

catches of Lune salmon, so highly prized, have lately been very abundant, etc. and in addition the boats to which we have before alluded, come in constantly laden either with salmon from Scotland, or fish from our own coast.

Fishing Extraordinary - Last Tuesday some gentlemen from Poulton-le-Fylde were on a fishing excursion in the Mains Estate, Singleton; one of the gents having two rods was in the act of putting a bait to one, the other being "laid in" the pit, he perceived that he had a "glorious nibble," he immediately laid hold of the rod and drew out a large water rat, which had seized and swallowed both the bait and hook.

11th August 1838

State of the Streets - The dirty state of our streets has become the subject of general complaint, and, in particular, attention has been drawn to the filthy condition in which the fish stones and parts adjacent are allowed to remain.

Curious Circumstance - A few days ago, **William Hargreaves**, of Bentham, was angling in the Wenning, when he caught an eel. After removing his hook from the fish's mouth, he cut off the head, and was surprised to find in the animal's neck a second hook.

18th August 1838

Sturgeon Caught - On Monday last, as **Thomas Smith**, the fisherman at Glasson, and his partner, were going to their nets, they were astonished to find that they had caught a fine sturgeon of about four hundred weight. The royal fish was sent off to Preston for sale.

8th September 1838

Immense Catch of Herrings - One day this week the boats of Poulton-by-the-Sands caught the immense number of 140,000 herrings, all of which were immediately sold and sent off.

27th July 1839

Blind Angler - There is at present residing near Milnthorpe an old man called **Williamson**, who has been completely blind for some years; this veteran may be seen almost daily fishing with the artificial fly on the river Beela, and on Tuesday last was noticed by several persons landing a fish in beautiful style, which on examination proved to be a mort weighing about 2lb.

3rd August 1839

Singular Catch - The following singular capture was made a few days ago by a youth named **James Philip Blackey**, of Keswick, whilst angling with the artificial fly in the river Coldew, in Skiddaw Forest. Just as the youth had cast his line into the stream, a wild duck, which had no doubt been diving in pursuit of fish, rose to the surface, when one of the hooks of the line caught it near the extremity of the wing, and though the bird struggled violently to regain its liberty the hold was so good and the tackling so strong that its utmost efforts proved unavailing. It frequently dived under water and then attempted to fly, but from the peculiar manner in which it was hooked even its most determined trials to escape proved of no avail whatever, and ultimately it became so much exhausted that the expert master of the rod succeeded in drowning his somewhat novel prize, and of course brought it safe to land - *Cumberland Pacquet*.

27th March 1840

Shark Caught - Yesterday, a young shark, taken somewhere in Morecambe Bay, was landed at Hest Bank.

18th July 1840

Rare Fish - On Thursday last a large sturgeon was caught on the sands of Arnside, by **James Bell**, of Lindale. Its length between seven and eight feet, and computed weight two hundred pounds.

14th November 1840

The Herring Season - We rejoice to announce that so far the herring fishing on this coast has been highly successful this season. During the past fortnight, immense catches of fish have been made at Poulton-le-Sands and the neighbourhood. It is said the abundance of fish has exceeded all former seasons, the catches averaging the enormous quantity of twenty tons per day. We are happy to hear further that our Poulton neighbours find a ready market, vast loads of fish being carried off daily by the railroad to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other inland places.

12th December 1840

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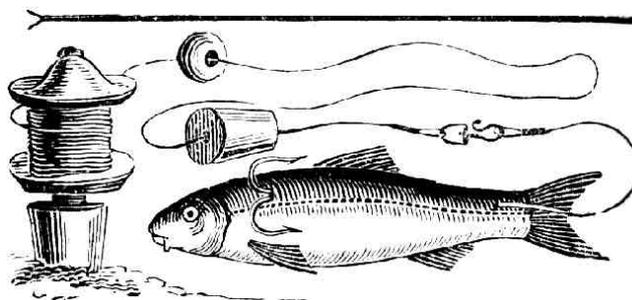
Nos. 54 and 55, Market-street,

In returning his sincere thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Lancaster and its vicinity for the kind patronage they have favoured him with, most respectfully informs them he has received a choice selection of dried Fruits from the first Houses in the trade, also an excellent assortment of West Indian and English Pickles, Bottled Fruits, Preserved Ginger, Gravy and Fish Sauces of the finest flavour etc.

The Shop 55 is entirely appropriated to the Sale of Fish and Game, where there will always be on hand every description of Game, Poultry, and Wild Fowl, as in season, Fresh Lune Salmon, Sole, Oysters, Lobsters, Crabs, Labrador Salt Salmon, Smoked ditto, Yarmouth Bloaters, Sprats, Finnon Haddies, Shetland Ling, and Codfish, White and Red Herring etc.

N.B. Country orders on all occasions punctually attended to.

Market-street, Dec 10, 1840.



1. Rod to place and take up trimmers and dead lines.
2. Bank-runner trimmers, baited with a live bait.