety, deep down the
pool.

Ah, the song of the ripple with cadenzas
thrill,
When I've creeled at last, my first good
kill;
And the river sings in its sweetest strain,
And the world is free from strife and
pain;
'Neath God's blue sky, it's fair and free,
Oh, the song of the ripple, is the song for
me.

By "Creel."

Friday the 1st of October sees the open-
ing of the Angling Season for 1920-21.
Everything points to a very successful
season, as most of the rivers should be in
excellent condition. Some of us are apt to
forget to what an extent Southland is
blessed in being an angler's paradise. One
has only to live in our Northern Cities
to realise this fact. Meeting an old ang-
ling friend the other day, he remarked
how much he would like to have the op-
portunity of fishing our rivers again, and
on my enquiry why, he enthused on the
virtues of our various rivers. Being an
ardent fly fisherman, he extolled on the
qualities of the Mimiha and the Wynd-
ham (although not in the Southland Dis-
trict, yet within easy access). He then
mentioned the sport to be obtained on the
Otamita and Waipahi, a few miles from
Gore. Coming nearer home, he referred
to the Dunsdale, Aparima, Waiau, Maka-
rewa, Otapiri, Lora, and finally he said:
"What more fascinating sport, than cast-
ing the fly in the Oreti about New Year
time, when one is apt to hook a fish up to
20lb weight." (One of the big "dogs" he
called 'em). To which I readily agreed,
and I think my readers will approve.

This year I would like to see the various
Angling Clubs hold a greater number of
inter-club competitions, as they are an
excellent means of bringing sportsmen to-
gether, and are also a source of education
and enlightenment to anglers themselves.
Any interesting information from the
various Club Secretaries, and anglers in
general, will be welcomed by "Creel," and
duly published in this column.

For the enlightenment of any angler
new to our district, I attach a short de-
scription of our principal rivers.

Mimiha (near Wyndham township):
An ideal fly stream, with fast running
rips and long deep holes, where fish up
to eight pounds have been taken on the
fly. Average width, about a chain. (In
fra dig to fish with the minnow on this
stream).

Wyndham (near Wyndham): Contains one
of the best species of fighting fish known.
Difficult stream to strike the fish on the
move, but good bags have been secured
under favourable conditions. Minnow
permissible.

Otamita (near Gore): A fine clear fly
stream. Full of fish, and some big bags
are taken every year. (In fra dig to
fish with the minnow, although some
anglers use the natural creeper).

Waipahi (near Pukerua, Otago District):
One of the best fly streams within strik-
ing distance of Invercargill. Good heavy
bags are secured when the fish are on
the "take."

Dunsdale (near Hedgehope): With 10ft
fly rod an ideal fly stream for a bag.
Fish are smaller, but good fighters.

Aparima (nearest Thornbury): A nice
clean river, with gravelly beaches and
long rips. Good sporting fish. Minnow
mostly used in the early part of the
season.

Waiau (near Tuatapere): The mighty Wai-
au. The big man's paradise. Big fish.
Big tackle. A salmon has been taken
from this river and there will be more.
Makarewa (nearest Makarewa Junction):
A slow sluggish running river, very
suitable for natural and minnow fishing.
A fine species of trout inhabit this river,
their flesh being of Salmon pink colour
and very palatable. For the first three
months of the season, suitable for fly
work, and striking the fish on the move,
some hefty fish may be creeled.

Otapiri (near Borwns): Another
stream somewhat similar but a little
larger than the Dunsdale. Fly and creeper
are mostly used. Fish average better
than the Dunsdale.

Lora (Lora Gorge): A very pretty rocky
bottomed stream, with good fish, aver-
aging 3lb. Essentially a fly stream, and
in the Cricket season that bait is deadly.
Oreti or New River (nearest locality
Stiven's Wallace town): Undoubtedly the
finest river in Southland. A river that
stands any amount of fishing, and always
seems to be well stocked with fish. Will
accommodate any style of angler. In
the early parts of the season, when the
snow water is coming down, the best re-
sults are obtained with the "snake" or
worm, and minnow. For night fishing
with the natural bait some very big
fish may be encountered, fish 20lb weight
and over being secured every season. A
fine easy river to fish, as its long gravel-
ly reaches, allow an angler plenty of
room to play her fish. After the New
Year the best fly stream in Southland.

The above chronicle, I hope, will be the
means of deciding some brother angler
where he will get his favourite style of
fishing.

Re Tackle. —On making enquiries I
understand there is a good supply available
this year.

