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OF
THE RIVER THAME
FROM
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FROM ENTIRELY NEW SURVEYS, TAKEN DURING THE SUMMER
WITH A GUIDE, GIVING EVERY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TOURIST, THE OARSMAN,
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

OWING to the rapid sale of the first impression,—the whole of the copies in six weeks from the day of publication,—prompted also by many other considerations with which my work has been received, I have minutely revised the “Guide,” and re-issued. The details, therefore, may be relied on as current, the additional preparation for the journey down the river having been taken expressly to secure the most accurate information. The sites of a number of the hotels have been added to the engraved plates, and several other useful items.

I have been requested to bring out, on a corresponding scale, a Map of the Thames from Oxford; and, having by me nearly all the requisite *materiel*, I should be happy to supply a companion “Guide,” if favoured with the names of a fair number of subscribers (say 200), so that the necessary cost and labour of such a compilation would not be excessive. The navigation of the upper stream is in a fair way of being much improved; and a boating excursion westward may soon become a thing of the past.

OXFORD,
April, 1873.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

IT has been justly observed by some writer, that the most lengthy of recommendations might easily be reduced to the simple sentence, "Read my Book." My first attempt at acquaintance with the public through the medium of the press, I wish to condense my introductory remarks. Let me, however, in this form of acknowledgments, in the courtesy of friends, with whose aid the "Guide" has been so far completed, mention the name of Fennell, for his humorous article on "Fishermen," as well as the valuable and accurate description he has furnished; to R. W. S., for his "Camping Out;" to Mr. St. John, for his cross, and his employées, for the splendid manner in which they have carried out the work; and last, but not least, to my old friend Mr. James Williams, of Cirencester, for his assistance in undertaking the general revision of the work,—I here offer my sincere acknowledgments. Nor will I forget those persons on the river who have supplied me with information, and but hope, for the sake of "auld lang syne," to see them in the leisure hours of their lives, to admit of.

The idea of a Thames Map, with necessary local information, first suggested to me from my finding, personally, the need of such a thing. Originally, I proposed a map of the river from its source at Trewsbury Mead to Putney, upon a scale of one inch to a mile; and, in the intervals of photographing, surveyed the greater part of the river, but, finding that, where islands lay in the stream, or the way was barred by rocks, it would be impossible, on so small a scale, to give accurate detail, only that part of the river below Oxford has been brought out; but on a scale of *two* inches to the mile.

The measurements given were carefully chained along the towing-path, and represent the distance a person would walk who was towing a boat.

OXFORD,
June 1, 1872.

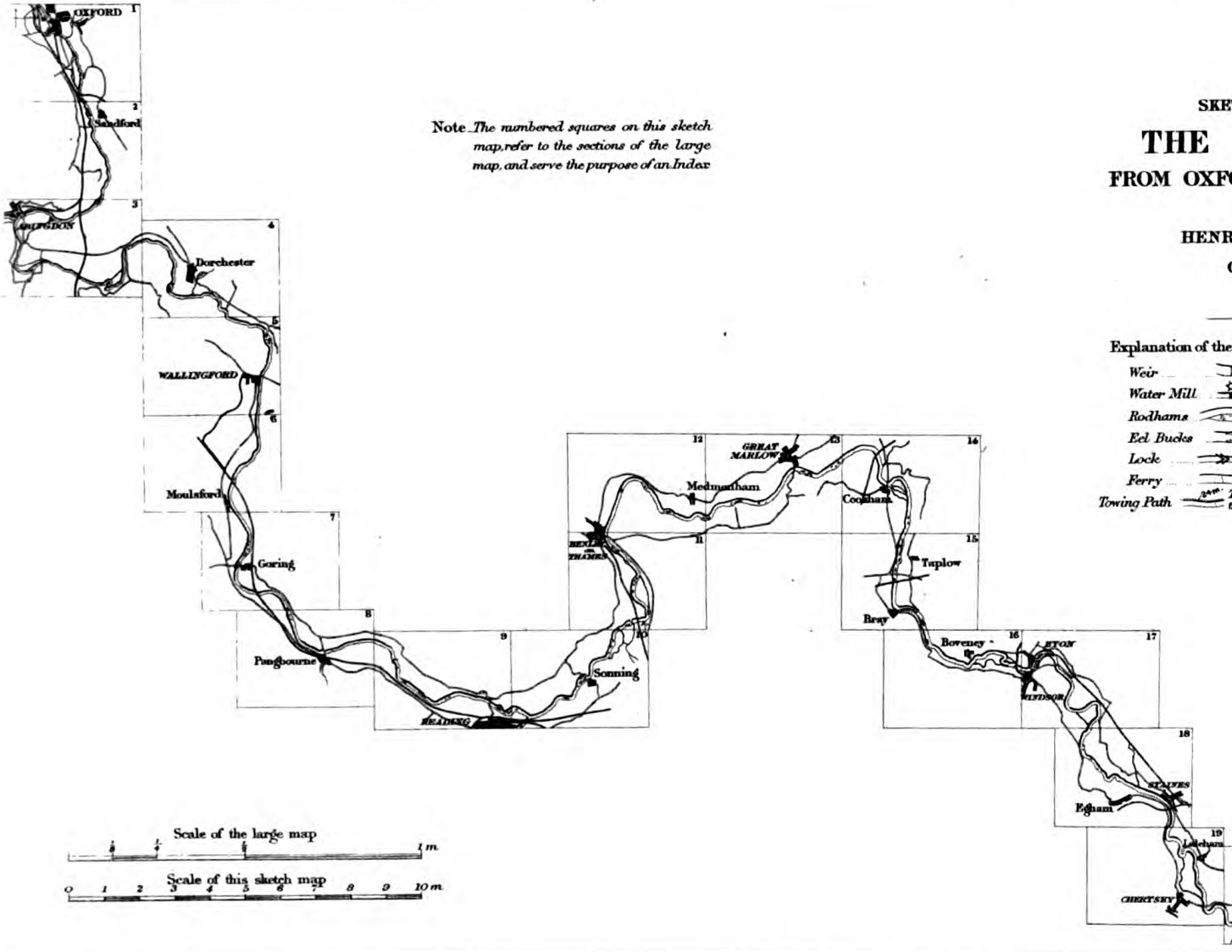
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Romney Lock	34	17	Weybridge
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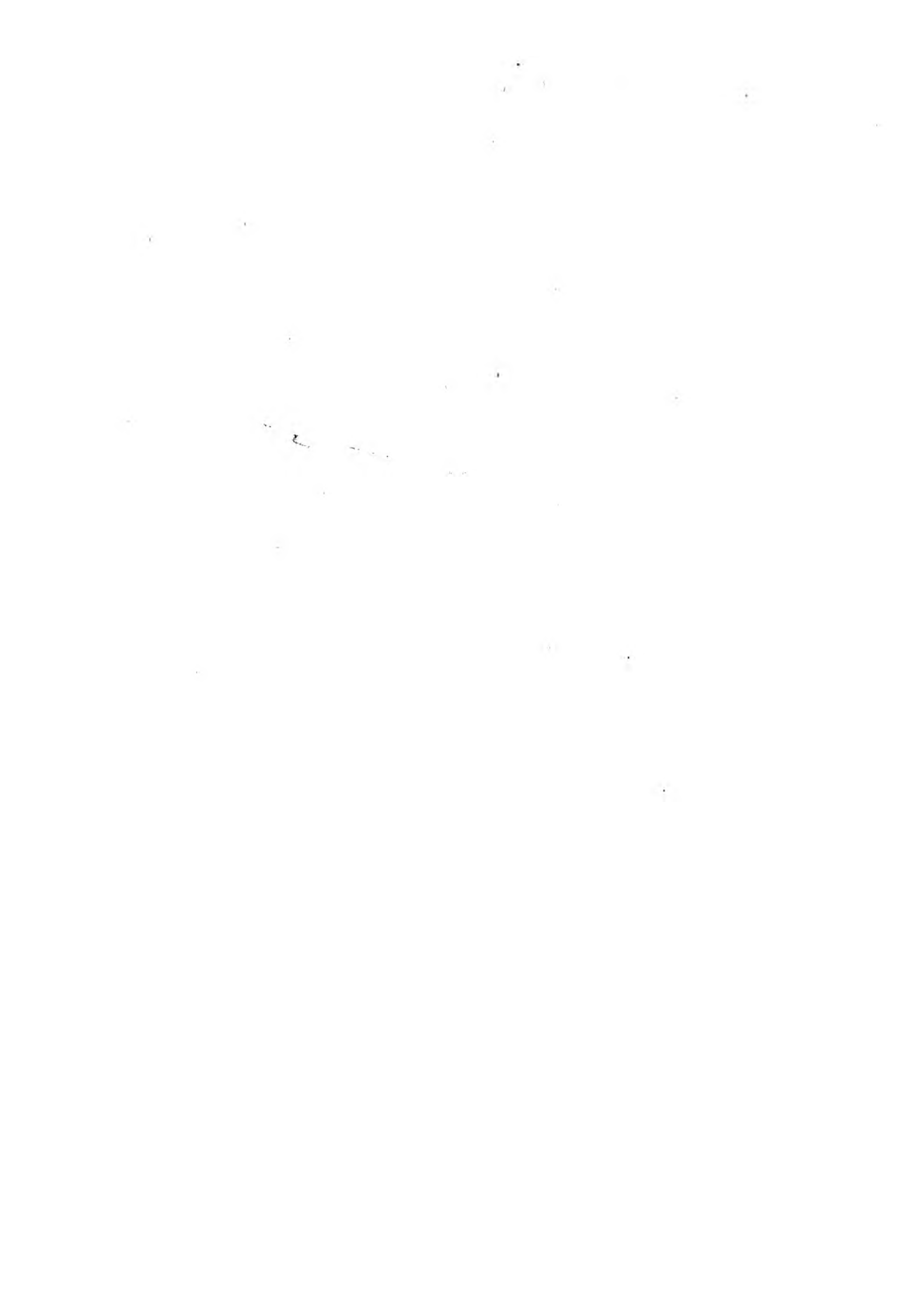
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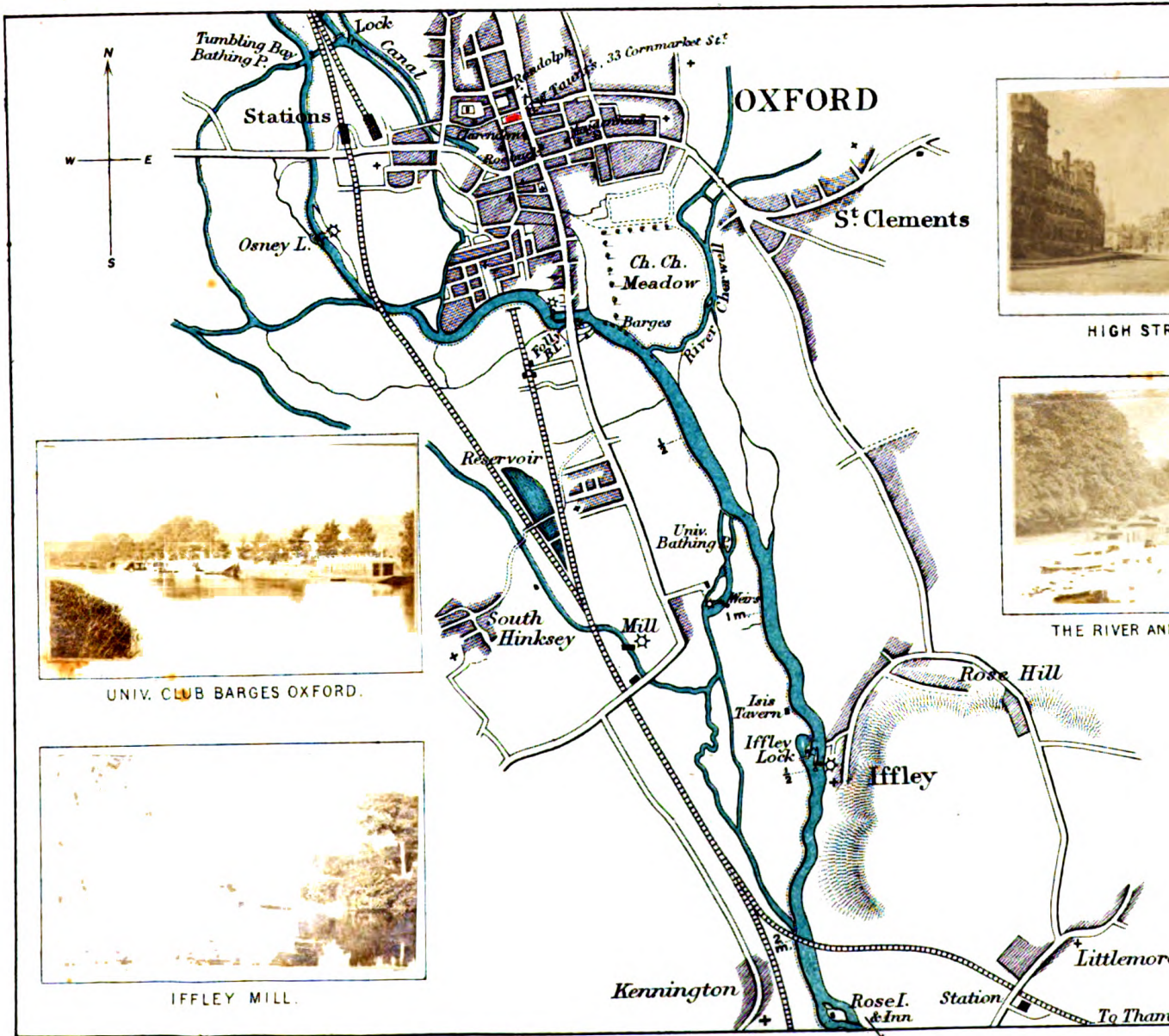


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IT would be impossible to give, within the limited space of this work, any detailed account of the City of Oxford and its colleges:—tourists who wish to see its beauties, may easily do so under the guidance of one among the men whose business it is to shew the “lions” of the place, or with the aid of books that are published on the subject, a list of which is sub-joined.

Oxford should be seen during the “Commemoration Week,” which recurs annually in June:—then, throughout the city, and on the river, pleasure is the order of the day, and everything wears holiday garb. In the gay barges lining the beautiful banks of Christ Church walk, enlivened by the varied costumes of many oarsmen, the river has, at Oxford, charms which it can boast nowhere else.

Leaving Oxford we come to Iffley:—close below the lock is a picturesque mill. The Church, which stands on the hill just above, can be seen from the river: it will repay a visit, being a splendid specimen of late Norman Architecture. Rose Island a little farther on, with its picturesque inn, was introduced in the play of “Formosa.”

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Oxford Bridge	0 0 0	104 3 66	0 0 0	Oxford Bridge to
Iffley Lock	1 3 150	102 7 136	1 3 150	Iffley Lock to
Rose Island	2 2 54	102 1 12	0 6 124	Rose Island to
Sandford Lock	3 1 0	101 2 66	0 6 166	Sandford Lock to
Nuneham Bridge	5 6 160	98 4 126	2 5 160	Nuneham Bridge to
Abingdon Lock	7 6 0	96 5 66	1 7 60	Abingdon Lock to
—— Bridge	8 1 211	96 1 75	0 3 211	Abingdon Bridge to
Culham Lock	10 1 211	94 1 75	2 0 0	Culham Lock to
Appleford Railway Bridge	11 4 67	92 6 219	1 2 76	Appleford Railway Bridge to
Clifton Lock	13 0 121	91 2 165	1 4 54	Clifton Lock to
—— Bridge	13 4 41	90 7 25	0 3 140	Clifton Bridge to
Day's Lock	16 0 81	88 2 205	2 4 40	Day's Lock to
Junction of River Thames	16 7 41	87 4 25	0 6 180	Junct. of River Thames to
Keen Edge Ferry	17 7 181	86 3 105	1 0 140	Keen Edge Ferry to
Shillingford Bridge	18 6 61	85 5 5	0 6 100	Shillingford Bridge to
Benson Lock	20 0 91	84 2 195	1 2 30	Benson Lock to
Wallingford Bridge	21 2 91	83 0 195	1 2 0	Wallingford Bridge to
Nuneham Ferry	21 6 161	82 4 125	0 4 70	Nuneham Ferry to
Stoke Ferry	23 7 161	80 3 125	2 1 0	Stoke Ferry to
Moulsford Railway Bridge	24 4 207	79 6 79	0 5 46	Moulsford Railway Bridge to
Moulsford Ferry	25 2 51	79 1 15	0 5 64	Moulsford Ferry to
Cleeve Lock	26 4 129	77 6 157	1 2 78	Cleeve Lock to
Goring Lock	27 1 129	77 1 157	0 5 0	Goring Lock to
Basildon Railway Bridge	28 3 190	75 7 96	1 2 61	Basildon Railway Bridge to
Gate-Hampton Ferry	28 6 36	75 5 30	0 2 66	Gate-Hampton Ferry to
Whitchurch Lock	31 2 69	73 0 217	2 4 33	Whitchurch Lock to
Mapledurham Lock	33 4 139	70 6 147	2 2 70	Mapledurham Lock to
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Hambleton Lock	49	1	88	55	1	198	2	2	35	Hambleton Lock
Medmenham Ferry	51	1	154	53	1	132	2	0	66	Medmenham Ferry ^{to}
Hurley Lock	52	6	102	51	4	184	1	4	168	Hurley Lock ^{to}
Temple Lock	53	3	125	50	7	161	0	5	23	Temple Lock ^{to}
Marlow Bridge	54	7	106	49	3	180	1	3	201	Marlow Bridge ^{to}
—— Lock	55	0	213	49	2	73	0	1	107	Marlow Lock ^{to}
Spade Oak Ferry	57	1	198	47	1	88	2	0	205	Spade Oak Ferry ^{to}
Cookham Bridge	58	7	44	45	4	22	1	5	66	Cookham Bridge ^{to}
—— Lower Ferry	59	3	154	44	7	132	0	4	110	Cookham Lower Ferry ^{to}
Clevedon Ferry	59	6	198	44	4	88	0	3	44	Clevedon Ferry ^{to}
Boulter's Lock	61	2	156	43	0	130	1	3	178	Boulter's Lock ^{to}
Maidenhead Bridge	62	0	6	42	3	60	0	5	70	Maidenhead Bridge ^{to}
Bray Lock	63	3	158	40	7	128	1	3	152	Bray Lock ^{to}
Monkey Island	64	0	66	40	3	0	0	4	128	Monkey Island ^{to}
Boveney Lock	66	5	66	37	6	0	2	5	0	Boveney Lock ^{to}
Windsor Bridge	68	4	156	35	6	130	1	7	90	Windsor Bridge ^{to}
Romney Lock	69	0	32	35	3	34	0	3	96	Romney Lock ^{to}
Victoria Bridge	69	6	66	34	5	0	0	6	34	Victoria Bridge ^{to}
Albert Bridge	71	1	72	33	1	214	1	3	6	Albert Bridge ^{to}
Old Windsor Lock	72	0	66	32	3	0	0	6	214	Old Windsor Lock ^{to}
Magna Charta Island	73	3	66	31	0	0	1	3	0	Magna Charta Island ^{to}
Bell Weir Lock	74	7	3	29	4	63	1	3	157	Bell Weir Lock ^{to}
Staines Bridge	75	6	198	28	4	88	0	7	195	Staines Bridge ^{to}
Penton Hook Lock	77	5	146	26	5	140	1	6	168	Penton Hook Lock ^{to}
Laleham Ferry	78	4	66	25	7	0	0	6	140	Laleham Ferry ^{to}
Chertsey Lock	79	5	70	24	5	216	1	1	4	Chertsey Lock ^{to}
Shepperton Lock	81	5	33	22	6	33	1	7	183	Shepperton Lock ^{to}
Halliford Point	82	7	66	21	4	0	1	2	33	Halliford Point ^{to}
Walton Bridge	83	6	2	20	5	64	0	6	156	Walton Bridge ^{to}
Sunbury Lock	85	3	132	18	7	154	1	5	130	Sunbury Lock ^{to}
Hampton Ferry	87	4	22	16	7	44	2	0	110	Hampton Ferry ^{to}

SANDFORD.

SANDFORD LOCK, from Iffley Lock, 1 m. 5 fur. 70 yds.; to Nuneham Bridge, 2 m. 5 fur. 160 yds.: falls from 4 ft. 6 in. in high to 7 ft. 6 in. in low water; average in summer about 6 feet.

Inn at Sandford, "The King's Arms."

The pools at Sandford are pretty, but very dangerous for bathers; the large one, having an obelisk to the memory of two Christ Church men who were drowned whilst bathing here, has a certain amount of interest attached to it. Below, as we near Nuneham, the wooded hills make a fine background to the river; and along the edge of the reedy flams which line its left bank are fine spots for jack and other fish. This is the fishing-ground for anglers from Oxford; and for a long distance spots may be chosen that will repay a pitch.

NUNEHAM.

*** NUNEHAM BRIDGE. The middle arch of this bridge must be avoided, on account of the extreme shallowness of the water under it.*

NUNEHAM, the seat of the Harcourt family, the favourite gathering-place for pic-nic parties from Oxford, is one of the prettiest spots on the whole of the river. The park, which contains about 1,200 acres, extends along the Oxfordshire bank of the river for some distance; it is finely varied with beautiful rolling slopes, rising from the margin of the water, and in places where the waving foliage of its overhanging trees are mirrored in the silvery Thames, it forms a tableau only surpassed by Clevedon itself. The house is situate on the brow of the hill, a short dis-

tance from the river, and is in the I chief attraction to the very beautiful ga were considered almost unrivalled.

Amongst their best features at the pres the Rock Grotto with the Orangery and of the terrace; and amongst minor beau walk leading to Whitehead's Oak, wh fine views which present themselves, th conduit with the foreground and dista pleasing. This old structure once stoo still bears that name. It was presented Earl Harcourt, who removed it to its a picturesque object in itself, and i account, as well¹ as for the distant view the hill on which it stands; in one direc peeping out from amongst the trees, closed by the range of Chilterns, finis whilst to the north the spires and tow relief against the rich background of the

But the loveliest views at Nuneham where pleasure-parties land: the rustic sylvan shade, and the picturesque bridge with the whole picture of still life repro below, form a series of beautiful pict can produce.

By previous application by letter to t number of party, &c., permission can parties to land on Tuesdays or Friday the cottages if required.

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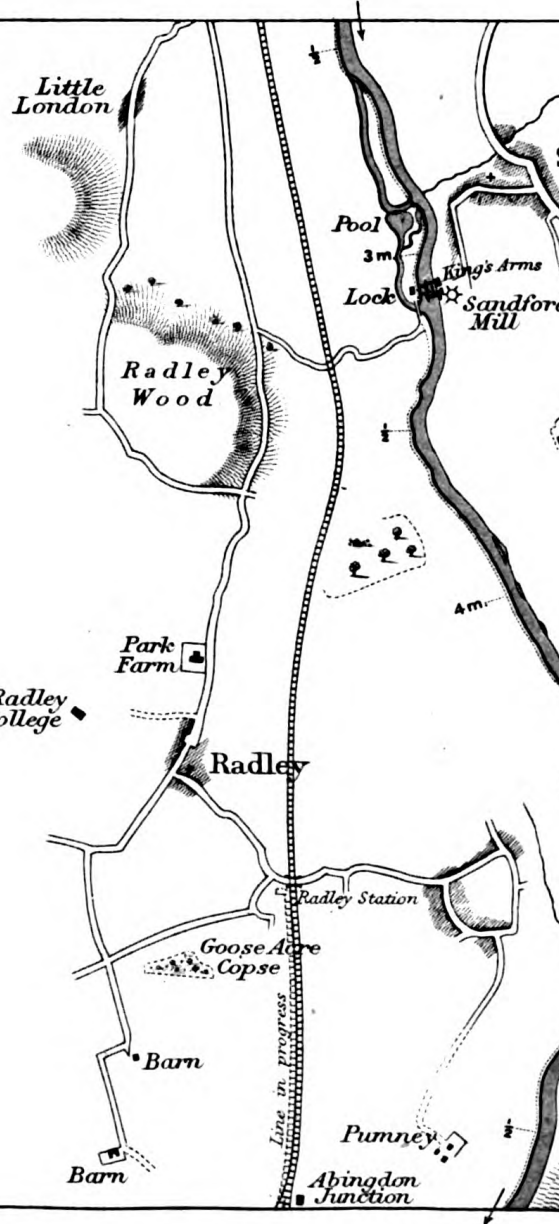
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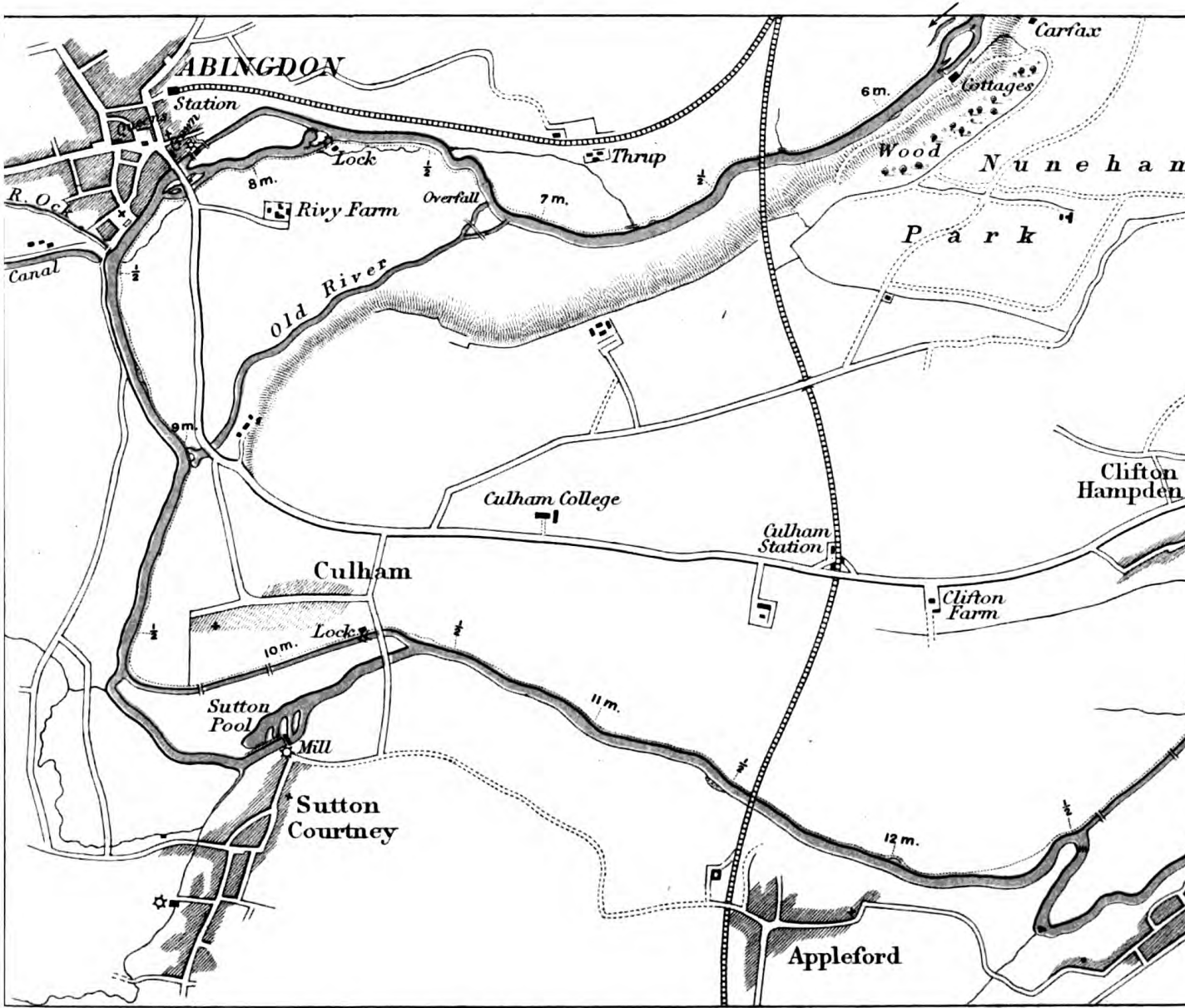


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AT NUNEHAM.





