

NEWS IN BRIEF.

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Picture.: Freeing the North-Country canals of ice. Peak Forest Canal, near Poynton, Cheshire,

is covered - - was covered - - in stretches by ice a foot thick. After these horses, men, and boat have done a bit more smashing, it

will again be navigable. In this job, the slogan is "Do Rock the Boat", which rather

confounds the cheery little saying of modern business efficients "Don't Rock the Boat"

Many canal barges which have been ice-bound will now be

able to get on their way. And while we

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are still cold, we will take a look

at the frozen Tweed. Ice-breaking here is to allow salmon netting to be carried on. . This is the fishermen's

way of catching salmon - - without giving them a sporting chance of sniffing at a fly, and spotting

the hook. The nets are dropped and hauled

ashore in a semi-circle. And for the fish inside, it's a case of "number up".

The first net brought in nineteen fine salmon, and the netting went on for eight hours. During

this time over three-hundred fish were caught. A lucky start for the Tweed netting. Not so lucky for the fish. Following

the fish come cats. Quite in order. Paris

holds an international cat exhibition. One Mrs. Cat grooms her child for the show.

Maltese pussies are popular. And here's a