

## CAUGHT A BIG STRIPED BASS:

**One Weighing Nineteen and a Half Pounds Captured by C. A. Berrian.**

Charles A. Berrian, the real estate broker and auctioneer, had an exciting experience last Saturday on the Hudson River just above Spuyten Duyvil.

He and Joseph Murray hired a boat and went on a fishing excursion. Wind and rough water made the trip rather unpleasant, and, the bites being few, the fishermen became discouraged after an hour or two of exposure. Small fish also kept eating the bait off their hooks almost as fast as it was put on.

Mr. Berrian finally determined that he would not waste whole white worms at a time, and so he cut one in two and baited his hook with a half of a worm. He had hardly got his line down when it appeared to be caught. He gave a tug, and then let out line to have the swift ebb tide loosen the hook. As he did so he felt a motion at the end of the line. Next came a vicious tug, and the line began rushing out at a furious rate. When about 150 feet of the line was out there was a slackening, and Mr. Berrian began to reel in.

The rushes continued for some time, but gradually grew weaker. Mr. Berrian saw that he had hooked a large fish, and he began to be afraid his tackle would not hold. Playing his captive carefully, he managed at last to get him alongside the boat. Then Mr. Murray caught the fish underneath the gills and lifted him into the boat.

He was a striped bass weighing nineteen pounds and a half. This is supposed to be the biggest fish caught in the river with hook and line this season.

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