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ABINGDON.

ABINGDON LOCK, from Nuneham Bridge, 1 m. 7 fur. 60 yds. ; to Abingdon Bridge, 3 fur. 211 yds. : falls from 5 ft. in high to 7 ft. in low water ; average in summer, about 6 ft.

ABINGDON BRIDGE, from Oxford, 8 m. 1 fur. 211 yds. ; to Culham Lock, 2 m.

ABINGDON. Railway Station, Stert-street (G. W. R. Branch).

Abingdon is a very old town, and contains some curious remains. The most noticeable are,—St. Nicholas and St. Helen's Churches, the Abbey Gateway, and the Almshouses. St. Nicholas Church stands in the Market-place, and is very ancient, the lower part of it being in the Norman style ; it joins the old gateway which once belonged to the abbey. St. Helen's Church stands close to the river, its spire being a conspicuous object, both up and down, for some distance ; it is now undergoing considerable restoration. The Almshouses form the boundary of the churchyard on two sides ; one of the buildings is a curious timber structure with cloisters, and on its front are several rude paintings. There are others also on the end facing the river, including one of the celebrated Abingdon Cross, destroyed by Waller's soldiers. On the north side of the town is a new pleasure park, with a handsome memorial to Prince Albert. Hyde and Clarke's wholesale clothing manufactory, giving employ indoors and out to several thousands of hands, is well worth a visit ; also the new Grammar School, if time will permit. The Wilts and Berks Canal joins the Thames here, the entrance being on the right bank of the river, a short distance below St. Helen's Church. It joins the Kennett and Avon Canal below Devizes, leading to Bath and the lower part of the Severn ; and also, by a branch on the right before reaching Swindon, communicates with the Thames and Severn Canal near Cricklade, whence the Severn, the Warwickshire Avon, or the upper part of the Thames, can be reached. The canal is in very bad order in places, but is well worth the angler's exploration.

Boats to be let and

*BLAKE (at Abingdon Lock).

HALL, the "Anchor" (near St. Helen's)

Boats are also housed at the "Nag's

HOTELS.

The "Crown and Thistle," near the b
Landing, at the "Nag's Head,"

The "Queen's," in the Market-place.
Landing-stage at the "Anchor,"

INNS.

The "Nag's Head."

The "Anchor."

Fishing.—The fishing above Abingdon
Near Abingdon Bridge is a sharp stream
for Dace, &c. ; and at Blake's Pool are C
the Lock the water is deep, and affords
Cottages at Nuneham, close above wh
swims.

Below Abingdon, to the Culham Cut,
except in places, which are easily detecte

FISHERMEN.

JEM SHORT (commonly called "Splash")

AMBROSE KEATS, West St. Helen's-stre

SAM TAYLOR.

CHARLES TRINDER.

Fish.—Pike, Tench, Perch, Dace, Ch

Bathing at the Weir—belonging to the
(Secretary—MR. LEVERETT, Bath-street).

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Abingdon: Mr. HUGO

THE THAMES ABOVE OXFORD.

BY THE EDITOR.

LEAVING Folly Bridge, winding along the river past the Oxford Gas-works, and passing under the line of the G. W. R., we soon come to Osney Lock (falls 2 ft. 6 in.), close by which was the once-famous Abbey. There is nothing left to attest its former magnificence and arrest our progress, so we soon come to Botley Bridge, over which passes the western road from Oxford to Cheltenham, Bath, &c. ; and a little higher are four streams, the bathing-place of "Tumbling bay" being on the westward one. Keeping straight on, Medley Weir is reached (falls 2 ft.), and then a long stretch of shallow water succeeds, until we reach Godstow Lock.

Godstow Lock (falls 3 ft. 6 in., pay at Medley Weir) has been rebuilt, and the cut above deepened, the weeds and mud banks cleared out, so as to leave the river good and navigable up to King's Weir. Just above here, you pass close to the ruins of the Nunnery, celebrated from its connection with Fair Rosamond, who lived and died here. The buildings were destroyed by fire in the reign of Charles II., and only the ruins of the chapter-house, with the crumbling walls, give witness of their former extent. Close by is the "Trout" Inn.

King's Weir, a mile above, (falls 3 ft.), has been repaired and re-opened, but is still one of the most awkward weirs to get through on the river, and it is much wiser, if possible, to pull your boat over at that place. There is a talk of making a new pound-lock in place of the weir, but whether it will come off remains to be seen ; if it does, it will do more for the pleasure-navigation of the upper part of the river than any other thing I know. After King's Weir, we pass nothing worth notice till nearly at Eynsham, just before reaching which the Thames is joined by the Evenlode. The woods are pretty, and the banks

of the river are broken, but there is no magnificent scenery of a few miles below.

Eynsham Weir is our next ; it falls a little but in winter all the weirs on the upper Thames, from Tredwell, at the Lock-house close to Oxford, to Pinkle (the next Lock) open for you, and the "Red Lion" here, will take charge of your boat, "Red Lion."

After Eynsham Bridge is passed, for the windings of the river appear like the windings of a serpent ; in places nearly doubling on themselves, the current is full twice what it otherwise would be : and you are just a mile from Skinner's Weir.

Skinner's Weir is one of those quaint weirs that artists love. It has been in the family of Skinner from father to son, for a long number of years, and to get a glass of beer here, but no beer is sold here. Skinner will be, if you like originality, and the church and Pope's tower is well represented.

Bablock Hythe Ferry and Inn (near Eynsham) is next reached. Close here is "Cumnor," near Eynsham, and Scott's "Kenilworth ;" and also "The stones reared in a field, supposed to come from the stones in Saxon times ; and then nothing is left of the house. Ridge's Weir (falls 1 ft. 6 in.) ; one bedchamber to keep the house is gone to her rest ;

Half a mile above is *Newbridge*, the Inn stands close to the bridge, but the

you may be accommodated, or you may be told there is nothing nearer than Standlake, two miles off. The Windrush joins just close above the bridge; and a little further on you will find the river grown up with water-parsley; but it is not so bad as it was a summer or two ago, before Mr. Campbell's barges went up and down from Buscot: however, it is quite bad enough, even now there is a certain amount of traffic. Shifford lies on the left bank. It was a meeting-place for a kind of parliament in the reign of Alfred, and was then no doubt a place of importance; but a little church and a few houses are all that are left. Do not omit to take the left-hand stream going up, both by the island below and also just by Shifford. The weirs above Ridge's are all gone; some washed away, and the rest pulled out by the Conservators.

Duxford Weir, next above, was rather picturesque, and there are some very pretty glimpses both at the ferry and in the village. The scenery all along this part of the Thames is very flat, and generally uninteresting; but now and then some sweet spots are passed, that seem even more so from the contrast with the uninteresting scenery around. Duxford Farm, and the landing-place to the ferry, are instances; but they hardly repay one for the dreary stretch of river that reaches to Tadpole Bridge, with only one break (Ten-foot) between. An Inn, with beds, at Tadpole Bridge; nothing else till you get to Lechlade. Tadpole is a bridge with a single span, but not an elegant one, and the river banks above here are still flat. Rushy Weir and Lock, a mile above, is a pretty bit; a fine pool, with the old broken weir and bridge nearly shut in with trees, and guarded by the Lock-house covered with foliage, the foreground crammed with river-parsley,—these make it one of the best rural scenes on the upper river. There are some nasty turns with shallows above here, and some of the gates on the towing-path are nailed up by the farmers, who have, I am informed, gone so far as to threaten proceedings against anyone trespassing (?); but I very much question if anyone dares

to stop the right of way on the towing-path. However, I have traversed it several times without being interrupted; and should have refused to have been asked to, as I believe I had a right to. The weir is next passed, close to which is a small bridge. The track is under a side-arch, so that, when the bridge is passed. It is a picturesque old bridge, ornamented by a cross on the centre of its arch, and the scene of more than one battle.

Passing upwards, we next reach Hart's Weir, the greatest fall (about 3 ft.) of any amount on the Thames, perhaps a word or two upon passing it will not be out of place. In winter there is but very little fall, the weir-paddles being raised, a thing to guard against in shooting is the rymers. I recollect one winter in passing it, lying on my back in the boat to get a certain amount of skin off my nose and face, the boat was under the bridge whilst going under. In summer there is as the bridge is a long way above the weir, the look out for is, the nearly direct fall of a weir, being ing or descending, and this perhaps in a narrow channel to get your boat through. Weirs are not far from locks, and, to a person not used to them, a puzzling. They take up the whole breadth of the river in opening them fully, you let the whole of the water above pass through; they are generally of two different parts, viz. the bridge, the rymers, and the bridge is longer than the span of the stream, and the works round on a pin; the part on the side is raised to balance the other, and notches cut in the stone to keep each one in its place. On the s

CULHAM.

CULHAM LOCK, from Abingdon Bridge, 2 miles; to Clifton Lock, 2 m. 6 fur. 130 yds. : falls from 5 feet in high to 7 ft. 6 in. in low water; average summer fall, 7 ft.

CLIFTON LOCK, from Appleford Railway Bridge, 1 m. 2 fur. 76 yds. ; to Day's Lock, 2 m. 7 fur. 180 yds. : falls about 3 feet, varies but very little.

Culham Lock is reached by the cut which branches off on the left when coming down, (to the right going up). The main stream leads to Sutton Mill and pool, said to be the deepest on the river, and to harbour large fish. The last three locks together form the greatest fall, within the same distance, on the Thames. Below Culham Lock is a splendid reach for Jack and Roach, though not fished much: whilst, below Clifton Weir (on the main stream) the river abounds in Barbel and Perch.

CLIFTON.

CLIFTON BRIDGE is a neat new brick structure, spanning the river in place of the old ferry; and close below, on the top of a sharp bluff, is the very pretty church.

Inn at Clifton, "The Barley-mow," (land at the Bridge Toll-house). (See p. 60.)

Fisherman, ABRAHAM FRANKLIN.

DORCHESTER.

DAY'S LOCK, from Clifton Bridge, 2 m. 4 fur. 40 yds. ; to mouth of River Thames, 6 fur. 180 yds. : falls from 1 ft. in high to 5 ft. in low water; average summer fall, about 4 feet.

The view of the river at Day's Lock, in combination with the hills in the background, forms one of those characteristic "bits"

of river scenery that our landscape-painter would find. The hill is very fine, and the remains round the second hill (consisting of a Roman wall, said to be Roman, is interesting.

Between the river and Dorchester are several low mounds (lately partly destroyed by the river), also Roman or Saxon earthworks. The most important about 1 mile) is an old abbey. Little Wittenham Church peeps through the trees on the bank, and the Thames, which runs through the town, is on the left.

DAY'S LOCK. Three beds at the lock, where boats taken care of or housed.

INNS.

The "White Hart."

The "Fleur-de-lis" (pronounced by the natives "Fluce").

The "Crown."

Fishing.—The weirs and pools at Dorchester are famous for their fine Perch, and from thence the river is good ground for Jack, Perch, and Chub. Clifton ford village is a deep hole noted for its fine salmon, and there the various flams furnish a supply of fish just where fish most abound.

FISHERMEN.

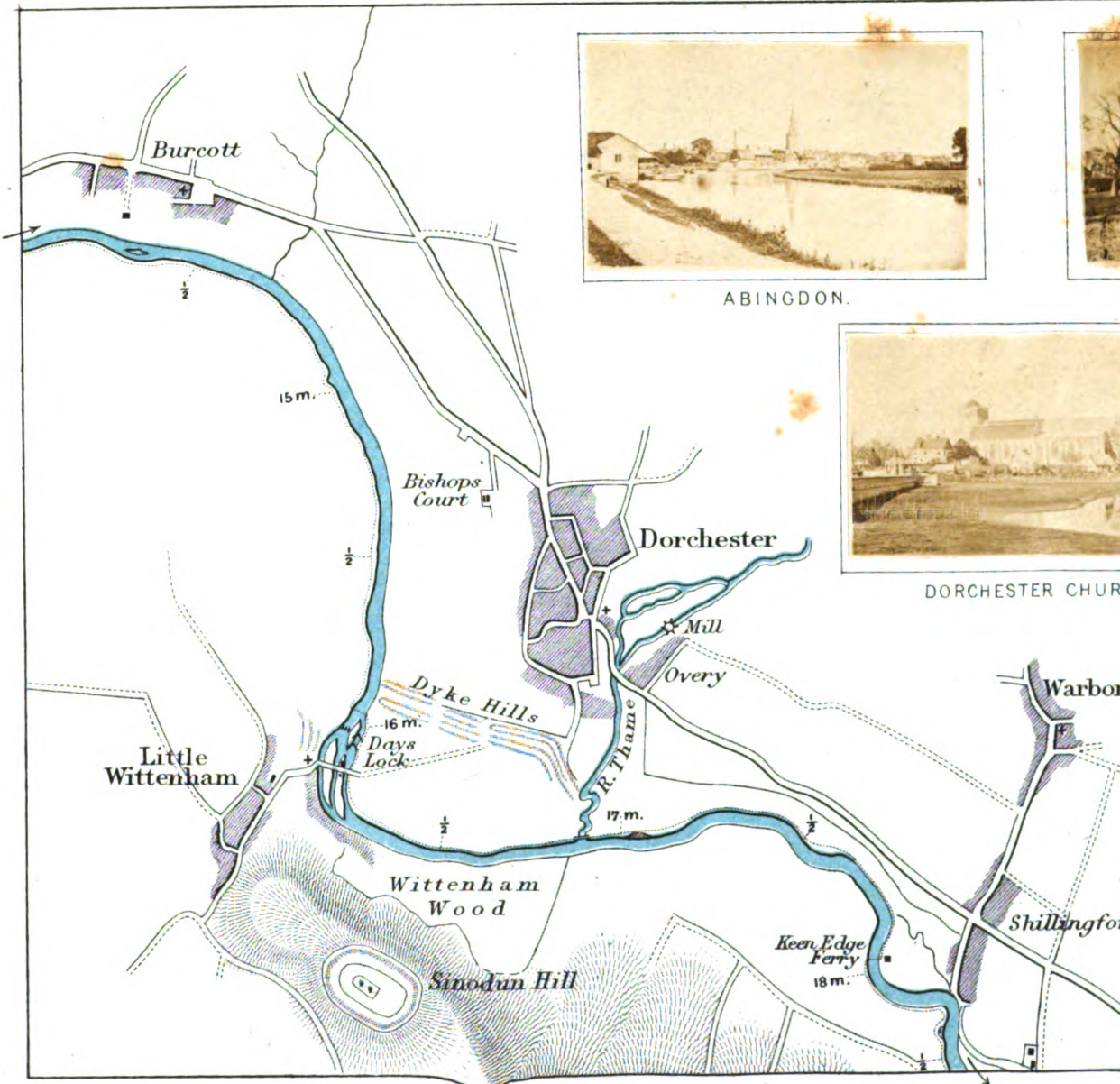
JAS. BROWN.

GEO. CHERRIL.

Bathing at the Weir.

Pic-nics at Wittenham Wood, a very fine spot opposite the Thames Mouth.

Inn at Shillingford, the "George," u

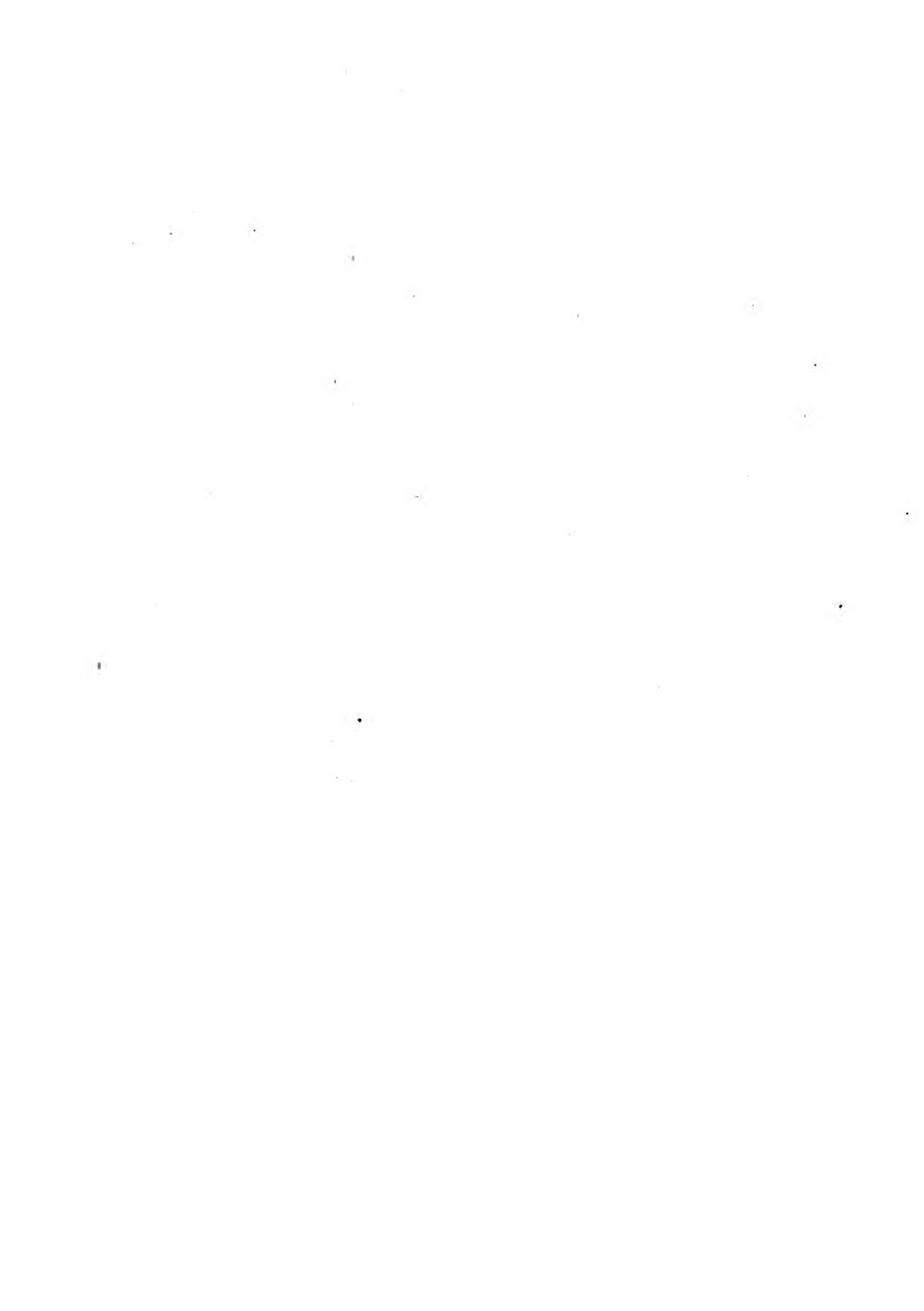


ABINGDON.



DORCHESTER CHURCH







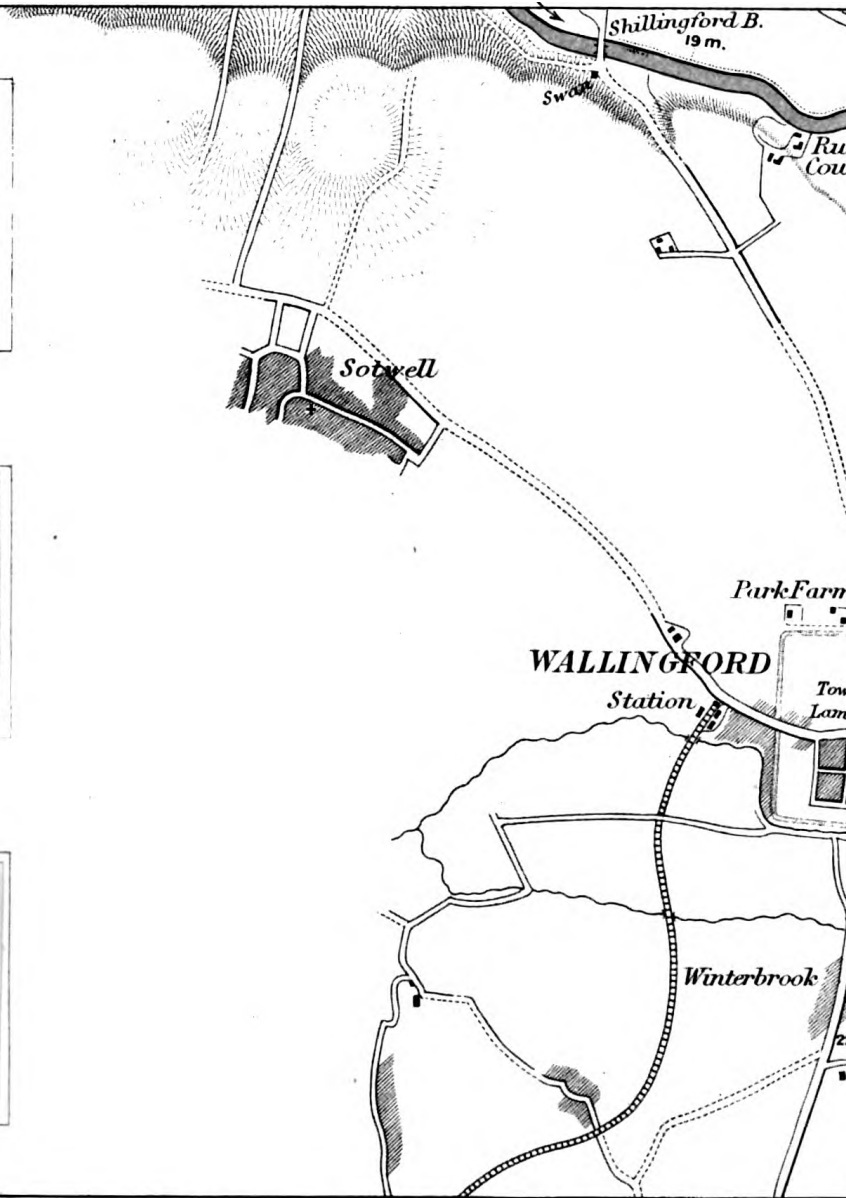
SHILLINGFORD BRIDGE.



WALLINGFORD.



MONGEWELL CH.



SCALE 2 INCHES TO A MILE

SHILLINGFORD BRIDGE.

SHILLINGFORD BRIDGE, from Day's Lock, 2 m. 5 fur. 200 yds. ; to Benson Lock, 1 m. 2 fur. 30 yds.

At Shillingford Bridge the road from Oxford to Reading crosses the river, and, passing "The Swan," winds along up the hill from whence our view is taken. The walk from here along the wood-side is very pleasing, but there is no feature of note.

Hotel, the "Swan," close to the bridge. Boats housed and punts to be let. (See p. 60.)

Fishing.—Good, the water being preserved for a mile above and a mile below the bridge.

Fisherman, J. REYNOLDS, (at the "Swan").

BENSON AND EWELME.

BENSON LOCK, from Shillingford Bridge, 1 m. 2 fur. 30 yds. ; to Wallingford Bridge, 1 m. 2 fur. : falls from 3 ft. 6 in. in high to 6 ft. 6 in. in low water ; average in summer, about 5 ft. 6 in.

Benson has nothing worth visiting, its attractiveness having departed with the old coaching days that once enlivened it ; but at Ewelme, two miles off, (from Wallingford, 3½ miles by road), is a fine old church, containing a magnificent altar-tomb, richly embellished with sculptured figures, &c., to the memory of Alice, Duchess of Suffolk, the grand-daughter of the poet Chaucer ; and also the tomb of her father, Sir Thomas Chaucer, and his wife. The monumental effigy of the duchess has round its arm the Order of the Garter, being one of the very few remaining examples of this.

The Church has other interesting features, and close by are the Alms-houses built by the Duchess of Suffolk, arranged round a beautiful cloister, which of itself would amply recompense for the visit any lover of architecture.

Fisherman—WHITEMAN.

WALLINGFORD

WALLINGFORD BRIDGE, from Oxford, 2 m. 5 fur. 200 yds. ; to Nuneham Ferry (just below Wallingford)

Wallingford, like Oxford, is a very ancient city, as is said, the chief city of the Atrebatii in the time of the Romans, destroyed by the Danes in 1006, but so early as 1016, and in Domesday Book is said to have been the seat of Wigod the Saxon (whose daughter married the founder of Oxford Castle) built a castle on the site of William the Conqueror, before proceeding to the battle of Hastings, received the homage of the Bishop of Canterbury, and other of the chief nobles of the Empire. Empress Matilda, being pressed by Stephen, fled over the snow, and was besieged by him on the river by erecting a castle at Crowmarsh. Wallingford Castle stood in the wars of the 13th century, and was one of the last places that held out to the King, taken and demolished by Fairfax.

There is very little now remaining. The only objects of interest to a stranger are, the remains of the old castle, the grounds of J. K. Hedges, Esq., St. Andrew's Church, Market-place, and the old earthworks (which were once enclosed the town. Crowmarsh Castle, on the bank, is partly of Norman architecture.

HOTELS.

The "Lamb," High-street.

The "Town Arms," (close to the bridge)

INNS.

The "George."

The "Feathers."

(Continued from p. 7.)

river, exactly underneath the bridge, are corresponding sockets to hold their ends, and then the paddles fill up the spaces between each; the weight of the water above keeping all tight. Generally, for small boats, only a few of the paddles and rymers are moved, so that there is always a fall, and the best way to get up is to fasten your tow-line to the head of the boat, and gently haul her, one person being on the bridge of the weir to guide her through. As a rule, unless the weir is all out, you will not get through by any other way. Going down is different, and much easier, though somewhat dangerous (most of the weir-pools being very deep); but, having ascertained that everything is ready, pull gently on, and keep your boat's head *straight* to the centre of the opening, just before reaching which the oars must be shifted, yet kept ready to be used again the moment you are passed, as the stream rushing through causes a strong back-current. It is always better, if you have not been through before, to get help from the neighbouring cottage, refreshing yourselves, if needed; and a small quantity of the Englishman's backsheesh (beer) will always find you a willing assistant. Sometimes it is wiser, and saves time, to drag the boat over (if you can), rather than pass through; but this must be a matter for consideration at the time.

There is an Inn at Hart's Weir (no beds), and also a large pair of water-wheels, used to pump water for irrigating the land. Buscot Lock, Weir, and Brandy Distillery are next reached; but are only interesting from the extent of the works. The spirit is made from beet-root, sent to London in boats, and from thence to France, returning to us in the shape of *eau-de-vie*. Buscot village stands on the right bank, a short distance above the lock. The river for some distance pursues a serpentine course, and at last reaches St. John's Bridge and Lock, the latter lying up the small stream to the left. St. John's Lock is the first on the Thames, and is in very good repair. A little way beyond is Lechlade, looking in the distance not unlike Abingdon. Just through the

bridge is the wharf, where boats can be seen. The "Red Lion," will attend to your boat. The Church here is worth a visit. It is in the Perpendicular style, with a beautiful interior. Inside requires a few of its embellishments. A good view of it from the river.

