“Off Dodge’s Brook saw a fish lying still on its side on the surface with its head downward slowly steering toward the shore with an undulating motion of the tail. Found it to be a large sucker which had ap. been struck by a king fisher? (or heron?) & got away- (The mill is not agoing today Sunday). It had been seized near the tail which for 3 inches was completely flayed & much torn –lacerated a part of the caudal fin being carried off. It had also received a severe thrust mid way its body –which had furrowed its side & turned down a large strip of skin. It was breathing its last when I caught it. It was evidently too powerful for the bird which had struck it. It weighed 2 lbs & 2 ounces & was 19 ¼ inches long. Above it was a sort of blue black or slate color darkest on the head- with blotches of the same extending down its sides which were of a reddish golden passing into white beneath. There were a few small red spots on the sides just behind the gills. It had what I should call a gibbous head but no horns- a line of fine mucous pores above & below eye- Eyes at least 1 ½ inches apart. Great corrugated ears on the lower lip. Fins all dark like the back. Nostrils double- Opercula not golden- Irides golden- Scales on lat. Line 65 about? Those near tail gone with skin. Fin rays as I counted- P.17 V 10-A 9 –D. 13 C. some wanting. I think it must have been a Kingfisher it was so much lacerated at the tail. Looking down on it was very broad at base of head tapering thence gradually to tail. It had a double bladder nearly 6 inches long by 1 inch+ at widest part.”