

Thomas ROD COMPANY

168-170 PARK STREET

BANGOR, MAINE

Price List Effective January 1, 1955

FLY RODS

Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> Fly Rod	\$ 93.00
Butt Joint, \$32.00; Middle Joint, \$26.00; Tip, \$21.00	
Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> 2-pc. Fly Rod	\$ 99.00
Butt Joint, \$44.00; Tip, \$27.50	
Thomas <i>Special</i> Fly Rod	\$ 82.00
Butt Joint, \$30.00; Middle Joint, \$23.00; Tip, \$18.00	
Thomas <i>Special Streamer</i> Fly Rod	\$ 82.00
Butt Joint, \$30.00; Middle Joint, \$23.00; Tip, \$18.00	
Thomas <i>Special</i> 2-pc. Fly Rod	\$ 83.00
Butt Joint, \$36.00; Tip, \$25.00	
Thomas <i>Dirigo</i> Fly Rod	\$ 71.00
Butt Joint, \$25.00; Middle Joint, \$18.00; Tip, \$14.50	
Thomas <i>Bangor</i> Fly Rod	\$ 49.00
Butt Joint, \$17.00; Middle Joint, \$14.00; Tip, \$10.50	

SALMON FLY RODS

Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> Dry Fly Salmon Rod	\$121.00
Butt Joint, \$34.00; Middle Joint, \$25.00; Tip, \$22.00	
Thomas <i>Special</i> Dry Fly Salmon Rod	\$ 99.00
Butt Joint, \$30.00; Middle Joint, \$22.50; Tip, \$18.50	
Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> Salmon Rod (11 to 13 ft.)	\$121.00
Butt, \$43.00; Middle Joint, \$28.50; Tip, \$24.00	
Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> Salmon Rod (13½ to 14 ft.)	\$135.00
Thomas <i>Special</i> Salmon Rod (11 to 13 ft.)	\$104.00
Butt, \$37.00; Middle Joint, \$24.00; Tip, \$20.00	
Thomas <i>Special</i> Salmon Rod (13½ to 14 ft.)	\$121.00
Thomas <i>Dirigo</i> Dry Fly Salmon Rod	\$ 77.00
Butt, \$26.00; Middle Joint, \$18.00; Tip, \$15.00	
Thomas <i>Bangor</i> Dry Fly Salmon Rod	\$ 60.00
Butt, \$19.00; Middle Joint, \$14.00; Tip, \$12.00	

BAIT CASTING RODS

Thomas <i>Special</i> Bait Casting Rod	\$ 66.00
Butt, \$28.00; Tip, \$18.00	
Thomas <i>Dirigo</i> Bait Casting Rod	\$ 49.00
Butt, \$20.00; Tip, \$16.00	
Thomas <i>Bangor</i> Bait Casting Rod	\$ 27.00
Butt, \$18.00; Tip, \$14.50	

TROLLING RODS

Thomas <i>Special</i> Trolling Rod	\$ 66.00
Butt, \$24.00; Middle Joint, \$16.00; Tip, \$13.00	
Thomas <i>Dirigo</i> Trolling Rod	\$ 49.00
Butt, \$17.00; Middle Joint, \$14.00; Tip, \$11.00	
Thomas <i>Bangor</i> Trolling Rod	\$ 36.00
Butt, \$22.00; Tip, \$16.00	

SALT WATER RODS

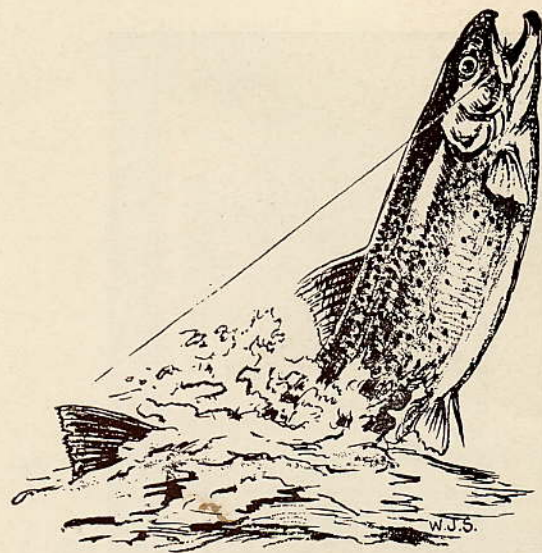
Thomas <i>Special</i> Tarpon Rod	\$ 84.00
Thomas <i>Special</i> Striped Bass Rod	\$ 60.00
Thomas 3/6 Light Catalina Rod	\$ 71.00
Thomas <i>Special</i> 6/9 Rod	\$ 71.00
Thomas <i>Special</i> Bonefish Rod	\$ 71.00
Thomas <i>Special</i> Montauk Rod	\$ 60.00