A short mile beyond Lechlade the river ceases; and, passing through a lock, it enters the Thames and Severn Canal. The Thames as far as Cricklade, and the Head. In the winter, and very early in the spring, it is practicable. Years ago the navigation was transferred, and perhaps to Water Hay Bridge; but, as the canal, the river-trade was transferred, and fairly grown up; so much so, that in some time ago, I walked nearly three miles up the river's bed, dragging at the head of my boat, a thing but agreeable. Of the weirs, in existence, having been dragged out by the Ham Weir, about 3 miles above, and above, only the sills remain; they be stones on, to cross the river. I can see weirs still higher; one at Cricklade—trace,—and one about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles above, the sheeting of which are still in fair order.

Of things worth notice above Lechlade are Inglesham Church (Early English), a large picturesque belfry, and having a curious one of its walls; Kempsford Church, the men of fourteenth-century work, with the arms of the dukes of Lancaster; Castle Hedingham, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile further on—both picturesque

miles by the river from Lechlade, with its two Churches; one simple and quiet, and the other with a splendid tower. There are also two crosses in fair preservation here, which stand in the churchyards. The "White Horse," close to the upper church, is the Inn to stop at; and your boat, if you go up the river, will be taken care of at the first cottage you come to (Rose Cottage), just after passing under a unique plank-bridge; but, if you are on the canal, at the wharf. The nearest Railway Station to Cricklade is at Purton, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles off; but if you take a boat

down by rail, go to Minety, the next station, as you may better meet with a conveyance.

In conclusion I would add, that I shall be glad to furnish further detail that may be required by any person visiting Oxford, *en route* for the upper Thames. I have surveyed and photographed the greater part of the Thames Head, and have traversed it several seasons of the year.

DISTANCES TO INGLESHAM.

(Some of these are estimated, others measured.)

Oxford Bridge						Oxford Bridge
to						to
Medley Weir	.	.	.	.	2 0 11	New Bridge
Godstow Lock	.	.	.	.	3 3 45	Tadpole Bridge
Eynsham Weir	.	.	.	.	7 4 135	Radcot Bridge
Pinkle Lock	.	.	.	.	9 3 33	Hart's Weir
Skinner's Weir	.	.	.	.	10 3 33	Buscot Lock
Bablock Hythe Ferry	.	.	.	.	12 0 86	St. John's Bridge
(This place is only $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Oxford, through Cumnor.)						Lechlade Bridge
Ridge's Weir	.	.	.	.	15 1 0	Inglesham Round-house

TOLLS FOR PLEASURE-BOATS, (GIGS, &c.,) ON THE THAMES AND SEVERN.

Lechlade (Inglesham) to Cricklade, 10s.; ditto to Thames Head, or any place on the summit level, 20s.; ditto to Cricklade, 10s.; ditto to the summit level, 20s.; ditto to the summit level, whenever this is required.

WALLINGFORD (continued).

Boats housed and to be let.

J. CLOWDESLEY.

THOS. RANSOM ("Town Arms"), both close above the bridge.

WALLINGFORD RAILWAY STATION (Branch line, G.W.R.), in the Wantage-road.

Fishing.—The fishing above Wallingford Bridge was very poor; but since the new bye-laws of the Conservancy have come into operation it is improving. Below Wallingford Bridge, on the right bank, is the influx of a most disgraceful open sewer, with water (?) thoroughly black and thick; an ugly prospect in case of an epidemic; and from here to the lock are coarse fish in numbers, but of small size.

The river below the lock ought to be excellent, but it does not bear a good name.

FISHERMEN.

JOHN CLOWDESLEY.

JOSEPH GUNSTONE.

WALLINGFORD LOCK is open in high water, and does not fall at any time above 18 inches. It is, I am informed, decided to remove it at an early date.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Wallingford: Mr. PAYNE, Stationer, Market-place.

MOULSFORD

MOULSFORD FERRY, from Wallingford to Cleeve Lock, 1 m. 2 fur. 78 yds.

MOULSFORD STATION (G.W.R.), distant 1 m.

The scenery by the river from Wallingford is what flat: the only object of interest being the park and residence not far below Wallingford. The overhanging the water help to break the monotony of the landscape, whilst the Church, peeping between the trees, is fine itself, yet makes a pretty view. The name of the river was retained the same name ever since the time when it belonged to Roger de Laci, and was called the Laci.

Before Moulford is reached, the river runs under the line of the G.W.R.: just above the lock a group of aits, is a good spot for Jack, and on the right bank stands Moulford Church; for the river is a favourite sailing reach, abounding in fish.

Inn at Moulford Ferry, the "Beetle Inn" are to be let. (See p. 61.)

FISHERMEN.

F. STRANGE (Bow Bridge); WM. COX (Bow Bridge). Bathing just above the Ferry.



CLEVE - Overfall at

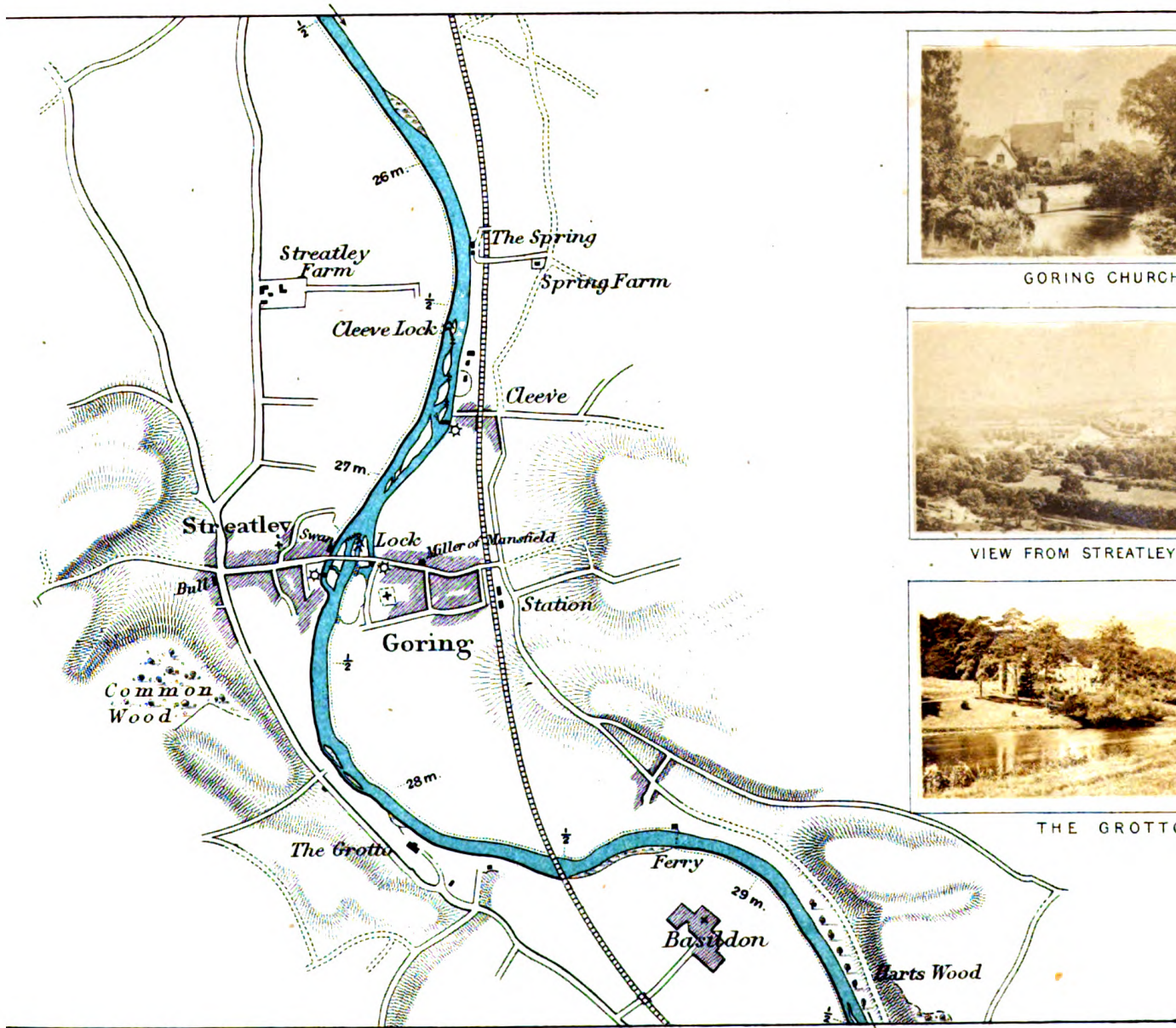


CLEVE REACH.



STREATLEY.





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 SCALE 2 INCHES TO A MILE



GORING CHURCH



VIEW FROM STREATLEY



THE GROTT

C L E E V E.

THE "Leather Bottle" Inn (no beds), on the left bank, 3 fur. above the Lock. Here is a well-known spring, the waters of which are said to act as a cure for sprains, &c.

CLEEVE LOCK, from Moulsoford Ferry, 1 m. 2 fur. 78 yds. ; to Goring Lock, 5 fur. (the shortest distance between locks on the river, that between Hurley and Temple Locks being 5 fur. 23 yds.): falls from 3 ft. 6 in. in high to 5 ft. in low water ; average in summer, about 4 ft. 6 in.

There are about Cleeve some sweet spots, that well repay notice. The old mill from Goring-field ; and, facing the other way, distant Streatley with its splendid background of hills, the river at their feet reflecting in its mirror each inverted object ; the old weir, with its broken campshedding ; and between the islands, the over-fall spanned by its bridge of simple rustic style :—these cannot but charm and enchain the eye.

G O R I N G A N D S T R E A T L E Y.

GORING LOCK, from Cleeve Lock, 5 fur. ; to Gate-Hampton Ferry, 1 m. 4 fur. 127 yds. : falls from 3 ft. 6 in. in high to 4 ft. 6 in. in low water ; average in summer, about 4 feet.

STATION AT GORING (G.W.R. main line), about half-a-mile from the bridge.

The twin villages of Goring and Streatley are separated by the river, which expands to some width, and contains several islands. The two places are connected by a picturesque wooden toll-bridge. Goring is on the left bank, and close to the mill stands the Church, an object of interest, the finest view of which is to be had from the bridge. Originally it consisted of only one lofty Norman aisle and tower without a chancel, but a north aisle was afterwards added, and at subsequent periods, porches and other projections were stuck on.

Streatley, on the opposite bank of the river, is well known, from the beautiful and extensive views to be obtained from its

lovely hills. The view for miles, both up and down the river, is of that soft, flowing character, which is characteristic of the Thames, winding along from the base of the hills to the extreme distance, gives life and motion to the scene. Streatley is said to owe its name to Icknield, who first entered Berkshire by a ford through the river, which has lately been restored.

At Aldworth, nearly three miles from Goring, stands a Norman Church, the interior of which contains several curious monumental effigies in stone, representing the family of De la Beche, who built the Church, and is buried in the Church. These figures, notwithstanding the injury during the civil wars at the hands of the soldiers, but are still in tolerably good preservation.

INNS AT STREATLEY.

The "Swan," near the river. (See p. 6.)

The "Bull," up the village. (See p. 6.)

INNS AT GORING.

The "Miller of Mansfield."

The "Sloane Arms" (close to the Station).

Boats to be let and hired.

*SAM SAUNDERS (at the "Swan," Streatley).

Fishing.—The fishing at Streatley is very good: the waters being preserved for the benefit of the pools splendid Chub and other fish abound. The river to Cleeve is excellent water, affording a fine opportunity. Below, Pike and Perch are everywhere to be had, as also to Hart's Wood.

FISHERMEN.

J. SAUNDERS ; E. MILES ; J. RUSH.

Fish.—Pike, Chub, Perch, Dace, Roach, &c.

Bathing on the Goring side, about 200 yds. from the bridge.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Streatley : Mr. J. RUSH.

SCENE ON THE THAMES, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LECHLADE AND

Time, May, 1872.—Punt and Tackle in waiting.

A SKETCH, BY GREVILLE F.

“WELL, Ben,” from the angler.

“Well, Sir,” from Ben.

“All ready, Ben? the train is somewhat late, so let’s to work.”

“No use yet, Sir. There’s full an hour yet to spare before the fish ’ll be on the feed, and it ’ll take me all that to go up to the village and get the lunch on board.”

“Yes, Ben, you’re right! I forgot all about *our* bait. Let’s have some cold meat and cheese, and if you can, a nice crusty loaf, and say—how much beer?”

“Well, as usual I suppose, Sir.”

“Good, I’ll leave that to you.”

“And a little drop of gin, Sir?”

“Yes, yes, Ben, get what you like. But look sharp, as I want to get afloat, whether the fish are waiting for us or not.”

Ben, in about an hour, is seen coming down the village towards the water with an earthenware bottle in one hand and the other assisting a lad to carry a heavy basket, or rather hamper. All on board, angler and man, shove off. Angler puts his tackle together, and declaring his intention to spin for a trout, asks Ben to give him a nice little bleak or dace out of the well. Ben goes on punting up stream and close into the bank under the willows, the branches of which every now and then jeopardise the angler’s wide-awake, but Ben is both dumb and deaf. Ben is asked again for a bait.

“Bait!” echoes Ben, sarcastically, “bait, where am I to get bait? I marn’t have no net worth a cuss, and it would take me a day with such as I have to get a dozen fit for a flight of hooks.

If I throw away a day, who’s to pay me a-piece wouldn’t do it, nor tuppence, no

“Well, Ben, the new regulations are for the fisherman and angler; but I thought you’d get a proper net, and no notice would be taken.”

“A few!” cried Ben, contemptuously. “The Bailie is in a good humour, fifty, or maybe a few; but if he’s sulky, or I arn’t no good, why half-a-dozen’s a few, or a few is a few. I arn’t going to risk a summons. I’ve had a rye-peck in, and lost the customer who wouldn’t show up, as he knows I shall ask for it be law, and I’ll do it—or if it arn’t law, I’ll do it both the risk and the fish.”

“Well, Ben, that’s but fair, anyhow. I must put up my spinning-tackle again. If I can’t get a good swim, we’ll try for a bait or two. I’ll stand the chance of having a lark with a trout, or I’ll legally kill a trout.”

“All right, Sir, that’s talking sensible. I’ll find a better spot, and while I fixes the punt, I’ll get a pudding or two to bring ’um round.”

“Igh, igh, Ben!” And the angler looks at the paratory to diving into the ground-bait, but looks around in vain for t

“Where’s the ground-bait, Ben?”

“Why, arn’t you got none? You sa

bait in your letter, and some of my customers are so precious particular that they say country bread won't do,—the bran we get from the mill is either too coarse or too pollardy, and even the clay beant stiff enough, or is too stiff and holds the stuff too long, so they all's now brings their own dumplings."

"Well, Ben, that's a pretty go! I have not brought any; but we can throw in a few gentles or worms in the Nottingham style. I have always been of opinion that we use too much ground-bait, rather satiating the fish than creating an appetite amongst them, so I'll begin to strike an average and go without ground-bait for once."

"That's right, Sir; you're what our clergyman who fishes with me calls a feeling hoffer."

"A philosopher, I suppose you mean, Ben, but you are complimentary. It is only because I can't help it I submit; so give us your gentle-box."

"Here it is, Sir."

"Why, Ben, this is empty."

"I knows it is, and I thought you axed for it to fill it. You don't mean to say you've not brought no gentles, when you was amongst tons of 'um in London; and we arn't allowed to breed 'um now, 'cos of the Sanitary 'spector."

"No bait, no ground-bait, no gentles, Ben! well, this is a sell. Perhaps you havn't any worms?"

"You're right there, Sir; who would expect worms arter April? Why, they've gone down into the middle of the earth for moisture, and you might dig your heart out before you saw the tail of one."

A dead silence on the part of fisherman and angler for five minutes; the feelings of each must be guessed at. The former's eye is upon the stone bottle, the latter's steadily fixed on the bottom of the punt. The angler is the first to break silence.

"Ben."

"Yes, Sir."

"What are we to do?"

"Let's have summut to drink."

This is too much for the good-humoured out into a hearty roar of laughter, which affirmative, and the bung flies upwards from accordingly. A good swig and Ben's wed his sleeve; Ben appears a little more g serving, "Well, this is a go! who'd a thou you, who have been at it from a babe, wo out nuffen you wanted. I could forgive a gone out afore, but it's unnatural to the li precious bitter, Sir; I'll just take a thur a crust of bread."

"Cold pork did you say, Ben? Is it b Eureka! we are saved, we are saved!"

"What's up now, Sir?"

"Here, Ben, don't throw that rind awa sharp knife will do the business. There, spectacles could tell those choice bits fr have some roach yet, Ben. See, I thr bread, and if they won't take the pork v withal to make some paste. We shall o I've got a roach, and a bouncer; he can quarters of a pound. Where there is one Another, by George! and now—no, I mi great an eagerness—I have him though Ben, fish are not of the Jewish persuasion"

"No, Sir, the perswasion appears t chuckled at his joke. "But in all my da I ever knowed roach to take pork."

"There is nothing new in it, Ben; it is in the absence of gentles. Why, I knew

PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH.

WHITCHURCH LOCK, from Basildon Ferry, 2 m. 4 fur. 33 yds. ; to Mapledurham Lock, 2 m. 2 fur. 70 yds. : falls from 3 ft. in high to 4 ft. 6 in. in low water ; average in summer, about 4 feet.

STATION AT PANGBOURNE (G.W.R. main line), not far from the river.

"Pangbourne is another of those pearls of English landscape which our river threads, no sweeter spot is within many miles. The Thames seems especially fond of disporting itself here, and loth indeed to leave, it loiters in the great depth of the pools, creeps slyly under the banks, frolics as a kitten after its tail in the eddies, and then dashes hurriedly off beneath the far-stretching pretty wooden bridge, as if to make up for time truantly lost." This is the description of the scenery at Pangbourne by Greville Fennell, one of our best Thames Anglers (in his book "The Rail and the Rod;" a work of which I can only say,—if you have not got it—get it at once): and I need add but little. The views from Shooter's Hill well repay the toil of climbing ; being another edition (quite as handsomely bound) of the beautiful Streatley views. The Church and Mill of Whitchurch, viewed from the bridge, make a pretty group.

HOTELS AT PANGBOURNE.

The "Elephant and Castle." (See p. 61.)

The "George."

INNS.

The "Swan" (close to the Weir).

The "Cross Keys."

HOTEL AT WHITCHURCH.

The "Bridge House."

Boats to be let or housed.

T. ASHLEY (at the "Swan," Pangbourne).

Fishing.—The fishing at Pangbourne is noted for its fine Trout, and is well preserved by Mr. Ford, the obliging landlord of the

"Elephant and Castle" (who rents the Lodge boat-house to Hardwicke); it is roughly depended upon.

The pool is a noted spot, and is 2 150 Trout have been taken out of the Greville Fennell, and I can well believe is private property.

FISHERMEN

JOHN CHAMP.

THOS. LOVEGROVE.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

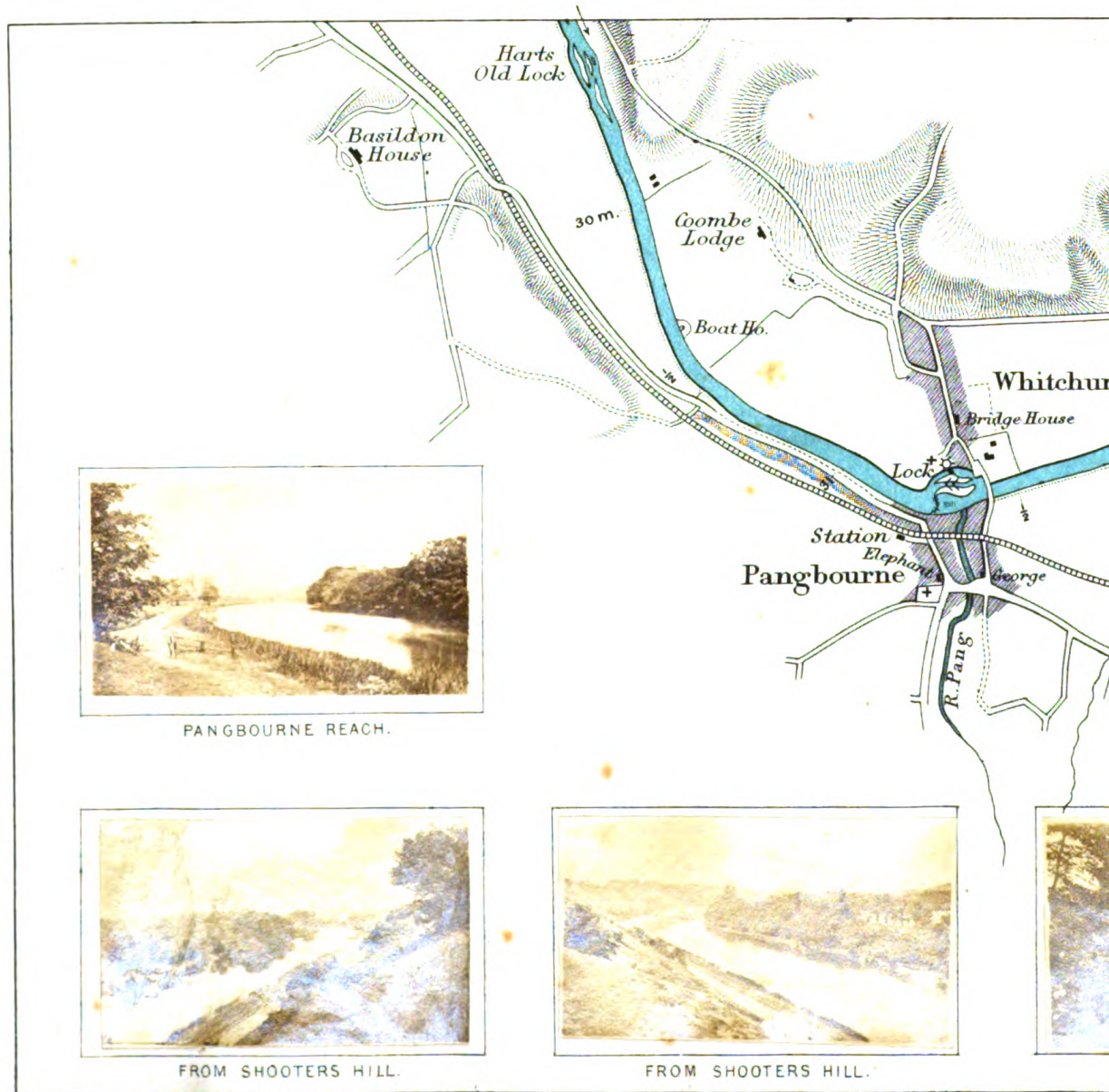
Fish.—Trout, Perch, Barbel, Chub,

Bathing in the Weir-pool.

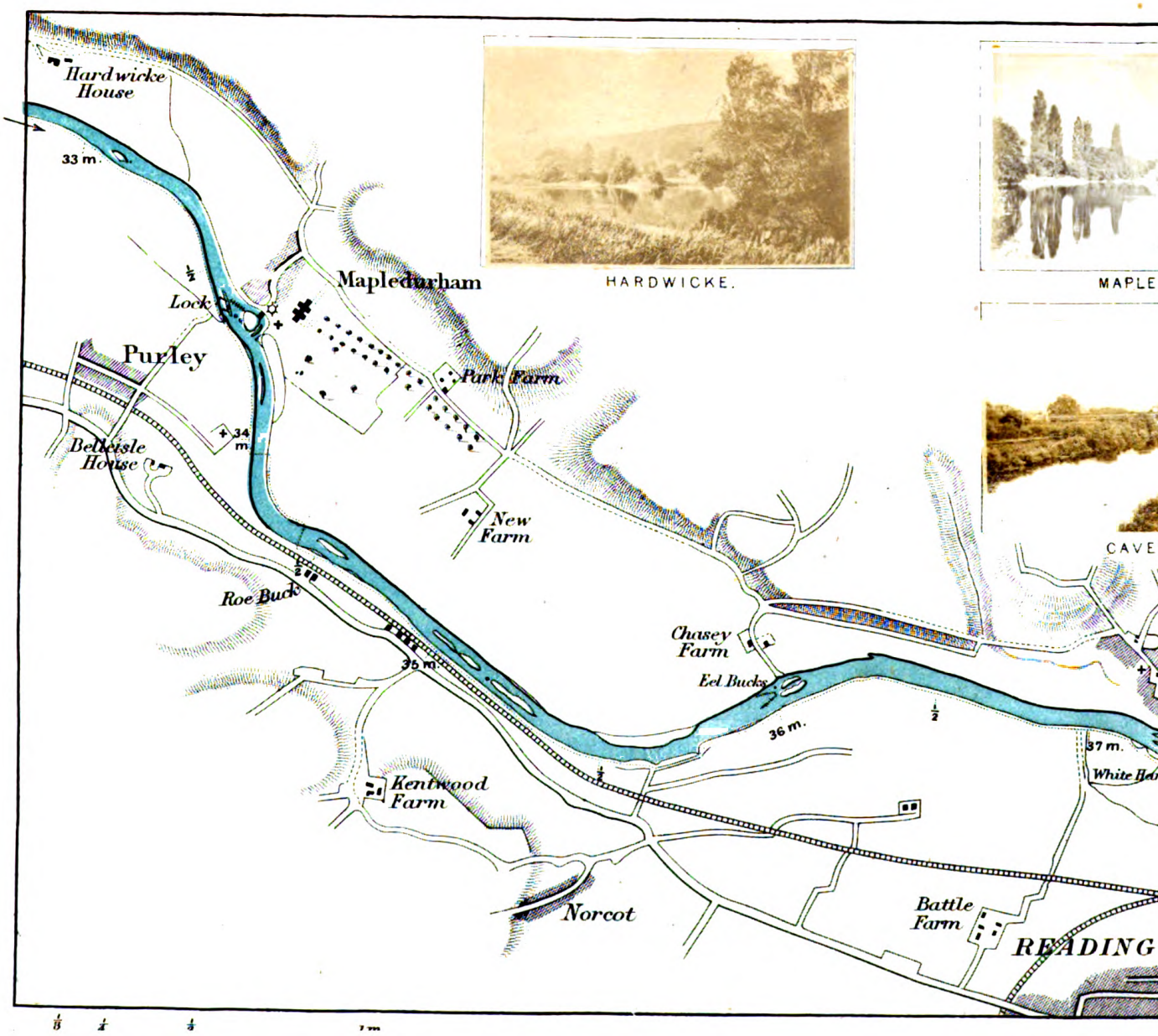
MAPLEDURHAM.

MAPLEDURHAM LOCK, from Whitchurch to the "Roebuck," 7 fur. 145 yds. : falls from 7 ft. in low water. ; average in summer, about 4 feet.

About Mapledurham is one of the finest spots on the Thames. A short distance above the Hardwicke House, a fine specimen of a castle to have been the hiding-place, for a short distance from the opposite side of the river, with its towers, it looks very striking, and it will also be seen from the river. The view of the old Mill at Mapledurham (on the river), with the combination of its roof, and embosomed in foliage, forms a scene that it is possible to imagine, and its beauty and harmony. The Manor House is also a splendid specimen of the Elizabethan style. There are few in any part of England that are still in their possession. From the front of the house extends a broad avenue of elm trees, about a magnificent setting to a noble picture







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The Lock also, in combination with the Weir, is well worth notice, presenting at every turn a varied arrangement, each variation as lovely as the last. Mapledurham is essentially a "Painter's Paradise." A short mile below we reach the "Roebuck" Inn, fantastically perched on the side of the railway embankment; and looking back, Purley House shews itself amongst the trees.

