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THE POOR FISH:



This is how our artist imagined it . . .

IF you want shark liver oil you must first catch your shark. Even Mrs. Beeton would have known that. And although you may think that there is not the slightest chance of your ever wanting such a thing, you never can tell. Without a proper supply of vitamins, so we are told, we can't remain healthy, and without fish liver oil we can't build up supplies of vitamins A or D which, they say, prevent such things as night-blindness and rickets. And besides, fish oils are also needed for paints and varnishes and for feeding to stock.

New Zealand scientists are experimenting with New Zealand fish to see what lies in their livers, because the war has put cod liver oil on the list of the near-unobtainables. They'd tried proper, ling, eel, and barracoota, some of which had proved richer than the famous cod; so why not shark, they asked themselves. Why not indeed? All they needed was someone to catch the sharks. "We can get sharks in our harbours," it was decided. "Someone must go and catch them and cut them up and bring home the livers."

SO this is the story of the young woman who brought home the catch. She had never been fishing before and she didn't know anything about sharks, but she did know how to deal with fish livers. Before she went she overcame the second difficulty. She read up sharks, and memorised the details, so that by the time she went fishing she knew the 20 varieties inside out, almost. Then she set out with hooks, manila twine, a balance, jars, bottles of alcohol (not for consumption), a long sharp knife, and shorts.

The weather was perfect where she went and the sea was gleaming against vivid white sand. So she was burned almost black in the four days she was there. She worked from a small launch staffed by two men who lived on the launch, while she lived with a light-house keeper and his wife. Every day they set out before seven o'clock and fished till it was dark. It was often 10 p.m. before the livers were safely stowed away.

FISHING calls for patience. It was very early in the season for sharks and those that were about didn't bite much. The shark-fishers sat for hours and hours without a bite, and then the girl mostly got schnapper. But when at last she hooked a shark there was no mistaking its weight, or the way it leaped and tugged and floundered. She played it fearfully and up it came. The men grabbed nooses and slipped them round its gills and hoisted it on to the back of the boat. She wouldn't go near its chopping jaws, but the men knew how to deal with it . . .

After a while the girl grew skilful and the third day they caught 10 sharks. The largest one was seven feet. And, of course, there was one shark, a tremendous brute, well-hooked, which tossed and struggled till the three, all tightly pulling at the line, couldn't hold it. It got away; at least this is what they said. Anyhow they caught sharks for four days, and at last had 14.

OUT in the launch they lived on fish. before she took on this job the girl couldn't stand the taste of fish. Or so she thought. But surprisingly enough, this fish tasted very good. The smell of

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