where we always go and catch any quantity of fish.

26th July. I was interrupted by an invitation to join a fishing party at the Laguna on Monday last. We took a nice schooner, and got down to the place about midnight. Next morning we got fairly to work, and in three hours, five of us caught 181 red-fish, averaging considerably over 20 lbs apiece, or in all about 2 tons of fish, at the end of this time we caved in from pure heart and fatigue, for the fish were biting as fast as we could haul them in. You will see an account I have written of the fun in the Spirit of the times in a letter of about this date. In opening my box from Ackerman received to day, I am sorry to see that you did not send me any of the gravitating hooks. Mine are nearly out, and no one can tell me they are not good for anything. I have caught 2000 lbs of red-fish on one hook in sizes from ten up to 40 lbs each, and I think that is a pretty good test. I have seen an 85 lb grande caille, a fish more powerful, active, headstrong and unwearied than any that swim the waters, somewhat what a mountain trout might be supposed to be, of of that size. Talk of your O'Shaughnessy, hollow point, Limerick, or other barbs, but give me "Job Johnsons gravitating". We have no shooting here as yet, the quail will be young for a fortnight yet, and jack snipe, dont come in till fall, or early in the winter. Woodcock like the mountain trout are too much gentlemen to be caught in such a good fresaken country. Lack green swan, haut, and all other water fowl are plenty in winter including five different kinds of curlew, a beautiful variety