From thence to Caversham the river-view is flat and uninteresting, after the splendid scenes we have left behind; but it improves as we near that village, where the Church with its wooden tower, mounted partly up a hill rising from the river, is a picturesque object.

No Inns at Mapledurham.

The "Roebuck" Inn, on the right bank, 7 fur. 145 yds. below the Lock.

Fishing.—The fishing here is rented by Thos. Lovegrove, of Pangbourne, and has vastly improved since it has been in his possession. It is known for its large Trout, Jack, Chub, and Perch. As the preservation of the water begins where the previous section of the Pangbourne water ends, we are quite safe in saying that the whole is preserved, from above "Coombe House" to the "Roebuck," a distance of some 4 miles.

From thence to Caversham the fishing is still good, but not so fine as that last spoken of, in consequence of its having been severely netted; but I hardly think it deserves the bad name it seems to have acquired amongst the fishermen of the river.

FISHERMEN.

THOS. LOVEGROVE, (Pangbourne).

EDWARD SHEPHEARD, at the Lock-house.

CAVERSHAM and READING.

CAVERSHAM BRIDGE, from Mapledurham Lock, 3 m. 6 fur. 131 yds.; to Caversham Lock, 4 fur. 120 yds.

CAVERSHAM LOCK, from Oxford, 37 m. 7 fur. 170 yds.; to

Sonning Lock, 2 m. 4 fur. 148 yds.: f
4 ft. in low water; average in summer, a

READING. Stations at about 5 fur
Bridge.

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the entrance from Friars-street, and the
the down Station.

Reading, the capital of Berks, is situa
the River on the right bank. It is a
manufacturing town. Its chief objects
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Lawrence and St. Mary, in the Butts; a
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Reading was besieged in 1643 by th
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to repair and enlarge the parish church
the bridge on the Wargrave-road, at I
by the late General Conway. It is no

(Continued from p. 15.)

Broads who were as badly off for bait as we are, taking a large basket of roach with roast goose. Here, I've got a pretty bleak at last. There, I will put my float shallower. Yes, I am now amongst the fry, and have enough to commence spinning, so up poles and go to work, Ben."

Ben shakes his ears slightly at the word "work," but to do him justice commences punting with sufficient judgment to give ample opportunities for the angler to display his skill in spinning, and presently elicits several ejaculations of "well cast," "beautiful," and "that ought to have 'um if anything did," from Ben; but after three or four small jack and a perch or two were successfully caught and thrown back again, as being too small for capture, and a goodly trout was hooked, Ben became perfectly enthusiastic, and looked on at the excellent play with unfeigned admiration, finally lifting the exhausted fish into the punt for his customer with a whoop of delight that made the neighbouring woods echo again. It was fully eight pounds in weight, and in splendid condition, the largest and finest, as Ben declared, that had been killed that season. It certainly was a most beautiful fish, and deserved the praise bestowed upon it. Another bleak was soon on the flight with the prettiest possible bend, to make it spin true and well, and our angler is about to commence again, when his arm is arrested by Ben.

"What, Sir!" he exclaims.

"What's the matter, Ben?"

"What's the matter!" exclaims Ben, in apparent astonishment at the question, "What's the matter! why, we arn't wetted it."

This is a custom which is greatly honoured on the Thames upon the taking of a more than usually good fish, and is seldom or never dispensed with, if the necessary offerings of liquor are at hand to do full justice to the ceremony. It is, indeed, stoutly maintained by the Thames fishermen that this sacrifice upon the Altar of Luck is necessary to propitiate the river-god, without which exhibition of spirit upon the part of the fisherman, the

aquatic deity invariably refuses to assist the fish. Whether this be so or not, it is true that the taste of the gin was scarcely over when he was called upon again to lift another fish, which was of not more than half the size of the former.

"Cuss that gin!" exclaimed Ben, after a moment's reflection on the shortcomings of the second fish. "Cuss the gin, it's not enough to put more pounds on. Do you see, I should bring in over that ere gin if it was a pound, I should have it, 'Found drowned.'"

"Perhaps double the quantity would do it," suggests the angler.

"That's it, Sir; I ought a' thought it was a pound made up for any neglect in the part of the fish, ever, truth compels us to state that the gin has appealed to very often and most devotedly. A juniper-berry appeared to have departed from the gin, could Ben induce, with all his pulling and pushing, to immolate itself on the barbarous altar of the tackle.

"But what are you dodging behind me for? I'll have me in the river."

"Why, Sir, don't yer see them foot-holes?"

"Yes; they are photographers, Ben. They've got a staff of assistants. They'll have you in the river, I'll warrant."

"Not if I knows on it," cries Ben, drawing up to side like a toy-mandarin; "tho' they've got a fellow with a bull's eye as quick as a flash, it's a holiday. They got my missus on't with her my guernsey to dry, and made a lady on't with her thousands and thousands on, at a shilling a time. A woman has never bin herself since. Su'ry, they'll come up! But there now!" exclaimed

who had dropped a gold watch overboard, "while I bin talking to you, Sir, I'm blamed if I don't believe they've got me, for I felt for a moment just as if I had bin picked up and dabbed as flat as a pancake on a plate, and stuck in a windy for ever. I don't call such proceedings as them all taut^a and above-board;" and Ben supplemented a grin at his own joke.

Could Ben, however, have been mesmerised as well as photographed? We must leave this philosophical question for the Oxford professors.

And now the clouds collect, the atmosphere gets chilly, Ben has contrived to drink up all the beer, and the angler considers it is time to prepare for his return by train.

"I pity those who has given away their winter togs," remarks Ben, with a dash of Christian sympathy, as he shoved towards the landing.

"Yes, Ben; but they must have warm hearts, Ben."

"Ah, I didn't think of that, Sir, God bless 'um! It's never been my chance though to find one of that sort," added Ben, looking down at his own rusty velvet.

^a Ben mistook my name, but I don't TAUNT him about it.—ED.

"That's well thought of, Ben; you'll need a shooting-coat, and some taut
mine, and a shooting-coat, and some taut

"Yes, Sir."

"Well, you may keep those, Ben; I'll be the colder for it. This is indeed an extra thick coat is needed on the water

"God bless yer, Sir! You're the right time I gets a letter from you, there sharn't worms, nor gentles, sharn't there? if I h a well for 'um, and ten mile for the cla Thank'e, Sir; that sov. 'll make it right public; and here's your trout, Sir, done missus, who sends her respects. I th again, cos it's close time—and here's th And so say we, "Good afternoon, Ben," either that the angler should never leave of bait to the fisherman, or give such in his providing so necessary a requirement shewn that even where the general c absent, with a little tact sport is not al of the ingenious angler.



as a pleasure garden and promenade, and the huge remaining masses of cemented flint and rubble still give a faint idea of its former greatness. The old gateway has been carefully restored, and is used as an armoury for the volunteers. St. Lawrence's Church stands at the top of the Market-place, and St. Mary's in the centre of the town. The Biscuit Factory, which employs some 700 hands, can be visited by order obtained on application.

Inn at Caversham, the "White Hart," on the bridge.

HOTELS, (Reading).

The "Queen's," Friars-street.

The "George," King-street.

The "Great Western," close to the Stations.

The "Duke of Edinburgh," Caversham-road.

The "Bee-hive" Commercial Coffee-house, Friars-street.

Boats to be let and housed, (Caversham).

J. R. PIPER, Caversham Bridge. (See p. 62.)

E. CAUSTON (see p. 62), K. FREEBODY, W. WAIGHT, C. BEST, Caversham.

F. KNIGHT, Caversham Lock.

FISHERMEN.

W. MOSS, (Piper's, Caversham Bridge); P. FREEBODY; H. KNIGHT.

Bathing at the Reading Bathing-house, near the Lock.

KENNETT'S MOUTH. From Caversham Lock, 4 fur. 120 yds.; to Sonning Lock, 1 m. 7 fur. 28 yds. The river Kennett joins here, running from Newbury, where it meets the Kennett and Avon Canal, by which the West of England, &c., may be reached by water, (see also under Abingdon, ante).

Boats to let.

J. HOLMES, at the Ferry, (also a house-boat).

J. P. HALL, on Kennett.

— FOX, "Dreadnought" Inn.

Inn, the "Dreadnought."

Fisherman, J. P. HALL.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agents at Reading: Mr. LOVEJOY, Library, London-street, (see p. 62); Mr. BRAGG, Stationer, Broad-street.

SONNING

SONNING LOCK, from Caversham Lock to Shiplake Lock, 2 m. 6 fur. 126 yds. to 5 ft. in low water; average in summer.

Twyford Station (G. W. R.), from Sonning.

The River after leaving Caversham runs through meadows, one of which is the Reading meadows, just before reaching Sonning it turns into the woods of Holme Park, along the edge of the tow-path, the trees overhanging the towing-path. At Sonning the river branches out, encircling the Lock, and passing the Lock, where a glance at the Lock is repaid by the insight gained into the interior of the bridge. On the right bank stands the "White Hart" Inn: in the interior is a unique archway with sculptured figures, representing the twelve Apostles, and opposite the archway are other figures. There is also a curious monument. Sadler at the Lock keeps

Boats to be let and housed.

J. SADLER, at the Lock. (See p. 62.)

HOTELS.

The "White Hart," close to the bridge, on the side stream, under the towing-path bridge.

Inn, The "Butchers' Arms," up the side stream.

Fishing.—The fishing at Sonning is done in pools are the private property of Mr. M. of the back water is rented by W. Hull. Permission to fish is freely given by Mr. M. when previously engaged).

FISHERMEN.

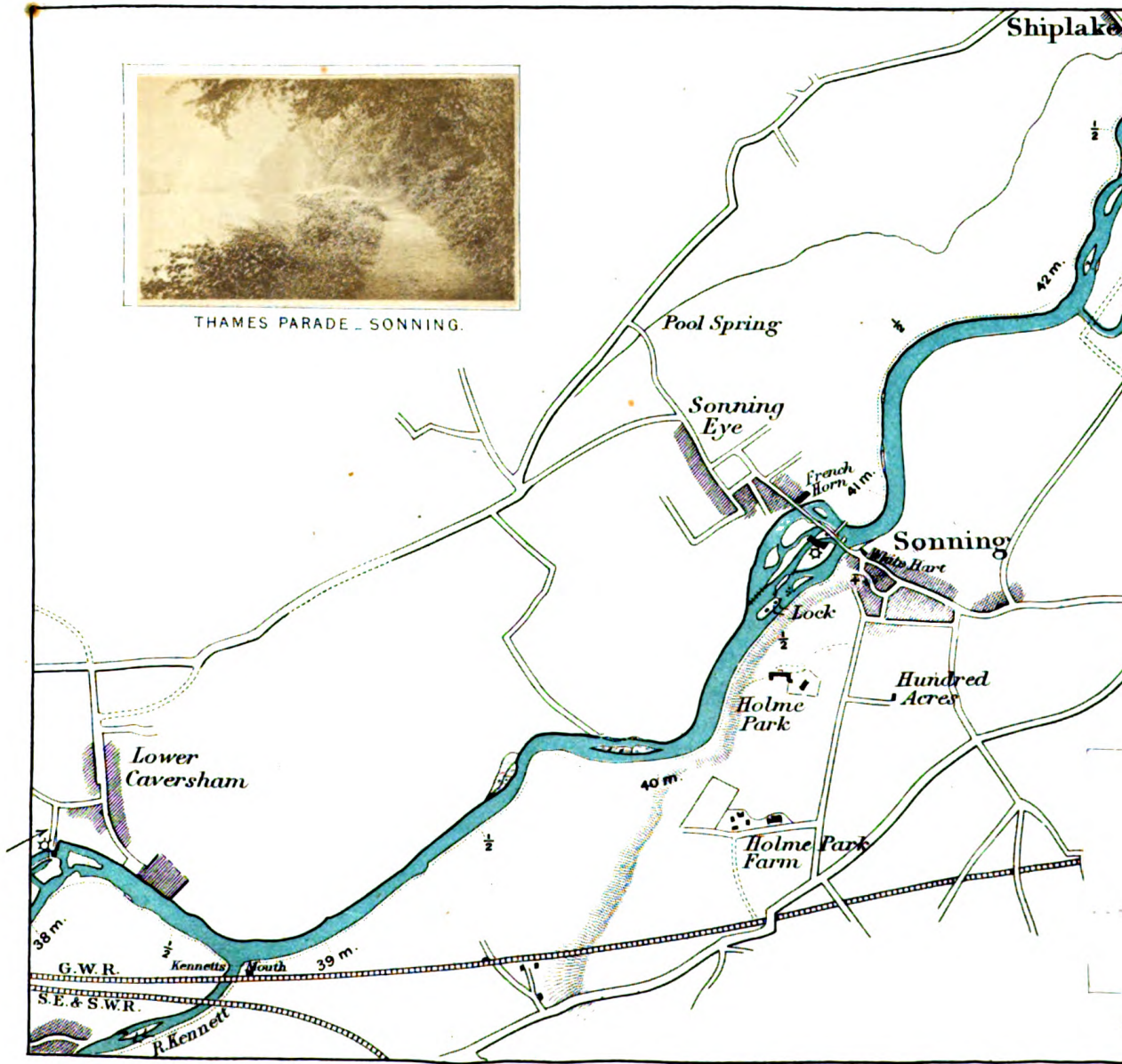
JAS. BROMLEY; WM. HULL, "French Horn."

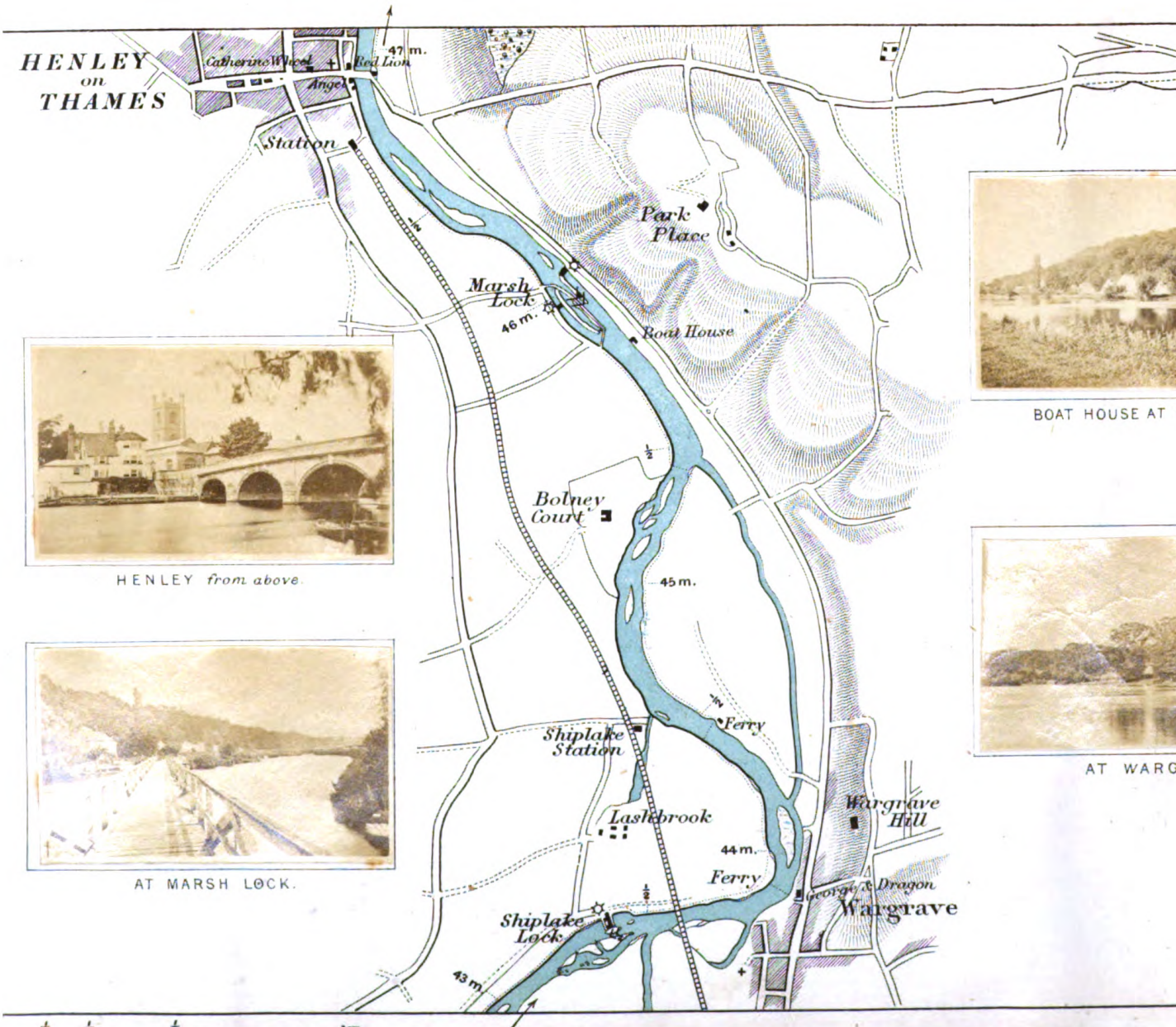
Fish.—Trout, Barbel, Chub, Jack, Gudgeon, &c.

Bathing at the Weir, by permission of Mr. M. in the stream near the "French Horn."



THAMES PARADE - SONNING.





HENLEY from above.



AT MARSH LOCK.



BOAT HOUSE AT



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WARGRAVE.

SHIPLAKE LOCK, from Sonning Bridge, 2 m. 4 fur. 66 yds. ; to Shiplake Ferry, 1 m. 0 fur. 38 yds. : falls from 1 ft. 6 in. in high to 4 ft. in low water ; average in summer, 3 ft. 6 in.

SHIPLAKE STATION (G.W.R., Henley Branch), from Wargrave Ferry, about 6 fur.

After leaving Sonning, we pass nothing noticeable till nearing Shiplake, where the Church, mounted on a hill close above a large chalk-pit, is an interesting feature. Dr. Phillimore Island also, with a peep at Shiplake Mill beyond, must not be left unobserved, and then Wargrave comes into view. Just below Shiplake Lock the Loddon joins the Thames ; this stream is celebrated by being the subject of the fabled story of "Lodona" in Pope's "Windsor Forest."

Wargrave was once a market-town ; but from its greatness it has dwindled down into a pleasant village. The Church (the tower of which is beautifully overgrown with ivy) stands close to a backwater running up from the main stream ; but to visit it, a detour through the village is necessary. It contains a monumental tablet to the memory of Mr. Day (author of "Sandford and Merton"), who was killed here by a fall from his horse. Below Wargrave our attention is arrested by the beautiful background of hills, with the mansions embosomed among their clothing of woods ; and nearing Marsh Lock, the river runs along at the foot of some bold cliffs, forming part of the grounds of Park Place. These pleasure-grounds are ornamented by a very picturesque boat-house in the Gothic style, which, with the bridge built from the walls of Reading Abbey, must not be passed by ; there is also, among other objects of interest, the Druids' Temple, presented by the inhabitants of Jersey to General Conway. Permission to view the grounds of Park Place can generally be obtained, by sending a request previously.

Hotel, the "George and Dragon" ("Ferry Hotel").

INNS.

The "White Hart."
The "Bull."

Boats housed and to

W. WYATT, at Wargrave Ferry.

Fishing.—The fishing below Sonning is of a high class character. Greville Fennell says, "Sonning is a fine spot for its Pike ; but holds few Trout. Now we have a fine Island, at the tail of which there are two fine fish-spectable girth, and Jack in due season. The fly may be profitably cast for Chub and Perch. The House is on the hill, and about 400 yds. from the known Chalk-pit Hole, and the angler may find a good place, making an exception here and there. I heard of seventy brace of Perch being taken with two rods at the Chalk-pit in a day. I have caught Perch there for a short time, but not a large number."

Below Shiplake to Marsh Lock, Roach and Trout abound ; and in some of the backwaters. The Lock-pool is known for Barbel, and below are several affording good fishing right down to Henley.

FISHERMEN.

R. WYATT ; F. WYATT ; —. TOWNSEND.

Fish.—Jack, Chub, Perch, Tench, Roach.

Bathing at the Lock-pool ; also behind the Ferry at Wargrave.

MARSH LOCK, from Shiplake Ferry, to Henley Bridge, 7 fur. 109 yds. : falls from 1 ft. 6 in. in high to 4 ft. in low water ; average in summer, about 3 ft. 6 in.

CAMPING OUT, No. 1.—(IN A TENT.)

By R. W. S.

THE picturesque and varying scenery about the river, combined with excellent sport both with gun and rod, can under no circumstances be more thoroughly enjoyed and with such advantage as under canvas, or what is now generally known as "Camping out." It would be useless to dilate upon the manifold, indeed always new, beauties that are constantly to be found on or about the banks; but in giving a slight *résumé* of the necessary precautions to be observed in camping, one cannot adopt a better course than to follow the movements of the "Rovers," who claim, under the guidance of Captain South, precedence in the amateur camping world. The experience of many years has enabled that gentleman to furnish us with accurate information, which may perhaps prove acceptable to our readers.

1. In selecting a tent, care should be taken to avoid all unnecessary pegs, guy-lines, and poles; these not only prove cumbersome in travelling, but are, oftentimes, utterly useless. The "Rovers" tent, made by Paget and Sons, Aldersgate-street, E.C., is recommended as being for practical purposes the most useful. It gives an area of 10 ft. by 9, a height of 6 ft., has only two pegs, and can be fixed and ready for occupation in three minutes. These advantages, combined with simplicity and lightness (the whole weighing under 28 lbs.), are difficult to be surpassed.

2. Especial attention should be directed to the selection of a suitable piece of land (that on a very slight incline is preferable), but above all the exclusion of damp, the forerunner of acute rheumatism, should be carefully studied; a most terrible result may arise if this be not carefully attended to, and although the land at the time of pitching the tent may be comparatively baked

by a burning sun, yet ere morning a cold river will rise, that on many occasions has proved the undoing of incautious campers. The mere covering of a tent is quite insufficient, and the most effective is "Croggon's Roofing Asphalte;" this, although bulky, is very light, and forms, when laid over a suitable substitute for a mattress, and is, as I have found, has been found that the ordinary macintosh, bulky, is not so well suited for the purpose.

It is to be regretted that the halcyon days of camping grounds, without previously obtaining permission thereof, has of late been on the increase, and more especially between Maidenhead and Windsor, where the most lovely parts of river scenery are being destroyed, such permission is not requisite.

Proceeding: after erecting the tent, and using one's decorative powers in decorating the interior, one may next be called to the culinary arrangements.

3. The variety of cooking apparatus available gives a large field for selection, but the most desirable are, in all cases, desirable. A camping party may have more than three good meals per die, including breakfast, luncheon, 1 P.M.; dinner at 6 P.M. Easily cooked by even an inexperienced cook, and is the subject of a small book published by the well-known Messrs. Ward and Co., entitled "Plain Cookery," the advantages of which to an epicure. The advantages possessed by this book will compensate any reader who may invest

Penny in its purchase, for it not only gives the quantities required for various numbers, but also the average cost of each article. Several inventions have of late years been introduced in the list of domestic necessaries, and for camping purposes; some prove of the greatest value. We mention a few, for the guidance of intending explorers:—Swiss milk, in tins; essence of coffee, cocoa and milk, in tins; preserved meats; potted meats, fish, soups, &c.

The next important item to receive attention should be a store-box, and we are enabled to give a list of the contents of the "Rovers" box, which measures 3 ft. + 18 in. + 12 in.; it is duly partitioned off, and all available space made to serve some purpose. Contents:—6 knives, 6 forks; 1 carving ditto; 1 cooking ditto; 12 spoons; 1 sardine-knife; 12 plates, 3 dishes; 1 flour-box; 1 sugar-box (loaf); 1 ditto (moist); 1 salt-jar; 1 tea-can (1 lb.);

1 coffee ditto (1 lb.); tea-pot, 6 cups; pepper-pot; salt-cellar; mustard-pot; he; anchovy ditto; ketchup; milk-tin; co; chest, &c. A portion is also left for t; jams, or marmalade, and dry stores. Fr; procurable at nearly all the villages *en ro*; kept separate from other stores.

In conclusion, we wish to recommend readers the necessity of a plentiful supp covering, as, although the heat in the variably oppressive during the day and sphere changes greatly in the early morn covering, the occupants would possibly r be productive of evil results.

A WEEK DOWN THE THAMES.

To those who can only spare a week on our favourite river, the following hints will be useful. Arrange with Salters, or George West, of Oxford, (see pp. 56 and 58), for a boat, stating number of party, and kind of boat required; then by rail to Oxford, spend a day there, not forgetting to give Taunt a call, and inspect his Views of Oxford and the River, which are well worth seeing.

Next morning, starting early, you will e or Wallingford on the first day; on the s Sonning; third, Marlow; fourth, Wind Moulsey; sixth, Richmond or Wandsw miles per day, and will give you time to most interesting spots on the river.

H E N L E Y.

HENLEY BRIDGE, from Oxford, 46 m. 7 fur. 53 yds. ; to Putney Bridge, 57 m. 4 fur. 13 yds.

HENLEY STATION (G.W.R., Henley Branch), about 2 fur. from the Bridge.

Henley is, according to Dr. Plot, the oldest town in Oxfordshire. Its scenery on all sides is very beautiful. The fine range of wooded hills that close the distance, mirrored in the clear and ample river, give it an indescribable charm. There is not much of note in the town of Henley besides the Bridge and Church. The Bridge is a fine stone structure of five arches, the keystone of the centre arch being ornamented by sculptured allegorical heads of Thames and Isis. The Church is a noble building in the Decorated style of architecture; it has a lofty square turreted tower, said to have been designed or erected by Cardinal Wolsey. The entrance to Henley by the Oxford Road (called the "Fair Mile") is also very pleasing. Henley is well known to oarsmen, on account of the annual Regatta held here, established in 1839, which may be considered one of the most successful meetings of the kind held in England; it is visited by the *élite* of the aquatic world, and during its continuance, the town is the centre of a very fashionable gathering.

The Course is from the Island below Fawley Court to near the Bridge, a distance of nearly a mile and three furlongs: one of the finest reaches on the river. Just above the bridge on the Berkshire side is a large boat-house, for housing the boats of competitors at the Regatta.

Boats housed or to be let.

Mrs. LAMBOURNE; F. JOHNSON; R. BEDWELL; Mrs. HOOPER.

HOTELS.

The "Red Lion," (see p. 63), the "A" (see p. 64.)

The "Catherine Wheel," the "White"

INNS.

The "Little White Hart," just below the "Carpenters' Arms;" the "Two Br others."

WATERMEN.

H. LAMBOURNE; H. JONES; E. VA T. NEAL, jun.; J. IVES.

Fishing.—The river about Henley is spot for anglers of every class, who are beauties of the landscape. The water fish, so, if the weather be favourable, Henley is not to be despised.

FISHERMEN.

