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Fisherman's Day, August 9, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

This being the 300th anniversary of the birth of Izaak Walton, it was at first intended to celebrate it by a grand gathering of fishermen, but as Fishermen's Day was postponed, nothing of importance was done at this time.



The little Izaak Walton cottage on Wooded Island, a short distance from the Fisheries Building — a reproduction of the fishing house built by Walton and Cotton on the bank of the river Dove, in England, and bearing the inscription, "1674, Piscatoribus Sacrum" — was open to visitors, and the Chicago Fly-Casting Club, by whom it was erected, held a fly-casting contest in the afternoon.

[NOTE] Izaak Walton (ca.1594–1683) was an English writer. Best known as the author of *The Compleat Angler*, he also wrote a number of short biographies that have been collected under the title of *Walton's Lives*.