Fishing, a more gentle art of killing, appealed to some women. More that the physicality of hunting or shooting as, in the opinion of one female practitioner, is none more entirely suited to the powers of women. Unwritten laws of sport relate chiefly to one’s duty to one’s neighbour and to those rules of social intercourse and etiquette in the due observance of which the chief pleasure and profit of sport undertaken in the company of others must.

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