WILLIAM PARROTT; EDWARD VAUG EDWARD WOODLEY; HENRY ALLUM; C

Bathing at the Henley Bathing C Solomon's Hatch; also at Marsh Lock-

HAMBLEDON LOCK, from Henley Bri to Medmenham Ferry, 2 m. 0 fur. 66 yd to 4 ft. 8 in. in low water; average in s

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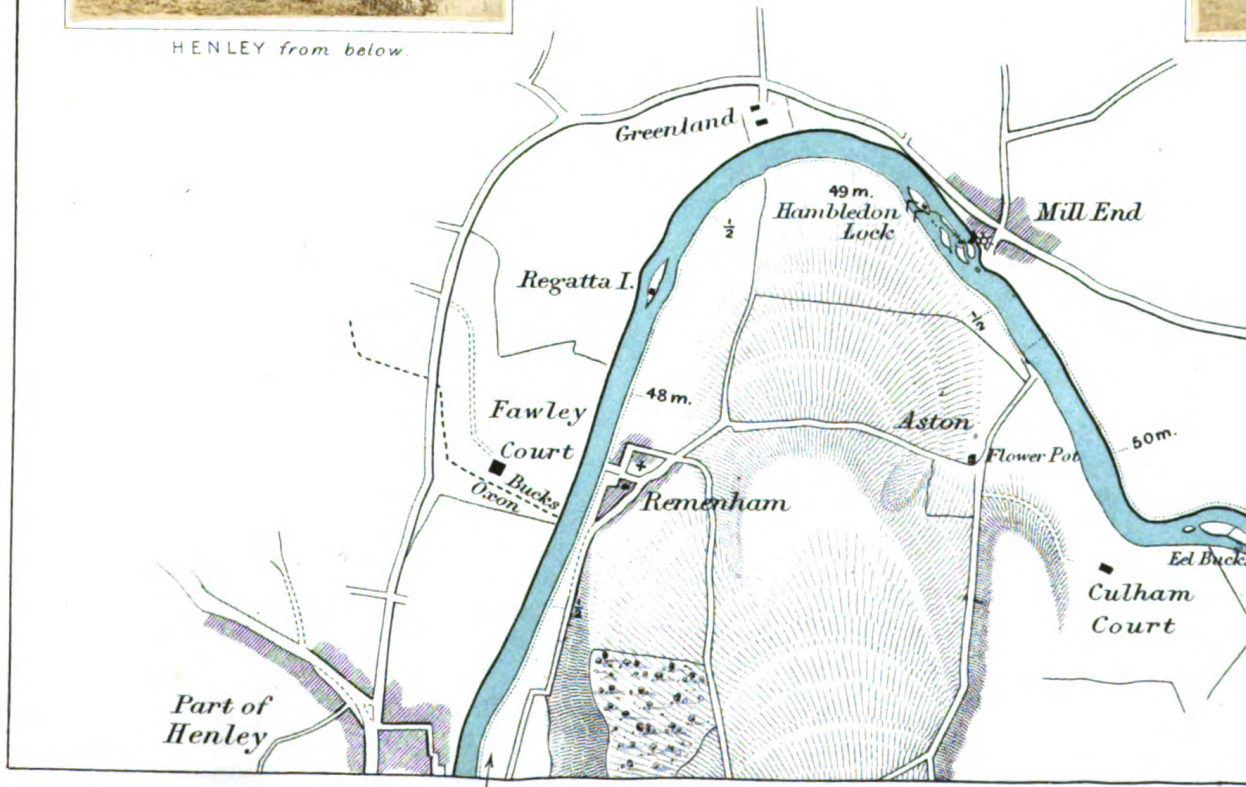
H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Henley: Mr. Market-place.



HENLEY from below.



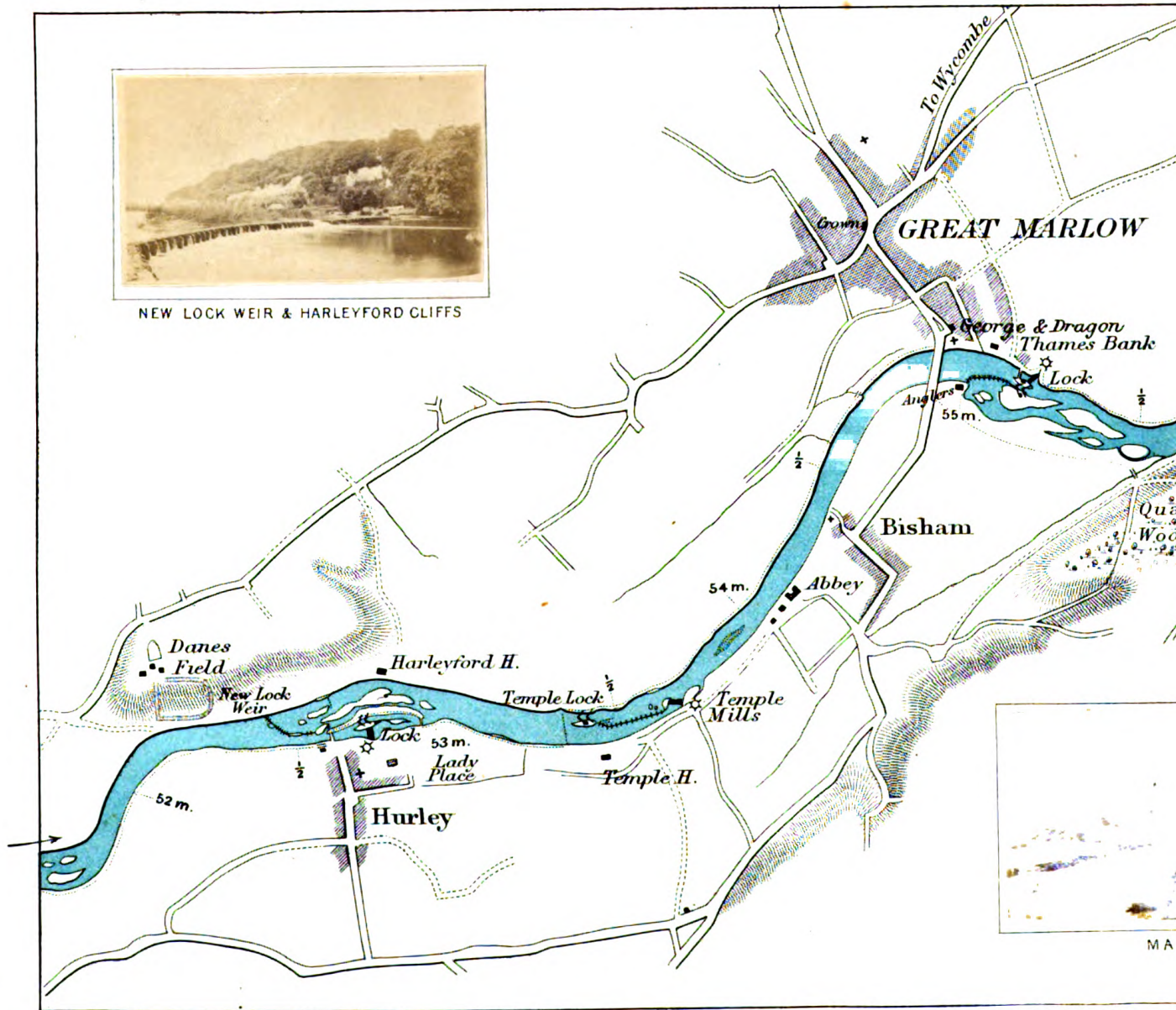
REGATTA ISLAND.







NEW LOCK WEIR & HARLEYFORD CLIFFS



MEDMENHAM.

MEDMENHAM FERRY, from Henley, 4 m. 2 fur. 101 yds. ; to Hurley Lock, 1 m. 4 fur. 168 yds.

Medmenham Abbey, close by, is well known by pleasure parties, being chosen as the favourite spot for picnicing by persons from Marlow and Maidenhead, as well as Henley. Medmenham was first built as an offshoot to the monastery of Woburn in Bedfordshire, and as such existed for about 200 years. It was afterwards annexed to Bisham Abbey. During the last century it acquired great notoriety as the meeting-place of a club of *débauchés* of rank and fashion: of their doings it would be unwise to speak, but the motto over the doorway sufficiently shews the class of men, "*Fay ceque Voudras*" ("Each as he likes.") The Abbey, with its ivy-mantled walls, is an interesting object; and its effect is heightened by the addition of a modern antique tower, &c., corresponding with the style of the other building.

Hotel.—The "Ferry," close to the Abbey. (See p. 64.)

In the village of Medmenham, the top of the hill is crowned by an old farmhouse, said to be mentioned in Domesday Book; whilst the Church nestles itself in the valley below; a few fine old English cottages stand near the foreground, completing the picture. Not far below Medmenham we come to a bold bluff on the left bank; and just below (in high water), a dangerous weir, or overfall, *which directly faces the centre of the stream*; the proper course is near the right bank. At Danesfield, near here, are the remains of an encampment attributed to the Danes.

HURLEY

HURLEY LOCK, from Medmenham Ferry to Temple Lock, 5 fur. 23 yds. : average does not vary much.

HURLEY, on the right bank just above passed by without a visit. There are there a Monastery (Lady Place) founded in the reign of the Conqueror; the Church being entire, and in preservation; the ancient refectory is complete. There are the remains of the vaults of the refectory by Lord Lovelace in 1600; they are in the place where measures were entered into for the Revolution of Orange, which led to the Revolution of 1688, were held under cover of a round of stone. It is stated that the most important part of the recess at one end of the vault. On the right bank is Clarendon House, the residence of Sir Wm. Clarendon, at the foot of its hanging woods.

Fishing.—The reaches here, both up and down, for Chub and Pike, and at the Weir are fine. Below Medmenham are fine swims, and at Culham Court the water is deep and teeming.

TEMPLE LOCK, from Hurley, 5 fur. 23 yds. : falls from 2 ft. 3 in. in low water; average in summer, about 4 ft.

Passing Temple we soon come to Bisham Abbey and old Norman Church peeping out from behind the Abbey, the seat of G. H. Vansittart, Esq. In the reign of Stephen to the Knights Templars; in the reign of that order, a priory was founded for Augustinian monks, which afterwards passed into the hands of the Benedictines.

pressed with the rest of the monasteries. The present house was partly built by Sir Edward Hoby, about 1592. It is a fine building with centre tower, also cloisters on one side, and contains a fine Hall. The Church is crowded with monuments to personages of high rank in times long gone by, including among others one to the memory of Richard Neville, the celebrated "King Maker."

MARLOW.

MARLOW BRIDGE, from Temple Lock, 1. m. 3 fur. 201 yds.; to Cookham Bridge, 3 m. 7 fur. 158 yds.

MARLOW LOCK, 1 fur. 107 yds. beyond the bridge: falls from 1 ft. 6 in. in high to 6 ft. in low water; average in summer, about 5 ft. 6 in.

RAILWAY STATION, Marlow-road (G. W. R., Wycombe Branch), distance about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A line to Marlow is in progress.

MARLOW is very prettily situated, but has nothing in itself calling for notice excepting the graceful Suspension-bridge and Weir. The Church, which is built on the site of a far prettier one, forms a conspicuous object with every view of the bridge. The river, soon after passing here, reaches the Bisham Woods, which stretch along the hills, and form a pleasing feature in the landscape. Pretty shaded walks stretch through them; and one bold bluff, from which a splendid view of Marlow and the neighbouring country is obtained, has a tragical legend attached to it. The river follows the hills nearly to Cookham, and then leaves them to join the glorious Clevedon Woods.

Boats housed and to be let.

JAS. HAINES, } above the bridge.
ROBERT SHAW, }

MISS COMPIERE, at the "Anglers."

Houseboat to let, R. HARDING.

HOTELS.

The "Anglers," close to the bridge.
The "Crown."

INNS.

The "George and Dragon."
The "Barge Pole."
The "Two Brewers."

Fishing.—The fishing all round Marlow. I had the pleasure myself, this year, of catching a salmon of 8 lbs., that had been caught just this side of the bridge.

A stuffed one, said to have been taken in the Thames, hangs in one of the rooms of the inn, taken by Robert Shaw. The waters are protected by the Thames and Cookham Angling Protection Society. For information, apply to Robert, or Bob Shaw (as he is called) who lives in a house just above the bridge.

FISHERMEN.

ROBERT SHAW.
WM. SHAW.
GEO. WHITE.
T. WHITE.
JEM WHITE.
WM. ROCKWELL.
H. ROCKWELL.

Fish.—Trout, Pike, Perch, Gudgeon,

Bathing at the Weir, from the "Anglers."

Henry W. TAUNT'S Agent for Marlow: Mr. S. J. TAUNT.

THAMES CONSERVANCY BYE-LAWS.

THE following are the principal of the new bye-laws of the Conservancy relating to the pleasure-traffic on the river Thames:—

No steam-vessel shall be worked or navigated upon the river Thames between Teddington Lock, in the parish of Ham, in the County of Surrey, and Cricklade, in the county of Wilts, at such speed as shall endanger or cause any injury to the banks of the river.

Tolls for ferries each time of crossing, are—

For a horse not engaged in towing, taken across by ferry-boat, *3d.*

For a horse and carriage, *6d.*

For two horses and a carriage, *1s.*

For foot-passengers, each *1d.*

The following are the pleasure-boat tolls for locks:—

For every steam pleasure-boat, not exceeding 35ft. in length, *9d.*; for every steam pleasure-boat exceeding 35ft. in length, for every additional 5 ft. of length, *3d.*

Class 1.—For every pair-oared row-boat, skiff, out-rigger, randan, dinghy, punt, canoe, or company boat, *3d.*

Class 2.—For every four-oared row-boat, (other than the boats enumerated in Class 1,) *6d.*

Class 3.—For every row-boat, shallop, and company boat, over four oars, *9d.*

For every house-boat, *2s. 6d.*

The above charges to be for passing once through the lock, and returning the same day.

The following are the annual tolls. In lieu of the above tolls, pleasure steamboats or row-boats may be registered on the annual payment to the Conservators of the undermentioned sums, and shall, in consideration of such payment, pass the several locks free of any other charge:—

For every steam pleasure-boat not exceeding 35 ft. in length, *40s.* per annum, with *5s.* extra for every additional 5 ft.

For every row-boat of Class 1, *20s.* per annum.

For every row-boat of Class 2, *30s.* per annum.

For every row-boat of Class 3, *40s.* per annum.

For every house-boat, *100s.* per annum.

CONVEYANCE OF BOATS

LONDON AND SOUTH-WEST

THIS Company's rates for BOATS conveyed as follows:—If requiring one carriage-truck a four-wheeled carriage; if two trucks are for two four-wheeled carriages. The crew, *1d.* per mile, provided that not less than four CANOES will be charged the same rate, as conveyed between two terminal stations, and top of a carriage with convenience and safety prepared to charge a reduced rate; but all of special arrangement, and be dealt with as

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

Boats and Canoes conveyed in the guard's ordinary passenger-carriage are charged *2d.* with a minimum charge of *5s.*, at owner's risk. If canoes are so large as to require a special carriage, the charge is as follows:—When one truck or carriage is as for one private carriage; when two trucks and-a-half private carriages; when three trucks and-a-half private carriages; when four trucks and-a-half private carriages. In cases where the latter will be reduced one-half, in all cases at owner's risk.

BONE END AND MARLOW-ROAD.

RAILWAY STATION, Marlow-road (G. W. R.), 3 fur. from landing-place.

Inn, "Railway Tavern," close to the Station.

Boats to let, A. P. SPEECHLEY.

Fisherman, GEO. HOLLAND.

COOKHAM AND CLEVEDEN.

COOKHAM BRIDGE, from Marlow Lock, 3 m. 6 fur. 51 yds.; to Cleveden Ferry, 7 fur. 154 yds.

STATION, COOKHAM (G. W. R., Wycombe Branch), 5 fur. from the bridge.

A short distance above Cookham the Thames is joined by the Wyke. Cookham Church stands near the river, and forms a picturesque object from it. The river is crossed here by a slim iron bridge, and just below is divided into a number of streams, Hedsor is in sight, and the old Folly on the hill attracts attention; but just below is Cleveden, the finest reach on the Thames. Passing down the Cut and through the Lock, we reach the overhanging woods, and turning short round, glide tranquilly along the river at their base. The scenery here is the grandest on the river, but it is impossible to give any adequate description of it: it must be seen. The mind of every one is so entranced with its loveliness that details cannot be entered into, but all is summed up in the one expression, "How beautiful!" Cleveden House is built on the summit of the hill, and the view from its terrace is unequalled. The mansion was first erected by Geo. Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. Frederick, Prince of Wales, the father of George III., had it for some time as his summer residence; and it was whilst here that the masque of "Alfred" was performed. It was composed by Thomson, but is nearly forgotten except

one song which is immortal,—"Rule Britannia," which has never been lost. Villiers' house was destroyed by fire in 1703. The mansion—designed by Barry—erected in 1720, and is now in the possession of the Marquis of Westminster.

The scenery the whole of the distance is not equally grand, still retains enough of interest to warrant a longling for a nearer view.

The island of Formosa lies on the opposite bank of the river, just above the Ferry. Woods, just above the Ferry.

HOTELS, (at Cookham)

The "Ferry Hotel," close to the bridge.

The "King's Arms," in the village.

Inn, The "Bel and Dragon."

Boats to be let and hired

W. LACEY; R. POULTON.

Fishing.—Cookham Reach is a splendid spot for fishing, and Jack; and it is very seldom that, in the summer, we see a number of anglers in their punt, fishing in the characteristic way of the Thames. Below, until we reach the Lock, the water is still good; and pitches may be made, then the whole distance to Boulter's Weir.

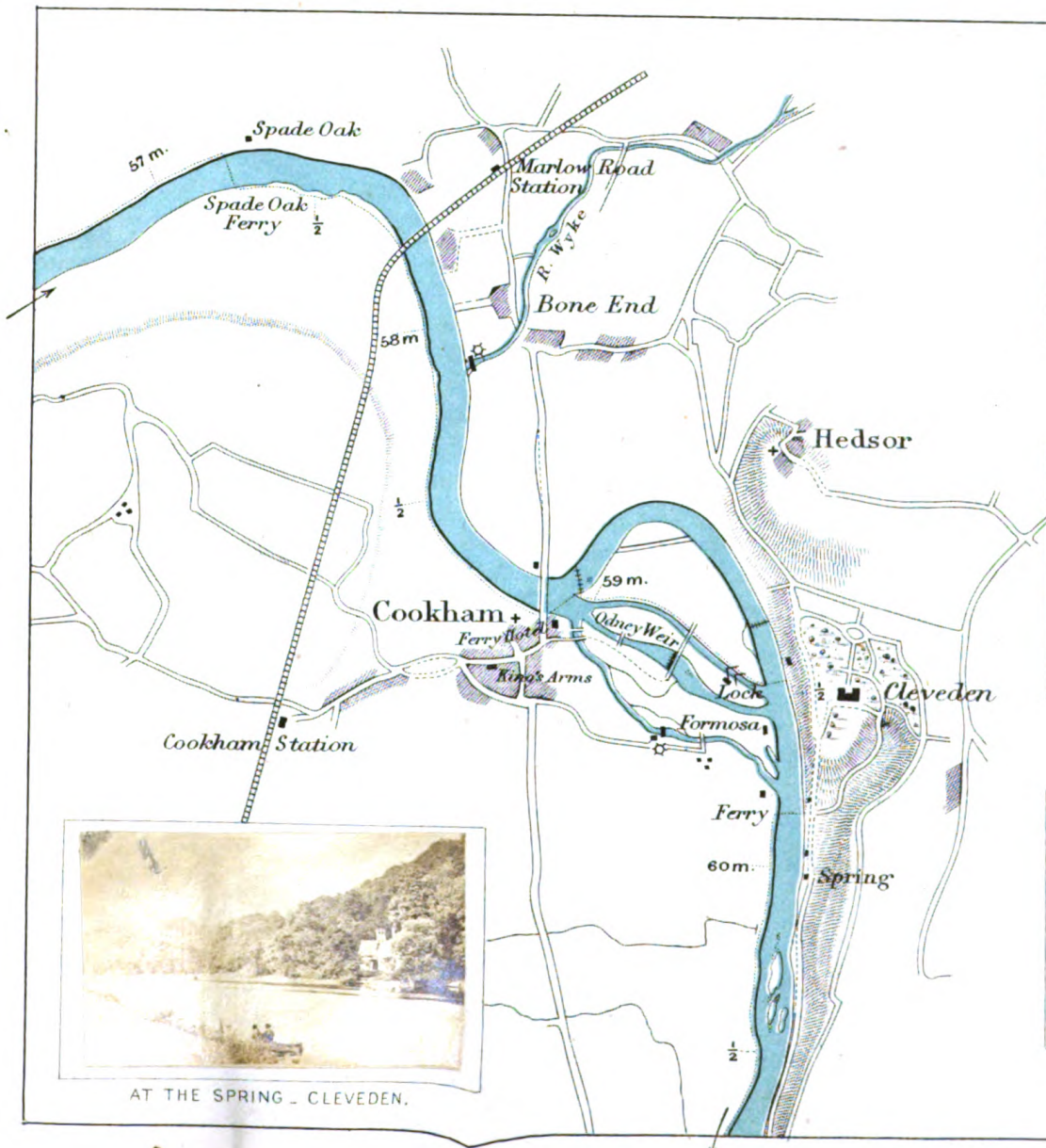
FISHERMEN.

EDWARD GODDING; JEM DREWETT; and others, who are in the head, generally here in the season).

Splendid bathing at Odney Weir.

COOKHAM LOCK, to Boulter's Lock, falls from 1 ft. 6 in. in high to 5 ft. in low water; in summer, about 4 ft.

BOULTER'S LOCK, from Cleveden Ferry to Maidenhead Bridge, 5 fur. 70 yds.: in high water, 7 ft. in low water; average in summer, a



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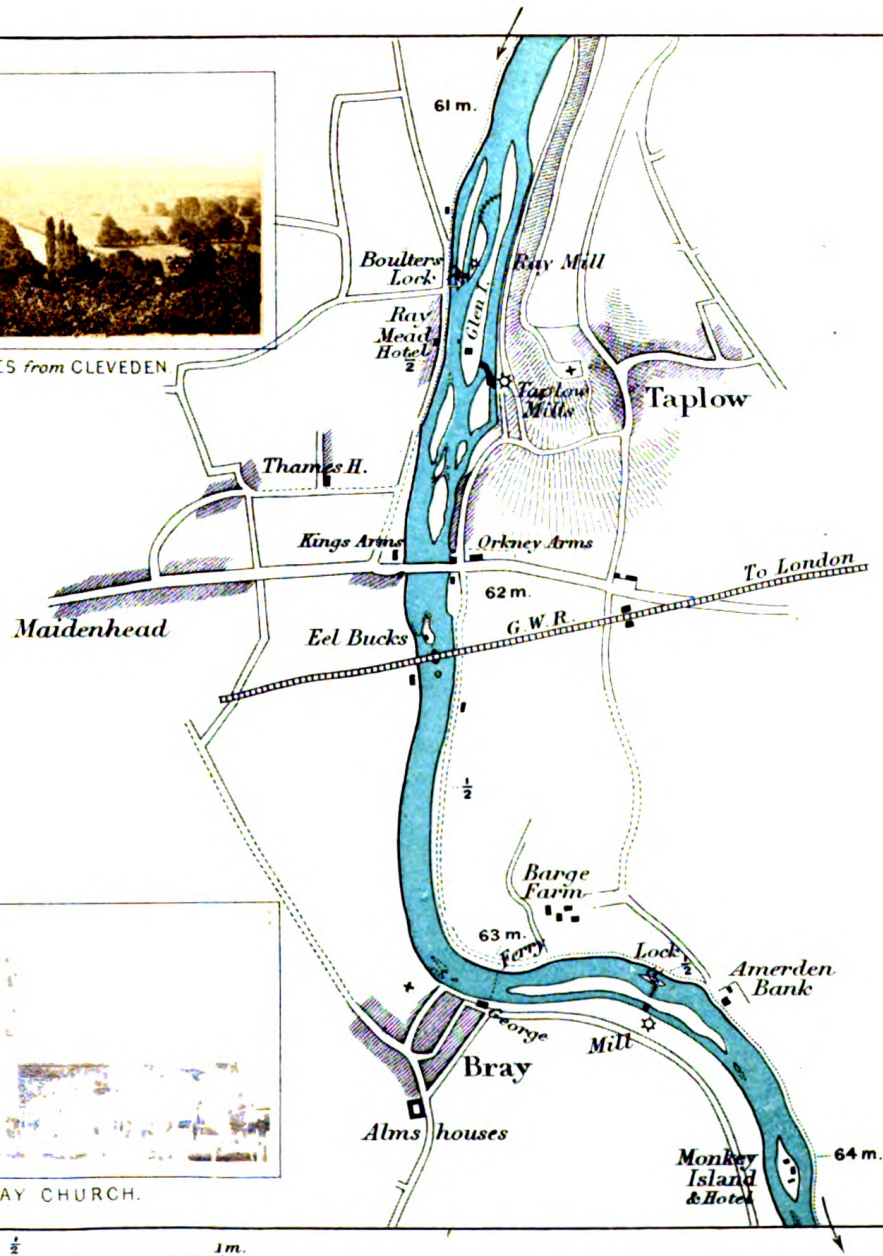
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THE THAMES from CLEVEDEN.



View at RAY



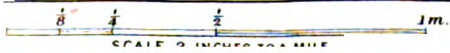
MAIDENHEAD



BRAY CHURCH.



TAPLOW RAIL



MAIDENHEAD.

MAIDENHEAD BRIDGE, from Boulter's Lock, 5 fur. 70 yds. ; to Bray Lock, 1 m. 3 fur. 152 yds.

The London road, from the West of England, passes over this bridge. Maidenhead stands some distance from the river, and consists mostly of one long street, but there is nothing of any consequence to attract the visitor: Maidenhead depends upon Clevedon for its interest. Taplow Bridge, just below Maidenhead, is celebrated for the enormous span of its arches, being the largest in the world composed of brick only ; one of Brunel's grand designs. About four miles from Maidenhead is a celebrated resort of pic-nic parties, called Burnham Beeches, where, under magnificent old trees, gnarled and rugged, many a pleasant holiday is spent. For the artist there are days of intense enjoyment amongst their weird groupings,

Stations near Maidenhead Bridge.

MAIDENHEAD STATION (G. W. R.), about a mile from the river.

HOTELS.

- "Ray Mead," close to Boulter's Lock, (see p. 61).
- "Thames Hotel."
- Skindle's "Orkney Arms" Hotel. (See p. 67).
- "King's Arms," all near the river. (See p. 64.)
- "Red Lion."
- "White Hart," and others, in Maidenhead.

INNS, (in Maidenhead).

- "Saracen's Head ;" "White Horse ;" "Swan," &c.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Maidenhead: Mr. HODGES, Stationer.

Boats housed and t

W. DEACON.

*H. WOODHOUSE, "Ray Mead" Hotel.

*J. BOND, close to the bridge.

S. ROSE.

Ponies for towing, at W. Deacon's, &c.

Fishing.—The fishing to Boulter's Lock there are also several good swims for Trout, and the bridge Jack and Perch abound ; while the osier-beds are Chub in great numbers to be met with.

FISHERMEN.

HY. WILDER.

ED. ANDREWS.

RD. ANDREWS.

GEO. SAUNDERS.

J. SIMMONS.

MARK ANDREWS.

Fish.—Trout, Jack, Perch, Chub, Gudgeon, &c.

Bathing at Boulter's Weir.

BRAY.

BRAY LOCK, from Maidenhead Bridge to Monkey Island, 4 fur. 128 yds. : open in fall in summer, about 1 ft. 9 in.

