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SALMON FISHERIES OF THE COLUMBIA.

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THE Columbia River is a source of untold wealth in the famous salmon catch which adds an appreciable amount to the food supply of the United States each year. The salmon is a salt water fish, and enters the Columbia River in great schools at certain times of the year. One method of catching them is the gill net. When the salmon gets his head through the mesh of one of these heads, he is unable to back out. A net frequently captures from forty to fifty fish in a night ,and the canners pay from five to seven cents a pound.

Other methods employed are the fish trap, a long row of piles holding a net with an enclosure or trap at either end, and the fish wheel, which scoops up fish like a dip net as they swim through the strong current. The seine, a net of 1,500 feet, with one end on the boat and the other end on the shore, is also used.

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