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When he wants a wholesale supply of fish, he explodes a piece of dynamite, which was probably intended for the making of new government roads, over a hole in a mountain stream, and the fish are killed by the concussion.

But his favorite resource is the bark of the dogwood tree. This he drops into a river hole, and the mullet, intoxicated, comes to the surface of the water. This singular property of the dogwood has caused it to be employed as a narcotic.

It is particularly useful as a local anaesthetic, and it has been recently proposed to apply it dentistry.—Pearson's Weekly.

An Ingenious Clock.

O. H. Johnson, a jeweler, of Garfield, has invented a clock which he claims keeps time and has neither pendulum nor escape wheel, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The new invention is attracting considerable interest. It is constructed upon an entirely new plan and original design.

There are only four cogwheels and a main spring, but the most wonderful feature of the timepiece is the governor.

Extending through the top of the box is a shaft from which two arms about six inches long extend in opposite directions.

From the end of each of these arms dangles a thread

which contains well much

interest. The second

with a shot grain on the end. As

the arms revolve these threads,

with the weights on the end, come

in contact with an upright post

around which the thread is wrapped

a half-dozen times by the momen-

tum of the shot. Then by an in-

genious device it unwinds and

winds again in the opposite direc-

tion and continues on to the next

post and repeats the performance.

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lost five minutes in 12 hours.

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effect.

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