BRAY has no scenery to boast of ; but from the memory of its "vivacious" king did reign, would still be Vicar of Bray will repay a visit : the old houses round the town also are worth notice. The Alms-house at Bray, ought not to be missed.

CAMPING OUT, No. 2.—(IN A BOAT.)

By THE EDITOR.

“THAT’S just what I should like!”—“How jolly it must be!”—“Well, you must enjoy yourself!”—“I don’t wonder at your looking so well!”—“Ain’t you afraid to go to sleep?” These remarks, and fifty others, were passed one evening amongst a circle of friends to whom I had been relating my experiences in camping out. I had just returned from a tour on the Thames, extending over a little more than three months; and I could echo one of the exclamations above by answering, “It *is* jolly.” I think, too, it will be re-echoed by numbers of persons who have tried it, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There are, perhaps, a number of reasons why camping out should be enjoyable. First, we live in an age so fast and energetic, that the mind and body get thoroughly used up, demanding in the same interval rest and renewal of vigour, that may fit for after periods of toil; and what greater pleasure can there be to a man tired out in body and mind, than to throw himself on his back under some wide-spreading tree, and listen to the gentle stream that murmurs by? or, with rod in hand, to watch the nodding float which, in disappearing, rouses him from a pleasant reverie? And again, the custom of our age is so polite and graceful as to be at times a positive tax upon a man’s time and person, making, by contrast, a wild life enjoyable; in fact, the ennui that often takes possession of us would entirely disappear if we were not so highly civilized.

Not that civilization, in its present state, is a failure—far from it; still it is at times a boon to be able to lay aside the conventionalities of society, and our glimpse of nomadic life forms one of those complementary tones which, in a picture, harmonize and give vigour to the whole composition.

It is just the opposite to our usual life; and this is just the

reason why camping out is so much liked. They leave behind them those cares and accounts, those toils of pleasure that are not in a more simple manner and style, than food and their rest.

Secondly, camping out is enjoyed because it restores more robust health. Excesses of every kind, and this also is one of the causes of lassitude. I speak of excesses, I do not mean altogetherness, and drinking, or worse, I mean the order of things a business man meets.

To labour for hours in a foul atmosphere, as men in London do, is an excess that is not to be compared, and would more, perhaps, were it not that it is so common, from town to spend the night in a pure atmosphere, every nerve of the brain in getting off on the shortest space of time possible, and in attending to the slightest detail; or to be perched at a desk, writing accounts day after day, with scarcely a moment’s repose; all these are excesses that even a man meets with, and which make the health of the capital. I might go on and complete the catalogue of working merchants of our capital will be found my going further.

Gentlemen, too, who have no business to grow on their time and selves; why not go to the midnight party or dance? and how much tonic or some other such tonic is required. Compare these, more robust health, sounder judgment, than anything I know at the same

Ah, there's the *third* reason—cost! There are pleasures that force their memory on some of us in consequence of the deprivation they entail. Camping out does not do this. If properly managed, the cost of the requisite kit is more than saved by the comparatively small expense with which the journey is attended. Perhaps some of the hotel-keepers will not thank me for pursuing this subject; but I am trying to open the river for all, and must tell what I know. I have nothing to say against a single landlord; I know a great many of them, and number some amongst my friends: I am also of opinion that, instead of injuring them, I shall help to do them good; such is, at least, my wish. Hotels cannot be otherwise than expensive, to a certain extent; they usually have an enormous quantity of out-goings, and in consequence are obliged to recoup themselves; but at the same time I know a great many on the Thames that are thoroughly moderate, and keep down their charges as far as they can. I might go still further, and speak of kindnesses that I know of that have been done, things that would redound to their honour; but it would be unfair to the rest to single out one or two, so I must refrain. However, to our subject. The cost of camping is much less than hotels, as there need be no expenses beyond the necessaries of life, and these are bought first hand. Of course it is an easy thing to make camping out as expensive, or even more so, than living at the hotels. Just go to Fortnum and Mason, or some other purveyors, and order them to send you down a hamper of the greatest delicacies every day, and you will find camping out anything but cheap: you had better go to an Hotel. Of course pastry and so on are very nice, they relish now and then first class after the well-cooked fish and steak; but—as a rule—if you camp out much, you will rather depend upon what you can do yourself.

There are in the market, at the present time, so many delicacies in a portable form, that one scarcely needs the help of the confectioner otherwise in the camp; and in case such a change

is wished for, one can always go to an hotel for a short time further in proving what I think is the best way. Why do we have so many pic-nic parties, and why do we have so many pic-nic parties, that it is so thoroughly enjoyable; nay, more, that it is the cheapest pleasures a man can have; but I will not return to another side of the question, the cost of the boat. There are two principal modes of camping out on the river Thames, and they differ mostly in their arrangements. The one is to sleep on the shore, and the other to sleep in the boat, arranged at night. I prefer the latter; but that idea on both sides should be given, I have induced a gentleman to spend a deal of his time in tent life on the river, and I will say on the subject. The only one advantage that a boat has over the boat is, that a narrower, smaller boat is better, but there are a number of things to be taken into consideration. I must confess I have never tried it, but I have seen my arrangement have left the boats arranged for sleeping on my plan, and does not involve any very great expense. It is termed in Oxford phrase, a Company gig with side-seats from the back rail, and a locker for food was fitted up (up and down); a locker for food was fitted up. The boat is about 18 ft. long and 4 ft. 6 in. wide in part, and is fitted with the usual mast at the front, close to the rudder-post, another short mast at the back for a flag-staff during the day. When arranged for sleeping is raised and fastened, then a side cover is secured with strings all round to the iron work, and fixed below the seats of the boat with strings, completely enclosing the middle part of the boat. On the side seats we place boards fitted on purpose, and on the side seats, under the cushions, in the day-

BRAY (continued).

INNS.

The "George," close to the river. (See p. 67.)

The "Hind's Head," in the village.

Boats housed and to be let.

*W. WOODHOUSE, at the "George" Inn.

Fishing.—The fishing round Bray is good for Jack, Perch, and Gudgeon; Barbel are found at the Weir and in the stream near Monkey Island; and Chub exist nearly everywhere, under the shelving banks on the one side of the river, and the ozier beds on the other.

FISHERMEN.

W. WOODHOUSE.

J. CHAPMAN.

J. CHAPMAN, jun.

Bathing at the Weir.

Inn at Amerden Bank (just below Bray Lock), and punts to let.

MONKEY ISLAND AND HOTEL.

From MAIDENHEAD BRIDGE, 2 m. 0 fur. 60 yds.; to Windsor Bridge, 4 m. 4 fur. 90 yds.

MONKEY ISLAND received its name from a pleasure-house built on it by the third Duke of Marlborough, the ceiling of which

is adorned with paintings of monkey sports. The house is now formed into a saloon, frequented by pleasure parties and anglers, the "George" is in good preservation, and the fishing all round here is good. The stream from Bray Lock past here is the best on the Thames.

Fishing punts to let.

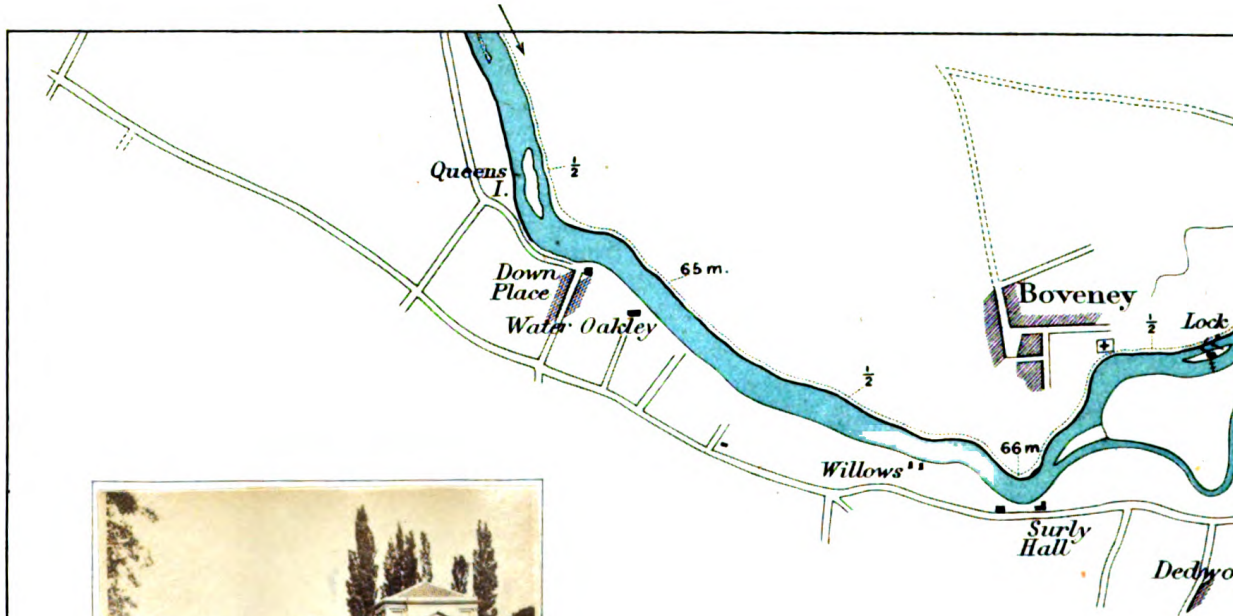
Fisherman, R. PLUMMER, jun.

Bathing from the island.

SURLEY HALL. Inn, (no beds). This is a fine fishing resort by parties from Windsor, and is frequented for the Eton boys, and where, in a magnificent hall, they hold their annual College festival on the fourth of July. Above is Water Oakley Court, a fine residence in the style of the 17th century. The fishing all round here for Gudgeon, is thoroughly good, particularly at the Weir, as Eykyn's Pool, near the Willows.

BOVENEY LOCK, from Monkey Island to Windsor Bridge, 1 m. 7 fur. 90 yds.: falls from 10 ft. in low water; average in summer, 3 ft.

Bathing at the Weir; also at Athelney. The Eton boys are away for the vacation, in



MONKEY ISLAND.

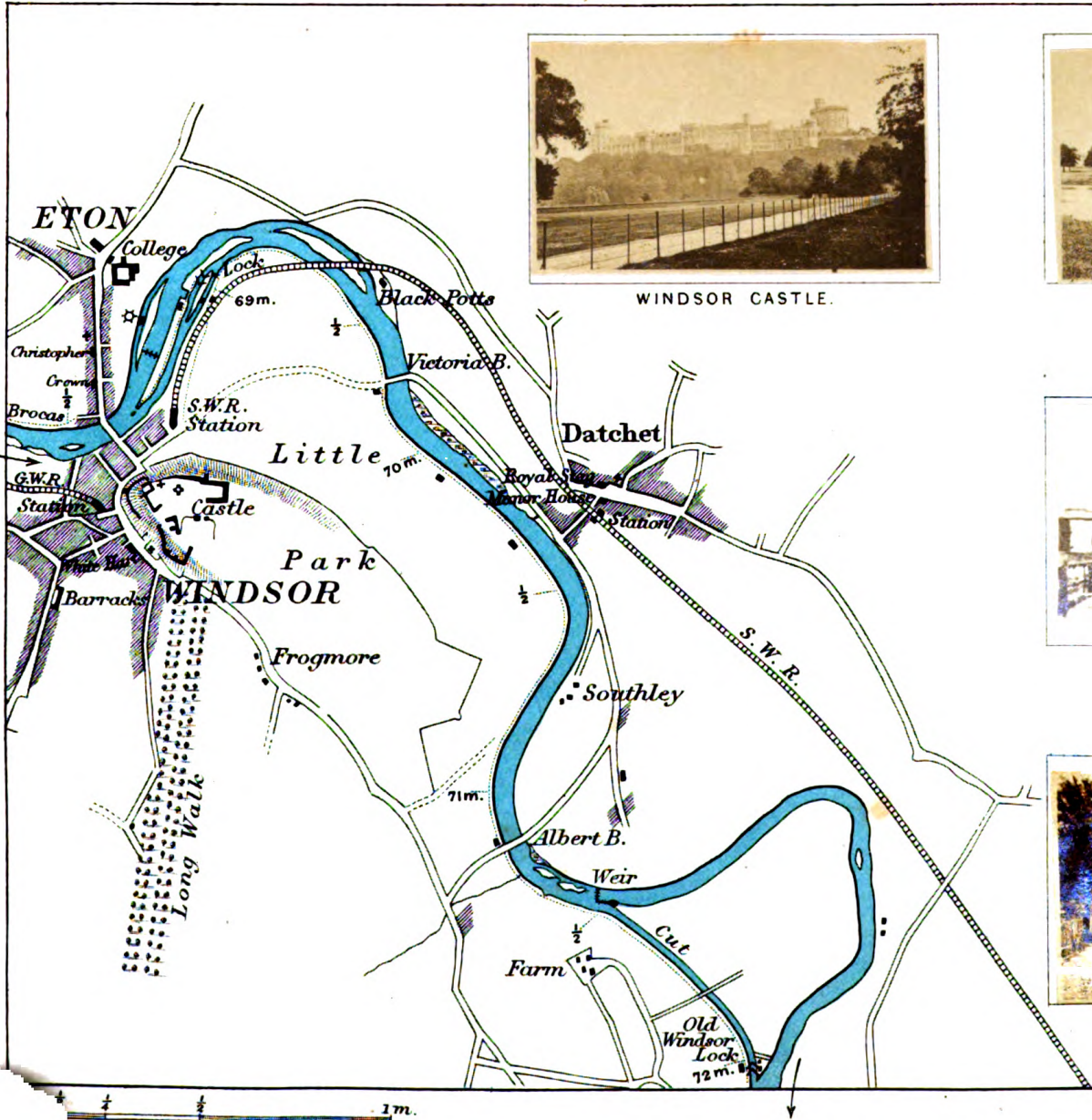


CLEWER CHURCH.



WINDSOR from the BROCAS





WINDSOR CASTLE.



ETON



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taken, there is also excellent Chub-fishing at the exit of the water at Dead Water Eyot; and from thence under the boughs down stream for a quarter of a mile quantities are caught, whipping with large artificial flies, either Bees, or Palmers. A little above the G.W.R. Bridge on the Windsor side is a capital Gudgeon pitch. Good bank-fishing for Roach is had from the Brocas shore, about fifty yards from the magnificent clump of elms; quantities are also captured at the back of the "Fireworks Eyot," on which is the grand pyrotechnic display at the Eton Festival on the fourth of June.

Below Windsor Bridge some fine Trout are always taken each season, and from Eton Weir to the Playing-fields, for about half-a-mile, is a famous Trout stream, in which some spotted beauties sport, and are often captured from the island. "New Works Hole," opposite "Sixth Form Bench," where the best cricketers of the school have tea on summer evenings, is a famous deep for Barbel; while at "the Needles," that "meeting of the waters" where the different streams divided by Romney Island unite and mingle in exceeding loveliness, is one of the choicest spots for punt-fishing on the entire Thames; it is much frequented by London anglers. The only other noticeable spots in the Windsor and Eton district is "Hog Hole," about 300 yards above Victoria Bridge, in mid-stream; it is of great depth, and full of Dace, Chub, and Barbel, with an occasional Trout.

Fishing-tackle Manufacturer, ROBERT SMITH, Eton, close to Windsor Bridge.

FISHERMEN.

GEO. HOLLAND ("Nottingham George"), assistant river-keeper; CHAS. BREACH; J. MAYSEY; JEM BRYAN; G. PLUMRIDGE; GEORGE LAMB; GEORGE HILL.

Fish.—Barbel, Chub, Roach, Pike, Trout, Gudgeon, Perch, Dace, &c.

Bathing. At Athens, on the main stream.

Windsor Bathing-place (by subscription) Windsor side.

Cuckoo Weir, a branch of the Thames

Also at Eton Weir.

ROMNEY LOCK, from Windsor Bridge to Victoria Bridge, 6 fur. 34 yds.

ETON COLLEGE stands near the river, near Lock: the view from this point is one of the finest from the north terrace of the Castle. Eton was founded by King Henry VI., in 1440. It still confers 70 of the scholarships at King's College, Cambridge, and 70 students annually to the two Universities. The exterior in the Perpendicular style is being equally chaste; it contains several fine windows, two of which are in memory of the Duke of Wellington in the Crimean war. The other buildings are not fine as specimens of architecture, but contain a number of our most celebrated men have been born among others, Wellington, Canning, Grant, and Gladstone.

Below Eton we pass, for the first time, the South-Western Railway, by an elegant bridge. After we reach Victoria, the first of the twin bridges, the Home-park. They are said to have been built by Albert, and the land between them being private property, none but persons towing a boat are allowed to be on shore. He was the Duke of Shakespeare, which stood hard by, and for some time an attraction, was blown down during a storm on the day of August, 1863. On the other bank the "mead" will be remembered as the scene of the ducking in the Thames; and of which we speak so feelingly—"that drowning swells a man's

D A T C H E T.

FROM this spot a pontoon bridge has been twice erected for the passage of troops by thousands, when there have been royal reviews in Windsor Great-park. There are, on the green, a few old English houses, but nothing else worthy of note, the Church having been newly restored in a style too modern to suit an English village landscape.

Boats to let.

JAS. COX.
JAS. HOARE.

HOTELS.

"Manor Hotel," (see p. 67.)
"Royal Stag."
Inn, "Morning Star."

RAILWAY STATION (S. E. R.), about 2 fur. from river.

Fishing.—At "Swan's Bridge," almost joining Albert Bridge, where the drain from Windsor Castle and the Barracks empties itself into the river, Roach and Dace, particularly the former, are caught literally by thousands: there is nothing in the whole course of the Thames equal to the immense number taken here by anglers; and there are often a dozen punts engaged at a time in the successful, but not over-sweet, occupation. As the stream is bordered by the private part of the Home-park, angling is only permitted here from boats.

In our notice of the fishing spots in this portion of our river, it is only necessary further to mention the well-known "Colnbrook Churchyard," situated in the old river at Old Windsor, about a quarter of a mile below the Weir, where hundreds of large Barbel and Chub are taken. The place is so named from a popular legend that, in the beginning of the seventeenth century, when highwaymen infested the main London-road from

Hounslow Heath to Colnbrook, and a great captain of the band, the bodies of their lives in the frequent deadly encounters to this place, heavily weighted in the Thames. It is a fact that a short time that had been evidently long embedded covered here by some ballast-heavers.

FISHERMEN.

GEO. KEEN; —. PEARCE; GEO. BAILEY.

OLD WINDSOR LOCK, from Albert Bridge to Magna Charta Island, 1 m. 3 fur.: falls 6 in. in low water; average in summer, a

The river, after leaving the Albert Bridge, the new Weir: the boat-track being the same. At Old Windsor Lock are some new Weirs supplying the Castle, &c.

THE "Bells of Ouseley," a noted Inn on seven furlongs below, in a very pleasant spot there is fishing in abundance. The country river just below here.

Boats to let, WILLIAM HAYNES.

Fisherman, WILLIAM HAYNES.

MAGNA CHARTA ISLAND, from Old Windsor to Bell Weir Lock, 1 m. 3 fur. 157 yds.

MAGNA CHARTA ISLAND is well known in history as being the place where, on the 15th of June, 1215, the Barons forced King John to sign the Great Charter of England, and which has since that forms the birthright of every Englishman, said to have been signed upon a stone,

a table in the cottage. On the other side of the river is Runnymede. Ankerwycke, just below, is also historical. Henry VIII. is said to have wooed Anne Boleyn under a yew-tree still in existence, and also to have waited there for the signal following her execution. Ankerwycke House stands near the ruins of a priory of Benedictine nuns, founded by Sir Gilbert Montfichet, the owner of the manor in the reign of Henry II.

Cooper's Hill, on the other side of the river, forms part of the elevated range which encloses the view. It is well known from Denham's poem, of which the following is a specimen :—

"My eye, descending from this hill, surveys
Where Thames among the wanton valley strays :—
Thames, the most loved of all the ocean's sons
By his old sire, to his embraces runs,—
Hasting to pay his tribute to the sea ;
Like mortal life to meet eternity.

* * * * *
... Godlike his unwearied bounty flows ;
First loves to do, then loves the good he does."

Fishing.—Close to the "Bells" is a good place for Gudgeon, where they are to be found in large quantities ; and from here right down below Ankerwycke, is first-class water for trolling and Roach-fishing. Barbel find a home close to Magna Charta Island, and also at the Bell Weir ; whilst under the boughs on the Buckinghamshire side, Perch and Chub are to be found.

BELL WEIR LOCK, Egham, from Magna Charta Island, 1 m. 3 fur. 157 yds. ; to Staines Bridge, 7 fur. 195 yds. : falls from 1 ft. in high to 6 ft. in low water ; average in summer, about 5 ft.

EGHAM stands on the south side of the river, not far from Bell Weir. Its Church, which is excessively plain, contains monuments to Sir John Denham and his two wives.

Inn at Bell Weir Lock, the "Angler's Rest." (See p. 68.)

Boats to let and housed, E. HAWKES, ("Angler's Rest.")

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at EGHAM : Mr. LARKIN, Stationer.

RAILWAY STATION, Egham (S. W. R.) 5 fur. from the river.

HOTELS, (at Egham)

The "Catherine Wheel ;" the "King's Arms ;" the "Three Fishermen."

JAMES KEEN ; EDWARD WELLBELOVED ;
Ferry to Wraysbury.

STAINES

JUST above Staines, the river Colne flows. Close to one stands "London Stone," the ancient jurisdiction of the city of London. The top of the original stone was inscribed "City of London, A.D. 1280," some of which is still legible. Staines Bridge is of white granite, the failure of several attempts to construct a new one near the Church, called Duncroft, said to have been built by King John's ; but the house scarcely dates from the Elizabethan style. It has a large number of factories of Linoleum floor-cloth.

RAILWAY STATION (S. W. R.), some 5 fur. from the town ; branches from here to Uxbridge and to the "Hotel," the "Angel and Crown," High Wycombe.

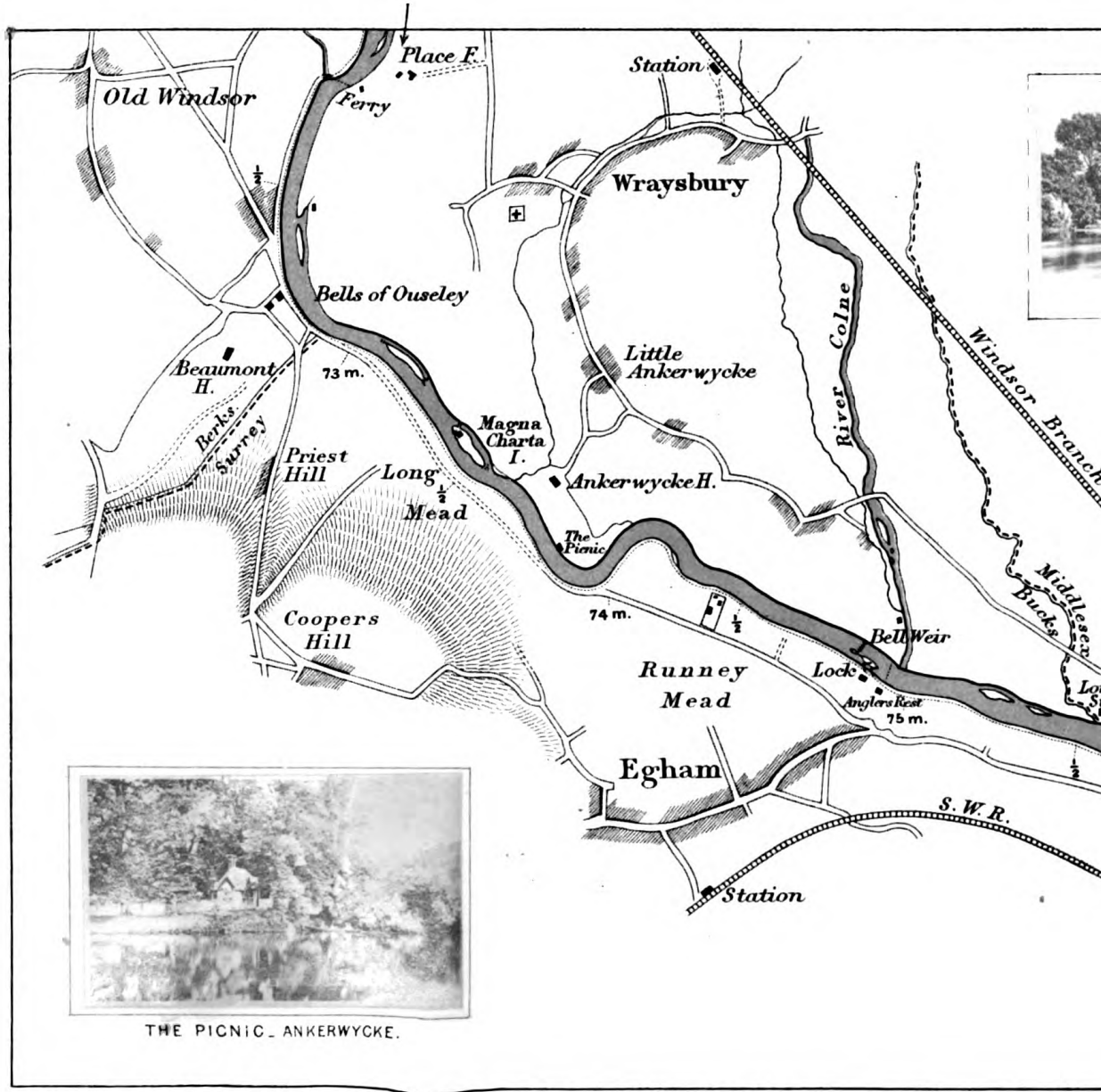
INNS.

The "Swan ;" the "Pack-horse," (S. W. R. Inn ;" the "White Lion ;" the "Ship."

Boats to be let and housed

*HENRY VEARS, (near the church) ; J. CAMBERS ; H. LEACH, near the bridge.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Staines : Mr. LARKIN, Stationer.



THE PICNIC - ANKERWYCKE.



STAINES CHURCH.



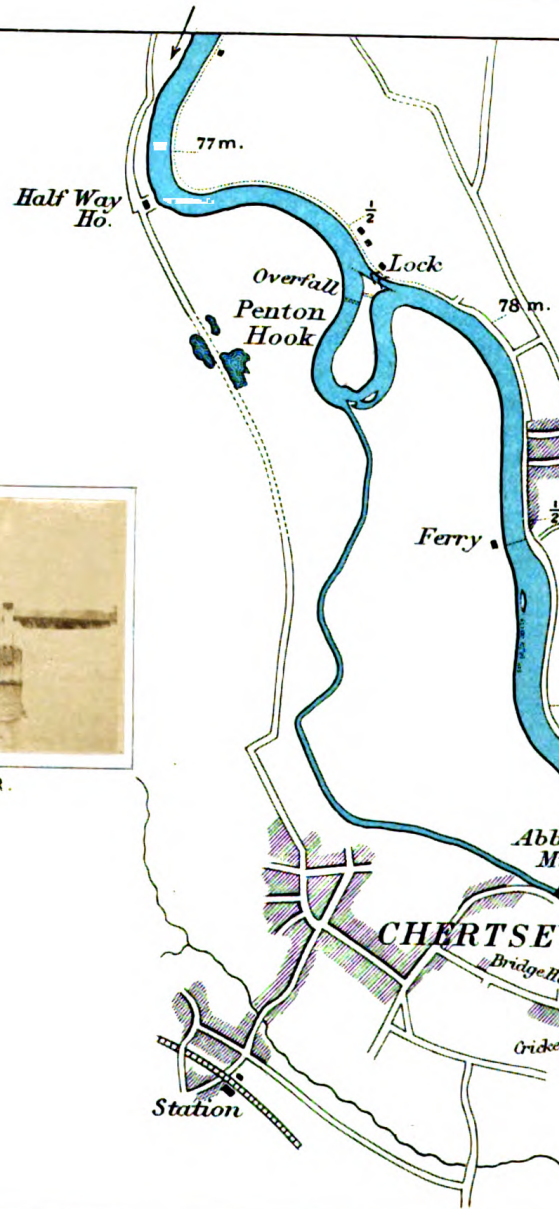
STAINES BRIDGE.