Tips for new chum anglers:—

1. Carry your license in your tackle
box.
2. Soak your casts and traces in water
over night.
3. Test your cast or trace with a gentle
pull before making fast to the line.
4. See that the line is wound evenly
on the barrel of reel.
5. If you are "scraping" fish, inspect
your flies or minnow. You may have lost
a barb off the hooks.
6. Treat your tackle and gear as some-
thing sacred, to be taken care of.
7. If a few trips are "duds" don't de-
spair, have patience, and some day you'll
get 'em, and never look back.

In concluding these notes, I want to
wish all anglers in Southland a very suc-
cessful season, although no doubt, some of
us will sometime strike "fisherman's luck,"
but as all true sports say "It's all in the
game."

HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED.

(A Base Attempt at an Approximate
Chronology).

If he wants her to read aloud and she
will— one year.

If she tries to make him go out alone
in the evening, but he just won't—under
six months.

If she tries to make him stay home in
the evening and he positively won't—five
years.

If he talks shop and she listens—under
six months.

If he says that her mother is an "old
darling" and her father a "brick"—one
week.

If she says that she would like to know
his family better—one week.

If he insists that a friend come out
home to meet the "best little woman in
the world"—one month.

And then if he says, "No, no; I won't
bother to 'phone. The little woman in
bother to 'phone. The little lady will be
tickled to death to see us"—one month or
less.

If she says that she would like to go
through that fascinating factory of his—
If she actually goes—one month.

If he is perfectly contented to sit right
home by the fire—under one year or over
ten.

If she is perfectly contented as above—
under one month.

If she is wholly satisfied that the man
she fell in love with is the man she mar-
ried—a couple of weeks.

If they play golf together, the full
eighteen holes, and arrive at the club-
house smiling—scandal; they aren't mar-
ried at all.

—Hayward Bartlett.

Mere men are very curious creatures.
I noticed a large number intently gazing
in Lewis and Co.'s window, during the
past week. It made me curious too, and
after making the best use of my eye-
glasses, I found myself hurrying to Mc-
Naughton's to see if I could purchase
Madam Tussaud's catalogue.

DREAMS ABOUT TOM O'BYRNE.

By "Spectator."

I had a dream, a happy dream, I saw
the culmination,
Of all the schemes of Labour world by
shrewd amalgamation,
The only missing link I saw, I saw it but
too plain;
The agricultural worker was the weak link
in the chain.

The Miner was the strongest link, and
held the situation,
The industries could all be held by his
strong Federation,
'Twas plain the men who mined the coal,
were of the proper stuff
To stop the railways and the ships if they
went slow enough.

The seamen and the engineers, the firemen
and the miners,
The P. and T. and the railway men were
holding up the liners,
The men who make the farmers' cheese,
and sawmill men in turn,
Were out in force to do their bit, marshal-
led by Tom O'Byrne.

And since, I had another dream, and in
it I could see,
The shepherd and the cow-boy, and the
man who ploughs the lea,
And all the rural people who the farmers'
wages earn,
Were being organised and led and trained
by Tom O'Byrne.

The network now I saw was worked, by
Tom of great renown,
The man who'd always ruled the roost
would have to knuckle down,
The man who laboured with his hands
would get his full desire,
The man of capital would now be trampled
in the mire.

The gold, which in the ages past had been
so hoarded up,
By fatted landlords and such ilk, and fill-
ed his brimming cup,
Must be disgorged and parted round, and
everything was pat;
Employers lost condition while the union
men waxed fat.

But, yet again, another dream—That all
should be alike,
The fatted man upon the land, and others
went on strike,
He killed a sheep for family use, consumed
the butter-fat,
That previously he carted to the nearest
factory vat.

He utilised his time and learned to grind
some oats, 'twould seem,
And smacked his lips as he consumed the
porridge with his cream,
The spuds which once the railwaymen took
to the city store,
Now played a quite important part and
helped the farmer's "score."

From time to time, the thing went on in
this new-fangled way,
The farmer for the first time had a jolly
holiday,
He never in his life before had such a
heavenly spin,
And kept his old condition on while Tom
O'Byrne grew thin.

THE "DIGGER" IN AMERICA.

(Reprinted from "The Haywood Travel-
ler.")

"We have had a number of good men
travel all the way across the ocean from
that land of modern ideas to take a course
in the Haywood School at Indianapolis.
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several weeks with us in 1919, are now
busily at work and making a mighty good
record for themselves. Here is what
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tion, has to say about this new Haywood
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gill citizens resigned from good positions
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