

Episode VI Yin and Yang Smell Success in:



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Over the next year, we will be printing the book *Adventures in the Alaska Economy* as a serial. Every week we will present approximately one and a half pages. The book, an economics text presented in comic book form, is the result of a collaboration between economics professors Steve Jackstadt, Lee Huskey and artist John Dawson.

The book will be available after February 1990 and may be obtained by calling the Alaska Council on Economic Education at 786-1901.

AS YANG WENT OFF TO POUT, I TALKED TO OLY WHO WAS GOING NORTH FOR HIS TENTH SEASON.

YA, THOSE STREAMS IN ALASKA HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THICK WITH SALMON IN THE SUMMER. RICHES BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION. RIVERS OF PLENTY.

BAF-A-RAMA

WHY WEREN'T THESE RICHES TAPPED YEARS AGO?

CANNING SALMON

ALASKA WAS TOO FAR AWAY FROM PEOPLE'S TABLES. BEFORE CANNING WAS INVENTED THE FISH WOULD SPOIL BEFORE THEY GOT TO PLACES WHERE PEOPLE LIVED. WITH CANNING, ALASKA FISH COULD BE SHIPPED LONG DISTANCES.

The answer lies in technology. Salmon fresh from the water are highly perishable and Alaska is far from population centers. Before the commercial possibilities of the enormous salmon resource could be realized some way of preserving the fish was needed. The development of the tin can in the 1860s unlocked the Alaska salmon industry. Canning allowed salmon to be shipped to markets far from Alaska. New technology increased the productivity of Alaska resources, and Alaska could produce more from the available resources.

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