SPINNING RODS

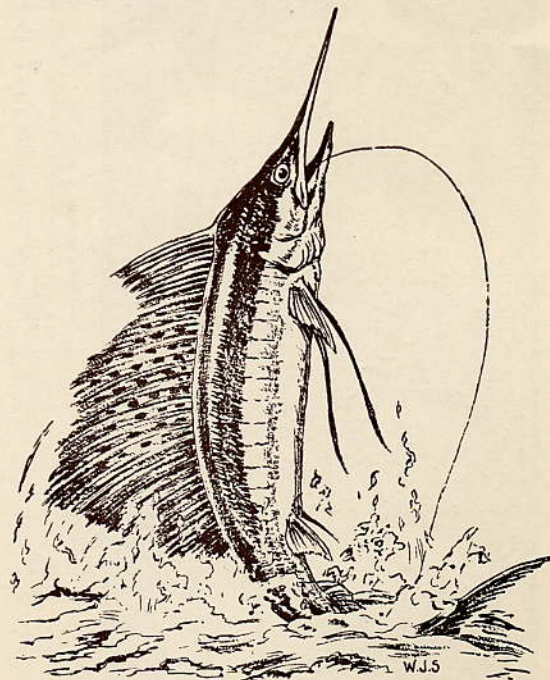
Thomas <i>Brown Tone</i> Spinning Rod	\$ 45.00
Thomas <i>Natural Finish</i> Spinning Rod	\$ 40.00

All Prices Subject to Change Without Notice

10% government tax imposed on fishing rods is included in the above prices.



Thomas FISHING RODS



MADE IN MAINE

"The Vacation Land"

THOMAS

Salt Water

RODS

THOMAS *Special* TARPON ROD

THIS is the best rod made for tarpon, tuna or sail fishing. It is built with no dowels to break down, and is designed to stand the superlatively great strain to which such a rod is subject. This rod is made in any length or weight to meet the specifications of club requirements, at no additional charge.

Specifications: Made in one section and built to our standard quality specifications for our *Special* rods, with independent handle, double grip, of cane or cork or ordered, solid metal locking reel seat, guides and Milduro tips of Steel, guides on one side of section. Heavy tan canvas partitioned bag to take the rod. Length, 7 feet over-all. Weights, 6 to 14 ounces.

THOMAS *Special* MONTAUK ROD

LENGTH over all, 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ feet; weight of tip, 4 ounces; length of tip, 64 inches; length of handle, 15 inches with double cork grips and solid metal locking reel seat; 4 Milduro guides and tip. Built to our standard quality specifications for our *Special* rods.

THOMAS 3/6 *Special* LIGHT CATALINA ROD

LENGTH over-all, 6 feet; weight, 6 ounces; length of tip, 5 feet, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; length of handle, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; 5 Milduro guides and tip guide. Built to our standard quality specifications for our *Special* rods.

THOMAS *Special* 6/9 ROD

LENGTH over-all, 6 feet; weight of tip, 6 ounces; length of tip, 5 feet, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; length of handle, 14 inches for Catalina or 18 inches for Aransas Pass; 5 Milduro guides, tip, Solid metal locking reel seat. Rubber button. Built to our standard quality specifications for our *Special* rods.



THOMAS *Special* TROLLING OR BAIT ROD * * * THOMAS *Special* TARPON ROD (*Below*)

THOMAS *Special*

FLY RODS

THE Thomas *Special* rods have made history in the field of fly fishing, and upon them has been founded our reputation.

Many are the tales told in the glow of the camp fire of the mighty fish taken on a Thomas *Special*, for anglers have spread its fame from Maine to Alaska.

