

at Sheboygan where they caught pickerel, pike and suckers with scoop nets. At night set nets were used at the dam to take fish". (Wis. Archeol., vol. 19, no. 2)

The scoop net was much in favor with the Winnebago of Wisconsin. They also used the long net, or seine, with skill.

At the Sault Ste. Marie, the Chippewa used a scoop net to take white fish at the rapids. Two men pushed out in the stream in a canoe, one at the stern to manage the boat with a pole and force it up the rapids, while the other, standing at the bow, took the fish by plunging the net to the bottom and bagging the white fish as they attempted to run up the rapids. The pole to which the net was attached was about ten feet long.

"At the Sault de St. Marys, on Lake Superior, I saw considerable number of Chippewas living entirely on fish, which they catch with great ease at that place," wrote George Catlin in his "Letters on the American Indian, 1832-9.

Continuing, Catlin states: "white fish are caught in the greatest abundance in the rapids at that place. They are caught in immense quantities by the scoop nets of the Indians amongst the foaming and dashing water of the rapids. This unequalled fishing has been of vast importance to the immense numbers of Indians who have always assembled about it."

Speaking of the Mascoutens, or Prairie Potawatomie, Alanson Skinner states that "their nets were set along the shallows and eddies of rivers and lakes, and were raised from time to time by persons in canoes."

And of our native Menomini, Skinner states that "gill nets woven of bark-fiber cord were abundantly utilized by them. They were held upright in the water by means of lanceolate floats whittled of cedar and weighted down with sinkers of notched pebbles. No examples of these, nor of several varieties of fish snares, vaguely remembered by the elders, have come down to the present day. They probably closely resembled those still found among the Ojibwa."

Speaking further of the Menomini, Dr. Walter Hoffman informs us that "while the tribe still occupied the shores of Green Bay, great numbers of lake fish were caught,