CHERTSEY WEIR.



CHERTSEY LOCK & BRIDGE.



SCALE 2 INCHES TO A MILE.

Fishing.—At Staines Bridge there is excellent Barbel-fishing, and from the bank close by, just below where the drain from the brewery enters, is Roach and Gudgeon-fishing. In the back-water Perch are to be found, and above London Stone a fly will generally secure fine Chub. At Bell Weir Lock are some excellent swims. Below Staines bridge is a good Roach swim, and a little further down, close where the old bridge used to stand, is a noted swim for Barbel. Along the towing-path, still further on, is very respectable bank-fishing, whilst at Truss's Island are Perch and Roach.

FISHERMEN.

HENRY VEARS ; THOS. FLETCHER ; WM. CAMBERS ; HY. AMOR ; GEO. NIXON.

Bathing at Vears's Bathing-house, near the Church.

PENTON HOOK LOCK, from Staines Bridge, 1 m. 6 fur. 168 yds. ; to Laleham Ferry, 6 fur. 140 yds. : falls, 2 ft. 6 in. ; does not vary much.

Good bathing on the Hook.

L A L E H A M.

LALEHAM FERRY, from Penton Hook Lock, 6 fur. 140 yds. ; to Chertsey Lock, 1 m. 1 fur. 4 yds.

Laleham and Penton Hook are well known as splendid fishing localities, and are much frequented by anglers from London. It is, without exception, the best neighbourhood for fly-fishing on the Thames, and the takes are generally heavy.

To an angler camping out, this place offers unusual facilities ; for, whilst he is in the midst of pleasant scenery and good fishing, he is close to a town where he can procure everything he may need, and the distance by the rail from London is less than an hour.

INNS.

The "Horse Shoes."
The "Feathers."

Boats to be let or housed, F. TROTTER, at

FISHERMEN.

SAML. HARRIS ; JOHN HARRIS ; WM. HARRIS ; FRANK HARRIS ; SAML. SCOTT.

Gentlemen who stop here often go to the inns where are inns. (See under Chertsey.)

C H E R T S E Y

CHERTSEY LOCK, from Laleham Ferry, 1 m. 7 fur. 183 yds. ; Shepperton Lock, 1 m. 7 fur. 183 yds. : to 3 ft. 9 in. in low water ; average in summer

CHERTSEY LOCK-HOUSE stands in the Middlesex side of the river. Traces are of a curved channel in which the Thames here being built the course of the stream was altered. Chertsey Bridge stands just below.

At the top part of the Weir-pool, there is a stream running from Penton Hook through Chertsey. Chertsey is an ancient town of great antiquity in its appearance. It contains a church for its beauty, though scarcely so ugly as the one on the other side of the Thames. The ancient town was mainly owing to the noble Abbey, founded for the Benedictines. In the ninth century it was destroyed by the Danes, who murdered the monks, ninety in number. Edgar, in 964, rebuilt the monastery. In 1010, the Saxon Chertsey

year men began to work at the new monastery at Chertsey." The monastery prospered after this. It is said to have "covered 4 acres of ground, and looked like a town." The abbot wore the mitre, was a baron, owing military service to the king, and had privileges as wide as was customary with lord abbots. The domains of the Abbey extended all along the side of the river, a long way being a very fine meadow. They made a cut at the upper end of it, which, taking in the waters of the river when it approached the Abbey, gained sufficient fall for a water-mill. Of all this a fragment of wall, a rude gateway, part of a farm-house, and the cut which still works a mill, are the sole remains.

Chertsey is also known from its connection with Cowley, the poet, whose house still stands in Guildford-street. St. Anne's Hill, near Chertsey, was the residence of Charles James Fox, the noted politician. It is still a pleasant walk on a summer's day.

HOTELS.

"Chertsey Bridge Hotel," landing-stage just above the bridge.
The "Cricketers," close below the bridge. (See p. 69.)
The "Swan," the "Crown," in Chertsey.

INNS.

"Prince Regent," "King's Head," in Chertsey.

CHERTSEY STATION (S. W. R., Branch), Guildford-street, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Bridge.

FISHERMEN.

WM. GALLOWAY, sen. ; THOS. GALLOWAY, jun. ; JOHN KEEN ; JAS. HASLETT ; JOHN POULTER ; THOS. TAYLOR ; —. TAYLOR, jun.

Fishing.—Below Chertsey Bridge, Trout, Dace, and Roach abound, and good sport may be reckoned on ; also, nearing Shepperton, Jack and Chub take up their quarters, and are generally to be found at home.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agents at Chertsey : KEMPSON and SON, Market-place.

WEYBRIDGE

SHEPPERTON LOCK, from Chertsey I to Halliford Point, 1 m. 2 fur. 33 yds. : 4 feet ; (very slow in emptying).

SHEPPERTON LOCK is situated on a making a detour through the Weir. V from the river up the back-water lea a long straggling place, boasting a m a very elegant new Church. The Wey the upper being the navigable one, proceed to Guildford or Basingstoke Wey and Arun Canal, is now imprac the abandonment of the navigation on rather picturesque, and a few miles Newark Abbey, with its legend of the r under the Wey." The Waverley stre water, also joins here. The average (mouth of the Wey), is about 9 feet.

Hotel, Weybridge, "Lincoln Arms," cl

INNS.

"Queen's Head," "Ship," "King's in the village.

WEYBRIDGE STATION (S. W. R., Mar from the river.

Boats housed and t

J. HARRIS, "Lincoln Arms ;" E. K

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Weybridge

Fishing.—John Harris, of the “Lincoln Arms,” tells me that “the reach from Chertsey Bridge to Shepperton is a very fine one for all kinds of fish: Chertsey scour is good for Trout and Dace; Dumsey swim being a fine place for Barbel and Dace, and Datchet Point for Pike. At the back of Shepperton Weir, down to the landing for Weybridge, (the whole of the back-water leading up to the Weir,) is one of the finest streams for Trout we have about here.” I merely add, that John Harris will be only too pleased to give any further information.

FISHERMEN.

J. HARRIS, W. HOUSE, “Lincoln Arms;” W. KEEN; E. KEEN; A. KEEN.

SHEPPERTON AND HALLIFORD.

SHEPPERTON, like Weybridge, is a good deal resorted to by anglers. Jack, Perch, Chub, and Bream are to be found; Barbel and other fish are also plentiful. This part of the river, right down to Richmond, is eminently a fishing as well as a pleasure resort, and where, on the upper stream, one sees a few bank anglers or a single punt in miles of distance, here they are everywhere to be met with, and form a feature in the landscape.

Hotel, Shepperton, the “Anchor.” (See p. 70.)

INNS.

“King’s Head.”

“Rose and Crown.”

Boats to be let or housed by G. and F. PURDUE. (See p. 69.)

FISHERMEN.

WM. ROGERSON; F. PURDUE; S. PURDUE; G. ROSEWELL; C. BROADHEAD; H. PURDUE, jun.

SHEPPERTON STATION (S. W. R.), about
HALLIFORD POINT, from Shepperton L.
to Walton Bridge, 6 fur. 156 yds.

HOTELS (Halliford)

The “Ship.” (See p. 70.)

The “Red Lion.”

Inn, The “Crown.”

**Boats to let by* THOS. ROSEWELL.

FISHERMEN.

E. ROSEWELL; T. ROSEWELL; T. PURDUE.

WALTON-ON-T

WALTON BRIDGE, from Halliford Point
Sunbury Lock, 1 m. 5 fur. 130 yds.

A short distance before reaching here the stream, is a place known as Cowey Stalford by which Cæsar crossed the Thames found here not many years back. Walton has two sets of arches—is two bridges, in fact some years ago, and is replaced by another *old* bridge, as it is called, is carried on a bed of ground, which, according to an old tradition, was the site of a bridge of the Thames. Walton Church is an old building of the twelfth century. It contains, amongst other things, a stone of Shannon, by Roubilliac, and to William Charles I. There is also a curious brass representing the figure of a man riding on a stag, plunging a sword. This person, (Selwyn) was killed on the back of a stag in the heat of the

with his sword towards Queen Elizabeth, and when he came near her, plunged it into the animal's throat, so that he fell dead at her feet.

In the vestry is preserved one of those curious instruments, a scold's bit, the use of which was to make the offender hold her tongue.

Near Walton is Oatlands Park, once the favourite residence of Queen Elizabeth; it is now turned into a magnificent hotel, and, still standing in its beautiful grounds, affords a residence surpassed by few of its competitors in England.

HOTELS.

"Oatlands' Park," (see p. 76); "Duke's Head," in Walton.

INNS.

The "Anglers," close to the river, (see p. 70); the "Old Manor House;" the "Crown," (see p. 71).

Boats to be let and housed.

J. ROGERSON; J. ROSEWELL; GEO. HONE.

Horses for towing, J. ROSEWELL.

Fishing.—At Walton is one of the best pitches for Bream on the Thames, not far from the old wooden bridge that carries the towing-path over the entrance to the back-water; and, in places all the way to Sunbury Weir, Bream and Barbel are to be found. Chub likewise and Dace exist along the Middlesex shore, whilst now and then Trout make their appearance.

FISHERMEN.

J. ROGERSON; J. ROSEWELL; G. HONE.

RAILWAY STATION at Walton (S. W. R., Main Line), about 1½ miles from the river.

H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Oatlands: Mr. NORTH, Stationer.

SUNBURY

SUNBURY LOCK, from Walton Bridge to Hampton Ferry, 2 m. 0 fur. 110 yds. : 6 feet: is very slow in emptying.

There is nothing of importance at Sunbury, anything but pretty or antique. The bridge over the Thames with Trout, &c., close to the river, is very fine. The river-keeper, J. MILBOURN, who lives at Sunbury, is very obliging to explain their peculiarities.

SUNBURY STATION (S. W. R., Branch to Sunbury) is on the river.

INNS.

The "Magpie" (see p. 71), the "Village Inn," the "Flower Pot," the "Castle," in Sunbury, are on the Surrey shore.

Boats housed and towed.

*E. CLARK; *T. and A. STROUD.

Ponies for towing, J. MILBOURN.

Fishing.—Sunbury Weir, with the mill race, is a fine reach for fly-fishing, as well as for coarse fish. A back-water runs out below the weir on the Surrey side, and is good for Dace: lower down the river, amongst the rod-aits, are Chub and Jack. At the Works, are Perch and Jack; whilst at the Mill, are Roach, Dace, Barbel, &c. Round the mill, are now and then Trout, and in the back-water, Chub, &c.

Thames River-keeper, J. MILBOURN.

FISHERMEN.

E. CLARK; T. and A. STROUD.

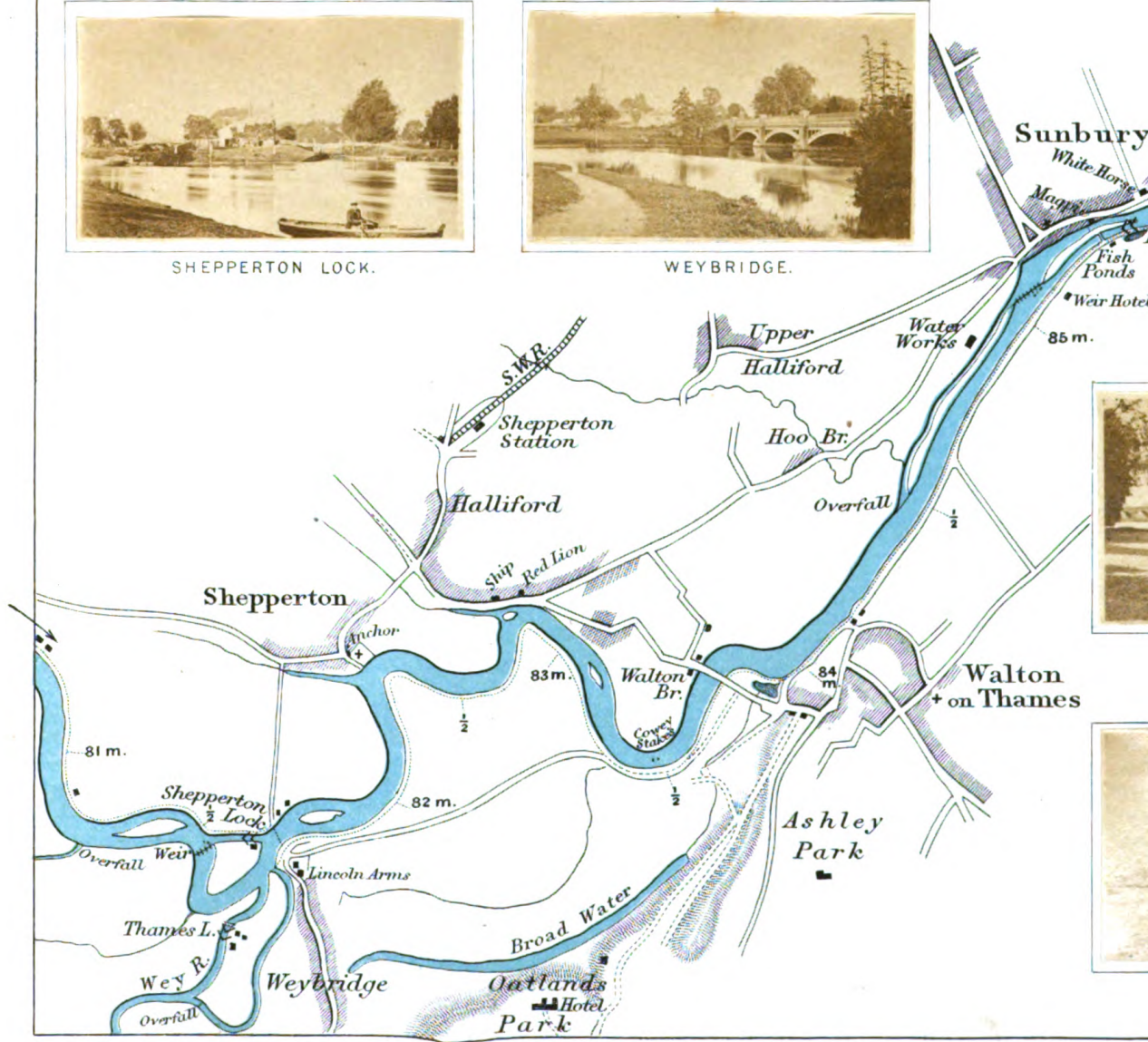
H. W. TAUNT'S Agent at Sunbury: Mr. NORTH, Stationer.

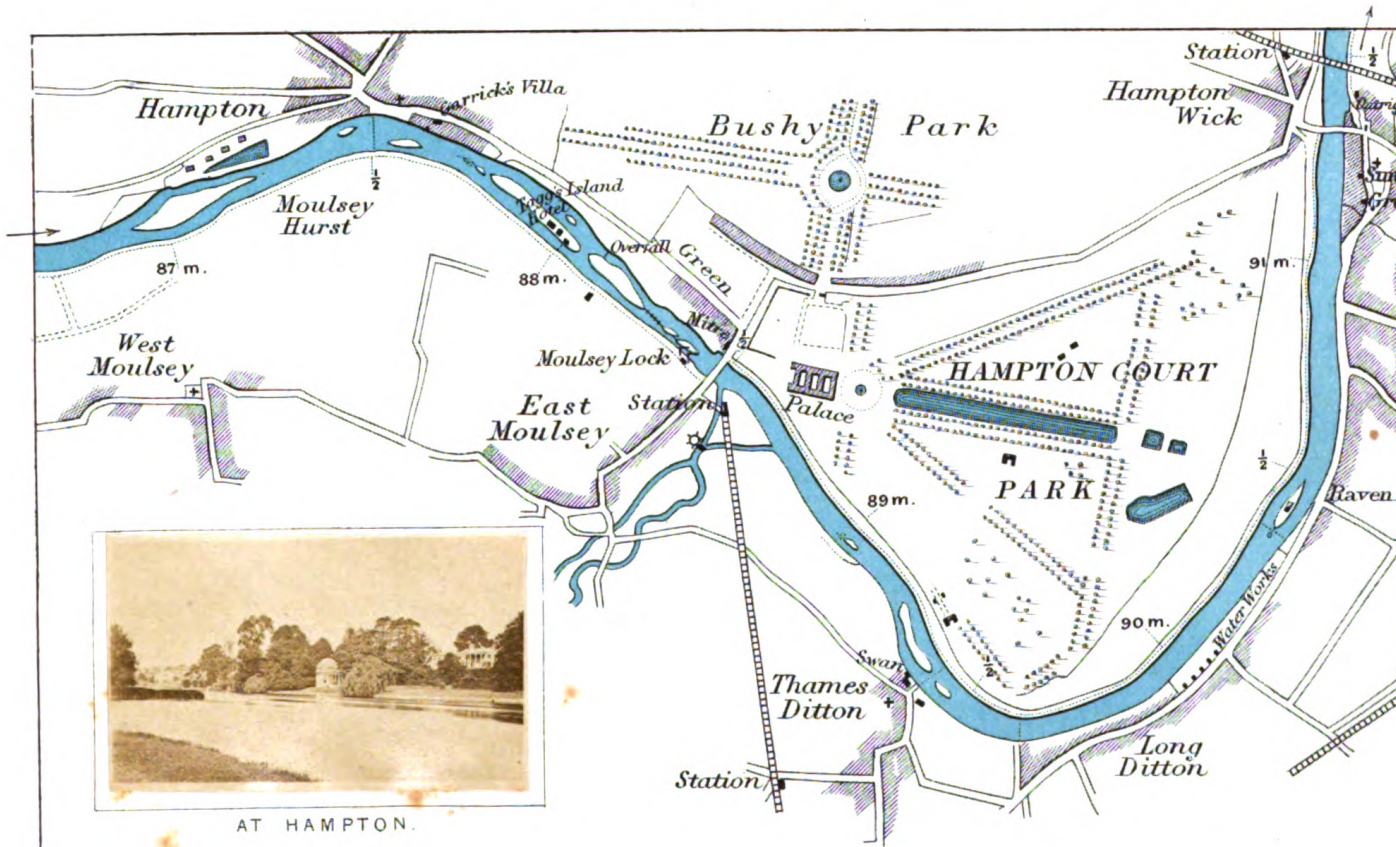


SHEPPERTON LOCK.



WEYBRIDGE.





AT HAMPTON.



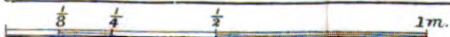
HAMPTON COURT PALACE.



THAMES DITTON.



CORONATION S...



H A M P T O N.

HAMPTON FERRY, from Sunbury, 2 m. 0 fur. 110 yds.; to Moulsey Lock, 6 fur. 110 yds.

RAILWAY STATION (S. W. R., Branch), about 1 mile from the river.

HAMPTON is only noted for its races, which take place on what is known as Moulsey Hurst, on the Surrey side of the river. It once had even a more unenviable reputation, when prize-fights and duels were the rage; but these have passed away. The most noticeable house is that in which Garrick lived, after his retirement from the stage. It may be known by the Rotunda standing close to the river, which contained the statue of Shakespeare, now in the British Museum.

Hotel, the "Lion."

INNS.

The "Bell."

The "Crown." (See p. 71.)

Boats to be let and housed.

*BENN and SON.

*J. SNELL.

*J. LANGSHAW.

W. SNELL.

MARY SNELL.

Ponies for towing, DAVID HILL.

FISHERMEN.

BENN and SON.

R. GODDARD.

J. SNELL.

J. LANGSHAW.

W. SNELL.

TAGG'S ISLAND AND

Boats to be let and housed, *T. G. TAGG.

Hotel, "Island Hotel." (See p. 72.)

MOULSEY AND HAMPTON

MOULSEY LOCK, from Hampton Ferry, 1 m. 0 fur. 209 yds.: fall 6 feet. There is a boat-launch here, open to the river, for the purpose of launching boats, to save them going through the series of rollers down an incline, and into the Lock.

HAMPTON COURT STATION (S. W. R., Branch), Bridge, Surrey side.

HAMPTON COURT BRIDGE, just below the picturesque iron structure, which stands on a wooden bridge, and connects the village of Hampton Court. Moulsey has nothing to do with the palace of Hampton Court must not be taken into consideration being drawn to it. It stands on the Surrey shore, at a distance from the river, and forms a pleasant view of the Surrey shore. Early in the thirteenth century Hampton Court was bequeathed to the Knights of Jerusalem; it remained in their possession until the Prior of the order to grant him a lease, he commenced the erection of his palace in 1515, which it was built excited much envy, and the whole a present to his master, Henry VIII.

The King accepted the gift, and gave the name of palace of Richmond. Henry built the palace of Richmond. Henry built the palace of Richmond.

additions to the buildings, and converted the country round into a chase, which he stocked with deer. Edward VI. was born at Hampton Court. Charles I. was confined here, and tried to make his escape, but failed. William III. pulled down and rebuilt a great part of the palace, under the direction of Sir Christopher Wren; and his death was caused here by his horse stumbling over a mole-hill. Pope immortalized the residence of Queen Anne here, in his poem, "The Rape of the Lock." At present the state apartments, with their rich treasures of art, and the beautiful gardens, are open to the public. The greatest glory of Hampton Court was the collection of cartoons by Raphael, designed to be copied in tapestry for the Sistine Chapel in Rome; they are now in the South Kensington Museum. The gardens, with the celebrated vine, are also objects of attraction; and the fun of being lost in the Maze has helped to brighten many a holiday at Hampton Court.

The river Mole joins the Thames by two mouths at Moulsey.

Boats housed and to be let.

*T. G. TAGG.
R. WATFORD.
G. SIDDINGS.
H. TAGG.
T. TAGG, sen.

HOTELS.

The "Mitre," Hampton Court.
Tagg's Island Hotel, (see under Tagg's Island).
The "Castle."
The "Prince of Wales," Moulsey.
Inn, the "Carnarvon Castle," Moulsey.

Fishing.—Moulsey Weir is noted for its Trout, and good fishing is to be had at Hampton Court Bridge, just below. The water

gallery hole, close under the rails on the
a safe refuge for good Trout; and on the
water will repay a cast with the fly. Ro
abound all down this reach; and in s
are to be found. A fine place for can
land just behind the first little ait below

FISHERMEN.

WM. MILBOURNE; THOS. DAVIS and
THOS. WHEELER; J. HEDGER; JOH
V. STONE; WM. ROGERSON; C. GRIFFI

THAMES DI

THE "Swan Hotel," at Ditton, has a
well sustained by its present host. It is
described by Theodore Hook, whose
recited in the village. The following is

"Here in a placid waking dr
I'm free from worldly tre
Calm as the rippling silver
That in the sunshine bul
And, when sweet Eden's b
Some abler bard has wri
Despairing to transcend his
I'll *ditto* say for *Ditton*."

RAILWAY STATION (S. W. R.), about 4

Hotel, the "Swan."

Boats housed and to be let.

W. TAGG.
J. TAGG.
H. ROGERSON.
H. TAGG.

Fishing.—The fishing from here to Kingston is for Trout, moderate; Barbel, good; Roach, Dace, and Gudgeon, exceedingly good.

At Thames Ditton deeps are Jack; and below, along the walls of the Water Works, are heavy Perch.

FISHERMEN.

W. TAGG.
J. TAGG.
H. ROGERSON.

At Long Ditton, just below, boats are let by H. HAMMERTON and B. BUTTERY; the latter of whom also pursues the occupation of fisherman.

SURBITON.

SOON after leaving Ditton we reach Surbiton, with its favourite promenade along the bank of the river, and rows of pretty villa residences behind; but there is nothing else to attract our attention.

Boats housed and to be let.

*J. MESSENGER, Raven Ait.
MRS. PARKER, Surbiton Promenade.

The Thames Sailing Club has its head-quarters here.

KINGSTON.

KINGSTON BRIDGE, from Thames Ditton, 1 m. 7 fur. 55 yds.; to Teddington Lock, 1 m. 6 fur. 88 yds.

KINGSTON RAILWAY STATION (S. W. R. bridge).

THE history of Kingston-on-Thames existed under the Romans; in Saxon times still retains the celebrated king's or coronation days has been placed in a favourable spot in the market-place; and on it is engraved the names of nine kings, said to have been crowned here. The coronation of Edwy took place here, an event which caused the brutal brand of Elfgiva, and the deposition and death of the king, noticed in Domesday Book as a royal domain, owes its first charter. The Church, which was founded by Richard II., the market-place and tower are the only objects of interest, besides the market. A large market is held here, and the quarters of several rowing clubs, some of which are used in the various regattas held here, and at other times.

Boats housed and to be let.

*J. MESSENGER; J. STEVENS; *R. THOMAS (see p. 72); *F. EASTLAND; *C. and A. BURTON, Wick, (see p. 72).

Ponies for hire for towing, MRS. MERRILL.
Waterman, J. SMITH.

HOTELS.

The "Griffin." (See p. 73.)
The "Sun."

H. W. TAUNT'S Agents at Kingston: R. CLARKE, PHILLIPSON, Stationer, Market-place, and MORRIS.

INNS.

The "Outrigger;" the "Anglers;" and the "Ram."

Fishing.—At Kingston, fishing is fully up to the average for Roach, Chub, and Bream; Barbel are to be found near both the bridges; and below the railway bridge, close to the mouth of the sewer, are Roach, with splendid Barbel in a hole close by: Chub line the aits below, where a fly may be thrown with every chance of success; and fine Jack abound all along the reach down to Teddington Weir, just above which, at Rat Island, is a good place for Roach and Perch.

FISHERMEN.

JOHNSON and SONS; WM. CLARK; W. BAGNELL; and JOSEPH STEVENS and SON, Barge Walk Cottage, 3 fur. below the bridge.

TEDDINGTON.

TEDDINGTON LOCK, from Kingston Bridge, 1 m. 6 fur. 88 yds.; to Eel-Pie Island, 1 m. 1 fur. 22 yds.: falls from 6 in. at high tides to 5 ft. 9 in. in low summer water; average in summer, about 5 ft.

RAILWAY STATION (S. W. R.), 5 fur. from the river.

TEDDINGTON LOCK is the last upon the Thames, and is divided into two; the small lock on the left hand being for pleasure-boats. The tide runs up to the Weir, and flows about an hour.

I must call attention here to what I consider an imposition, and warn my fellow-oarsmen that if they cross at the ferry from the Lock side to the village, or *vice versa*, the sum of three-pence will be demanded. The watermen give, as a reason for their charge, the fact that they are under the control of the Waterman's Company, being below Teddington Weir, and that their

rules allow them to do so. This matter does not diminish the imposition of the

Boats housed and to be let, *J. MESSENGER Hotel, the "Anglers," close to the river Inn, "Royal Oak."

WATERMEN.

