

No. 13, has only 200 fish, but as you see the fish vary in size from 8 to 21 inches. There are black-spotted and rainbow trout and Chinook, blueback and steelhead salmon. We keep them there, as most visitors take but little interest in the fry. They want to see large fish."

Picking a dozen strawberry leaves, I tossed them into the pond. Instantly the whole pond boiled. It seemed as if every fish in the pond made a dash for the leaves. A dozen or more leaped clear out of the water.

If I was a grasshopper I would certainly hop away from Pond 13. About the only consolation a grasshopper that fell in Pond 13 would have would be the thought that he had a largely attended and highly popular funeral.

A small stream connects several of the lakes and this stream is a popular promenade for the large trout. They flit by like brown shadows. Lying full length on the grass, I put my bare arm in the stream till a trustful 14-inch trout swam beside my hand. I had heard that if you tickled a trout on the under side you could lift him out of the water.

I think that is on a par with putting salt on a bird's tail to catch it. This trout was evidently not ticklish, for at the first tickle it started off at a pace that would make a trotting horse look as if he were standing still.

I tried letting my hand lie on the bottom till a trout snuggled up in it for warmth. Finally a curious trout swam into my hand, but before I got my fingers closed he was gone and I didn't even get a tail feather.

After this when I want trout I will trust to the good old reliable hook with a fly attached.

From the ponds we went to the main hatchery. This building contains 256 troughs, each of which is 16 feet long, 14 inches wide and eight inches deep.

The eggs are put in wire trays suspended in running water in the troughs. It would certainly discourage a hen to hatch a setting of trout or salmon eggs, for it takes 50 days for the eggs to hatch. In our series of troughs there were 3,000,000 eastern brook trout just hatched. They were as lively as sand fleas.

In another division were 3,000,000 blue back salmon fry just hatched from eggs shipped down from Alaska. They were two weeks old and in another week they will be fed. Nature is very kind to a little fish. It provides it with a yolk sack in which is sufficient food to last three weeks. It looks odd to see a school of little bluebacks swimming along, all of them carrying their lunch with them.

The eggs are shipped in the "eyed" state on cloth trays with a block of ice to keep them moist. In this way they can be shipped clear across the continent.