HENRY HARRIS; WILLIAM FRANCIS;

FERRY, (*see note above*)

Fishing.—The fishing, below Teddington is thoroughly good; as is well attested by punts that ever and anon dot the river down. The favourite spots are the Weir pool, the force; and just at the bend of the river where often as many as twenty punts are

FISHERMEN.

W. KEMP AND SONS; J. KEMP; S. BALDWIN; B. STEVENS.

TWICKENHAM, AND ISLAND

BETWEEN Teddington and Twickenham mansions of Strawberry Hill and Pope's lies back from the water, and is noted for Walpole, who turned it into a Gothic mansion stood just above, where the curve of the ham begins. It was pulled down by the willow destroyed, that was so well noted by the poet himself. The grotto, I believe, is a mutilated state.



STAR & GARTER - RICHMOND.



View from EEL PIE ISLAND.



TEDDINGTON LOCKS.





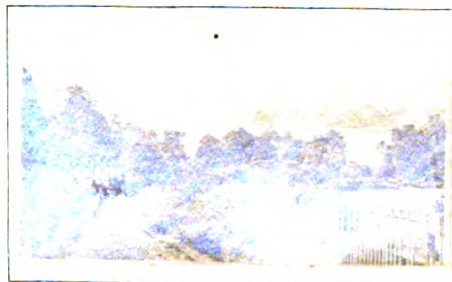
View at MORTLAKE.



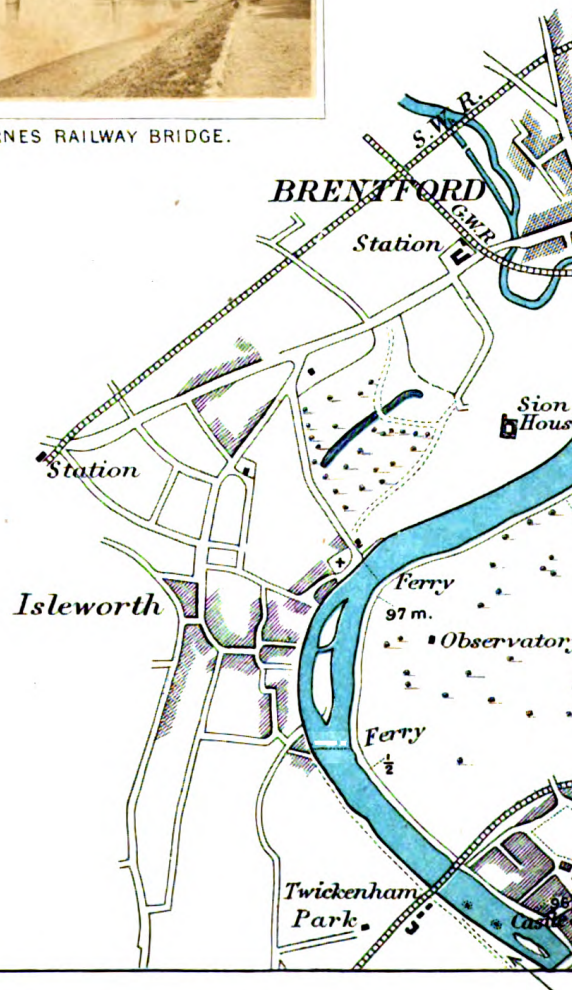
BARNES RAILWAY BRIDGE.



RICHMOND BRIDGE.



View from RICHMOND HILL.



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SCALE 2 INCHES TO A MILE

Eel-Pie Island, just below, is a well-known resort for visitors up the river, and fine views of Richmond Hill, as well as Twickenham, can be obtained from it. Twickenham Church contains the tomb of Pope; but is only interesting from this association, it being an ugly specimen of debased architecture. Just below Twickenham Ferry is the residence of the Princes of Orleans, known by the vases of flowers on the river-wall; and on the opposite side of the river—surrounded with foliage,—is Ham House, the interior of which is said to present an almost unchanged example of a Stuart mansion. The river here is very shallow at low tide, with a swift stream, and the mud-banks will not allow of towing; so that it is always, if possible, better for the oarsman to wait for the tide, than face the rapid current.

HOTELS.

The "White Cross," Eel-Pie Island; the "King's Head," (see p. 74); the "Albany," Twickenham.

INNS.

The "Swan;" the "Queen's Head;" the "Two Sawyers;" and the "George," Twickenham.

Boats to let.

T. COOPER, at the Ferry; J. HAMMERTON; JOHN COXON; E. HAMMERTON; G. COLLIS.

WATERMEN.

G. LEE; C. LEE; H. HAMMERTON; J. HAMMERTON; J. JERDON; W. FRANCIS.

FISHERMEN.

E. FINCH; T. COXON; J. COXON; S. COWELL; T. CHAMBERLAIN; H. CHAMBERLAIN; J. BRAND; S. MESLEY; W. FRANCIS; GEO. COLLIS; RICH. MOFFATT; J. HENNESSEY.

RICHMOND AND PETERSHAM.

PASSING Marble Hill, on the left bank of the river, the views of Richmond gradually unfold their beauty as we float nearer to them. The first place on which our eye rests is the "Star and Garter," a fine building, standing out in a bold position on the brow of the hill, and commanding from its windows the most

extensive views. The Duke of Buccleugh the river at the corner, on turning which sight.

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RICHMOND, once designated Schene, was a town. Henry I. had a house here; and its existence are dated at Sheen, during the reign of Henry II.; Edward III. died at the palace in 1327 here for part of his reign, and Chaucer was the palace of Sheen, under him. It was destroyed by fire, and changed the name to Richmond, when Henry VII., who rebuilt the palace, occasionally resided here, and, on Wolsey presenting to him the manor of Richmond at his pleasure, he was a prisoner here during part of the reign of Edward VI. she also inhabited it when queen, and during the building fell into decay, and when the palace was the ascendancy, it was partly dismantled. A gateway exists, on the western side of Richmond, which was a gateway and a turreted building. According to tradition the room over the gateway is that in which Elizabeth died, after the interview with Elizabeth I. confessed to having kept back the ring which she had sentence of death, had entrusted her to the green was once the favourite jousting ground. The days of the palace; and is still used as a garden. But the interest arising from these memories is eclipsed by the natural beauty which unfolds on the hill: the view from which is one of the finest on the river. It has been celebrated in poetry and in our best English landscape-painters have immortalized it on canvas. The prospect well repays the

hill, and the boat can be left at the corner, close to the Duke of Buccleugh's, in care of one of the watermen there, whilst you are gone. When on the hill, pay a visit to the park—enclosed by Charles I.—from which also extensive views are to be obtained. Richmond Bridge is a picturesque structure of five arches, and, being prettily situated, is a great ornament to the river. The poet Thomson lived at Richmond, and wrote several of his poems here; he is buried in the old church.

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ISLEWORTH A

LEAVING Richmond, the river flows side by the fine walk which stretches r dens to the bridge; and on the other, sions, soon arrives at Isleworth. Isle to boast except the Church tower, being an ugly structure of brick. I to Sion close by. The site of Sion, of the Duke of Northumberland, wa the order of St. Bridget, the only one o was suppressed by Henry VIII., who r it was presented by Edward VI. to the after his attainder and execution, to the Lady Jane Grey resided here when th the accepting of which led to her dea when the estate once more reverted to stored by Queen Mary to the Sisters o cially of St. Bridget. Elizabeth, howev gave Sion to the Earl of Northumberlan remains.

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KEW GARDENS border the river on the Surrey shore, and form one of the attractions to London holiday-folk, who come here to spend a day's outing in the beautiful plant-houses, &c. They were *private* pleasure-gardens belonging to the Crown, but during the reign of her present Majesty they have been generously relinquished, and put under the management of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests as public national gardens. They are open free.

STRAND-ON-THE-GREEN lies on the other side of the river, below Kew Bridge, but has no noticeable features. Kew Bridge is of stone ; it was opened in 1790.

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The "Oxford and Cambridge," (see p. 73) ; "Star and Garter." *Inn*, "Rose and Crown."

MORTLAKE.

FROM Kew to Mortlake is a long dreary bit of the Thames, without any object of interest to break up its loneliness, except on such occasions as the Oxford and Cambridge Boat-race, when the river is alive with countless legions of boats of every shape and calibre.

The village of Mortlake was the residence of Dr. Dee, the celebrated astrologer and alchymist in the reign of Elizabeth : he died here, and was buried in the churchyard. Partridge, also, the almanac-maker, whose death was humorously predicted by Swift, and afterwards maintained by argument to be true, also lies here. Mortlake is famous as the site of the first tapestry manufactory in England ; it was set up by Sir Francis Crane in 1619, but did not long prosper. Mortlake owes its notoriety at the present day to

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CHISWICK

CHISWICK CHURCH forms a pleasing ob is well known from being the burial-place painter, as well as of several other persons House, the seat of the Duke of Devon further up the stream, and is known fo which would rank still higher were they n ticultural gardens at hand. The celebra and George Canning both died here.

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HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE, from Barnes Ra 196 yds. ; to Putney Bridge, 1 m. 6 fur. 22 3 hrs. 45 min.

PASSING Chiswick Ait, we soon arrive a the Thames is crossed by a graceful susper to the one at Marlow. A short distar stood Brandenburg House, the residence,

fortunate wife of George IV. ; she also died here. Soon after her death the house was razed to the ground. Hammersmith Church is a finer building than many we have passed in the latter part of the Thames, and contains a remarkable monument to Sir Nicholas Crispe, supporting a bronze bust of Charles I. In Hammersmith itself is nothing worthy of notice.

Boats housed and to be let.

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HOTELS.

The "Rutland;" the "City Arms."

Inn, "Beaulieu Arms," (Surrey side).

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

PUTNEY BRIDGE, from Hammersmith, 1 m. 6 fur. 22 yds. ; to Wandsworth, about 6 fur. ; to London Bridge, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles: tide flows, about 4 hrs.

THE river below Hammersmith passes on the right bank Barnes Elms, the residence of Sir Francis Walsingham in the time of Queen Elizabeth; and after him, amongst others, of the poet Cowley. A house close by was the residence of Jacob Tonson, the bookseller; and here the Kit-Cat Club held its meetings, the room being built specially, and hung round with Kneller's famous portraits of the members.

Putney is now well known as the head-quarters of many of the rowing-clubs, and at various seasons, particularly that of the annual training and race of the Oxford and Cambridge Eights, it is the centre of a fashionable gathering. The London Rowing Club has lately erected a fine new boat-house, from which a splendid view of the start and racing for the first mile and a half can be obtained. Putney Bridge is an old structure of wood, very

inconvenient, although picturesque. once existed, that yielded, according to annual toll of twenty shillings to the above is the Aqueduct, conveying the Water Companies across the Thames close to the Bridge, and that of Fulham river. Tradition says these churches were but no record remains of the fact. TH here, and also Gibbon, the great historian on his way to Hampton Court, after his cellorship. At Fulham is the residence and in the Church are monuments to several side of the churchyard is bounded by a houses; and the Church itself is worth architectural beauties.

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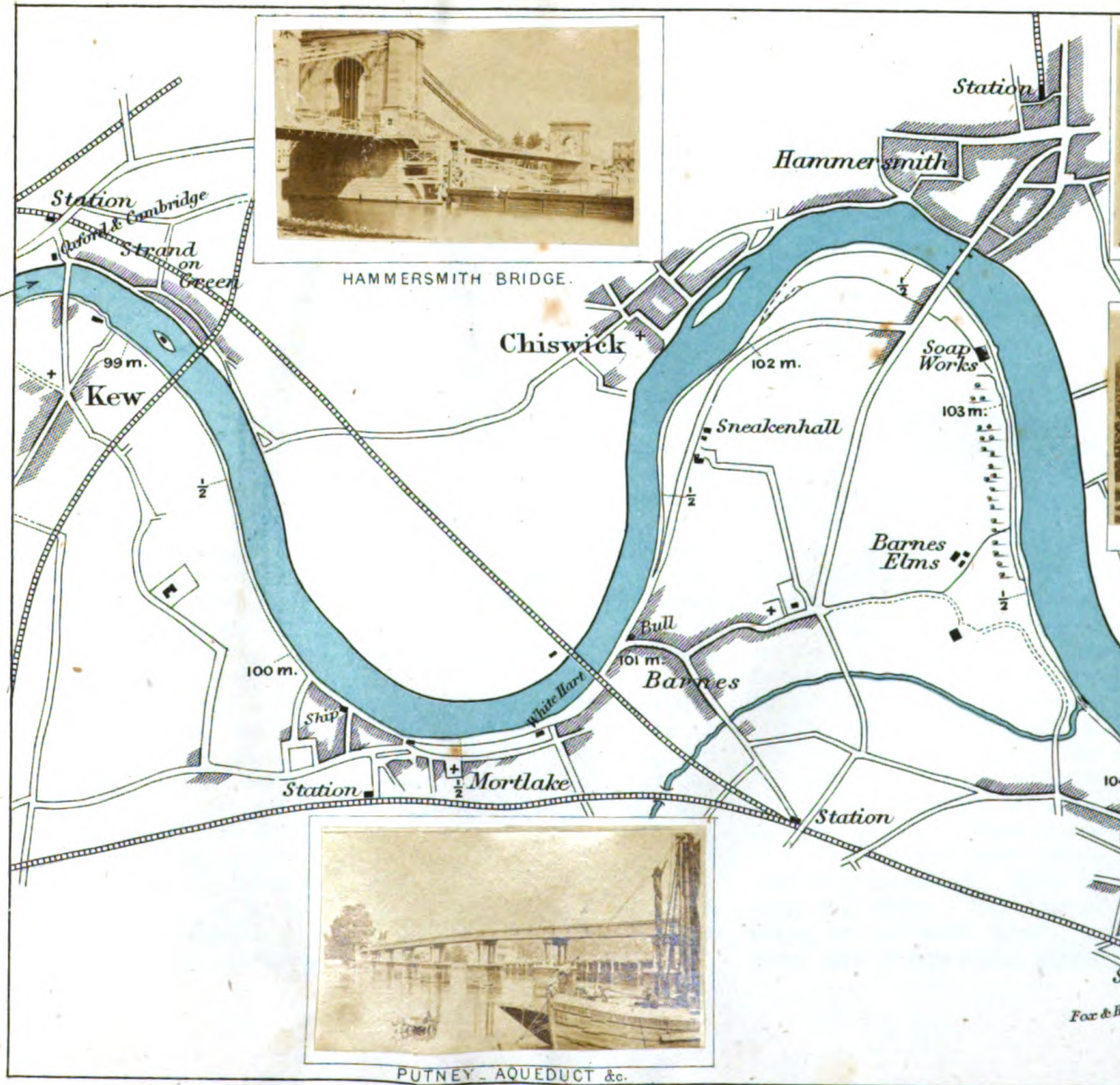
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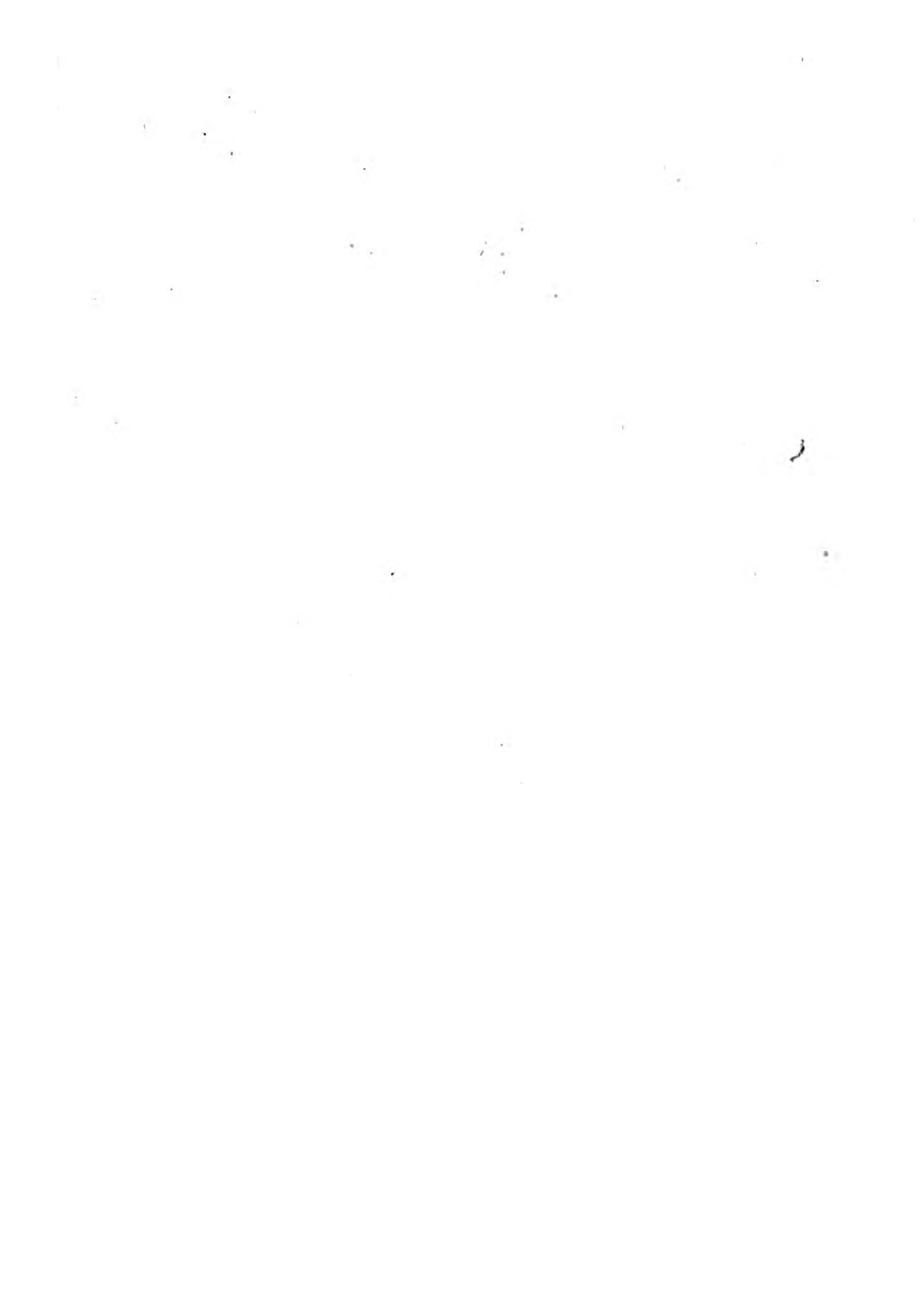
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PUTNEY - AQUEDUCT &c.



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on the top, with our carpet-bags at the head, form the mattress, which is made complete by a rug thrown over, and blankets or rugs make up the interior of our sleeping-room. On the outside a line is stretched from mast to mast, and on this is threaded the rings of a waterproof, each end ring being stretched to its mast, and eyelet-holes in each corner fastened to buttons on the boat. Thus we have a water-tight dry sleeping-place, and anything but an uncomfortable one.

I have given the method of preparing the water-tight on p. 51, but should my description not be sufficient, I have a photograph of the boat, shewing the mode of fitting up, amongst both my series of views. Thus far the boat; and another of its advantages is that you can sleep where you like. If you choose to cast anchor, you can sleep in the very centre of the stream, where no one can reach you without a boat, or you can sleep up the smallest ditch that you pass on your journey. I found it a very great advantage to have two short iron rye-pecks, with cords attached to the head and stern of the boat: these moored us to any place, and were very convenient at all times. I need hardly say, do not moor on the tow-path bank, or you may chance to find yourself in a mess from the towing-line of some passing barge catching in your upper works.

Camp Furniture.—Camp furniture need not be very elaborate. A frying-pan, pot, and kettle, all to fit a fireholder, will be all that are really required, with the usual plates, mugs, &c., that each one will use; but in every case, if you are camping out, *don't take more than you can help.* You will be surprised how many things you can do without; a wicker-basket will hold your pot, &c., with the necessary fuel for burning, and the other things will go with the food into your locker.

Fuel.—Wood is to be bought everywhere in the country, but if a wheelwright or carpenter's shop is handy, try there first. A hatchet will be necessary, to chop it up with.

Matches.—Keep your matches dry. We last summer for some, and to wait two a hard day's work, through letting them get

Food.—"Nothing like leather" used to be our staple; we had beef; and sometimes it was a puzzle, not begun, to know whether it was tender or not. "Like leather" was used to express either beef-steak, cooked either over the coals or in a pot, or camping out; and this often formed the dinner after a stiff day's work. Usually, we had a dinner (just after our bathe—a thing which heathens do not do much,) and made a good meal; in the evening we feasted on a crust and cheese, and washed down with a glass of "home-brew'd," kept for that purpose. In case of failing that, a glass of Thames water, or some concentrated milk. When we reached a new ground, (we usually moved every day,) we had our dinner ready, taking tea with it; and a glass of beer, a biscuit, sent us to bed about nine o'clock. As mentioned before, there are a lot of portable things which are uncommonly useful in camping out. Some of the things from Australia are included in these, as we have seen. Viands, &c., that are in universal request, may be eaten cold just as it is, with a little sauce, or some salad can be got at, a fair dinner may be had with but little trouble; and then the variety of things that may be cooked would fill a chapter as I have written, only give you one. Wash and scrape some potatoes, slice them up, with some onions, and boil them in meat in *quantum suff.*; leave for a few minutes, pour in vinegar, and serve. The Australian meat soups, are not much trouble, and, when you have your meat, come in very useful, so much so that

as a reserve. Tea, sugar, butter, and all those sort of things, we kept in tin biscuit-boxes, easily procured at the grocers. These are always clean, and do not let the things get wet. A ham, too, for "rashers for breakfast," is not a bad thing to keep, and the concentrated milk—or that with chocolate—must not be forgotten. Of course, every one must form his own ideas on a subject like this, so I have only indicated those things most essential.

Clothing.—An extra suit in a *soft* bag should be taken, in case of wet weather or any other mishap, as well as to be able to change for sleeping at night. Also, of course, the toilet requisites, but not too many of them. The few things I take in that way afford matter for a standing joke with one of my friends; but one doesn't require to spend an hour twice a-day preparing for meals and "parade," when camping out. I spoke of a *soft* bag, as you will require it for a pillow; but if you prefer to use a stiff portmanteau, of course you are at liberty to do so; only, don't blame me, if your sleep is not so sound as it might be. And that brings me to another point, and one of the most important,—

Sleeping.—If you don't sleep well, you will not enjoy yourself; and this is why I so much prefer my boat to a tent. We have always a *dry* sleeping apartment. Last summer was a wet one, and I think more rain fell in one week than we had for nine weeks in the summer before, yet we had no difficulties on account of the rain, as far as sleeping was concerned, but when the wet came on, generally took shelter in bed, or in the daytime moved the middle boards, and read, or wrote, or talked, under our awning, as it pleased us most. Only on one occasion did the rain inconvenience us, when the water had risen above the britton-boards, and my man, in hurriedly turning out of bed in the morning, put his foot into it, which he sharply drew back with a shocking exclamation. Ugh! In a tent this inconvenience arises; if the ground is at all sloping, the water runs down the

side of the tent, and underneath you, sleep on water-tight cloth, the damp may be to some extent. I see fellows with camp-beds, and they keep them from the damp, but I think if they were to use them for once as a sleeping-place they would take more care of themselves.

Ladies have the idea that sleeping in a tent is "bad." "Arn't you afraid to go to sleep, in case of rain?" is the question generally asked. "No, sir; I'm not afraid; but one, and if all three were to roll down the hill (as I've done), it would not even dip." Ladies think the limited space renders it inconvenient to use a toilet; but I may tell you I have kept clean in a boat like mine, and thoroughly comfortable after camping out all day, go and sleep in a boat. For delicate persons perhaps this is wise. I was prepared for sleeping out at all times, and had I not have a stiff day's pulling, and when found no other Inn in the village, and be told that there was no other Inn, "No, sir; we are crammed; havn't a chance of that another, at four or five miles distance." Ladies are bent on trying for the accommodation, but the uncertainty whether you will get it, is not to be feared, happens, and always when you are met by a storm, for it; but if you camp, you just make the best of it, like,—the fire is lit, the steak fried, and the potatoes straight from the pot, is relished and enjoyed, it does relish food. The beef-steaks had to be boiled, potatoes or cabbage, (quite fresh, perked up with butter previously,) have a crisper taste than those cooked in a tent.

But I am running away from my subject, and this will do for the present. "How did you sleep?"

asked of a guest who has passed the night under your roof; but in camping out one scarcely ever knows even when he does go to sleep, or recollects anything after rolling himself in his rug, till the morning light peeping through his eyelids rouses and tells him it is time to rise; and then how pleasant the tumble-out of bed, and into the fresh, clear stream; a good rub down and an exhilarating run making one ready to eat a good donkey-steak, if nothing more was to be had.

And now a word on cooking and buying things. "It's no use my camping out, I can't cook," says one. Don't tell me, but try it; you will soon learn. What, not able to cook a beef-steak or chop, boil some potatoes or cabbage, and get up a plain dinner? Well, you are the very person who ought to camp out; it will teach you self-reliance. If you are afraid of the cooking, get your wife or your sweetheart to shew you how; don't be ashamed to learn, even from them; you won't find much difficulty about it. And then, as to buying. Bread and meat are better had fresh every morning, if possible, as they both get stale very quickly; and the stone jar, which holds enough for the day, filled at the nearest

Inn; (don't take too much, particularly in the better). Of the other things a stock is replenished whenever getting short, before

If a party of two or three are together, own part,—one do the buying, one the cooking, and a third the division of labour is always an advantage to each own part best. But I find I have got past that, so must end by telling you if you cannot take dinner with us; and then you will see in five minutes than I can tell you in a hour. If you want an elegant dinner; but if a good plain one, I shall be very pleased to see you. We can do but keep rice, which is easily carried: it makes good puddings, easily cooked, and very palatable. Get a glass to ask a fellow-camper-out to, and some of grog to wet a pipe with in the evening. You will be made welcome by

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let it hang in the open air a day or two, and brush it carefully over again with *raw* oil, and you will find your sheet thoroughly water-tight, and very good. If damaged at any time, a fresh coat will make good.

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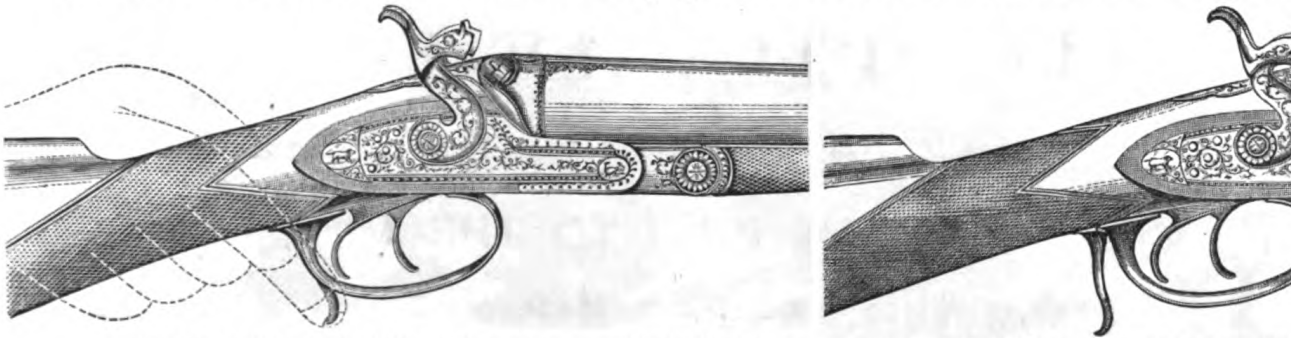
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