Its construction is identical with that of our *Brown Tone* rod, the difference being found in the finish and mountings. Thomas *Specials* are finished in the natural straw color of the bamboo. Mountings are of German silver, 18% nickel. Ferrules are hand drawn, waterproof, and serrated by us. These rods as constructed and finished certainly recognize no superior at their price.

Anglers desiring to change any of the specifications for this rod should consult our chart of deluxe fittings and equipment before ordering.

Specifications

English hardened tempered bronze steel snake guides, Milduro Butt guide, Tungsten steel tips, Brown silk windings, Butt fly ring, German silver, 18% nickel mountings, Thomas grip, Hardy type reel seat. Aluminum case to take the whole rod with silk poplin partitioned inner bag. Extra tip with each rod.

Three-Piece Rods

WET FLY RODS: 8, 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 foot lengths with *Soft, Moderate or Powerful Action.*

DRY FLY RODS: 8, 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 foot lengths with *Medium, Fast or Very Fast Action.*

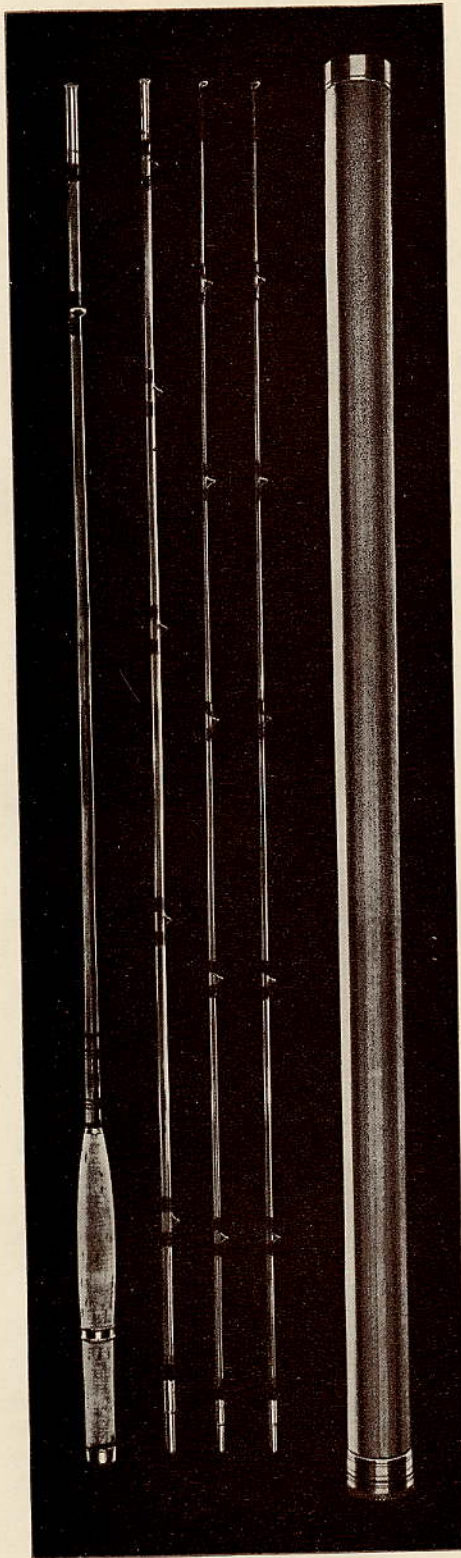
Two-Piece Rods

WET FLY RODS: 7, 7½, 8 and 8½ foot lengths with *Soft, Moderate or Powerful Action.*

DRY FLY RODS: 7, 7½, 8 and 8½ foot lengths, with *Medium, Fast or Very Fast Action.*

THOMAS *Special* STREAMER FLY RODS

WE have recently developed a new type of fly rod designed especially for fishing with streamer flies, bucktails, bass bugs and small spinners for land-lock Salmon, Trout and Bass. The feature of this rod is its very powerful tip and middle joint with a more limber butt joint. Tip and middle joint caliper about the same as our tournament distance casting rod, and are not only strong enough to cast these heavy flies with great ease, but permit vicious strikes that firmly set these



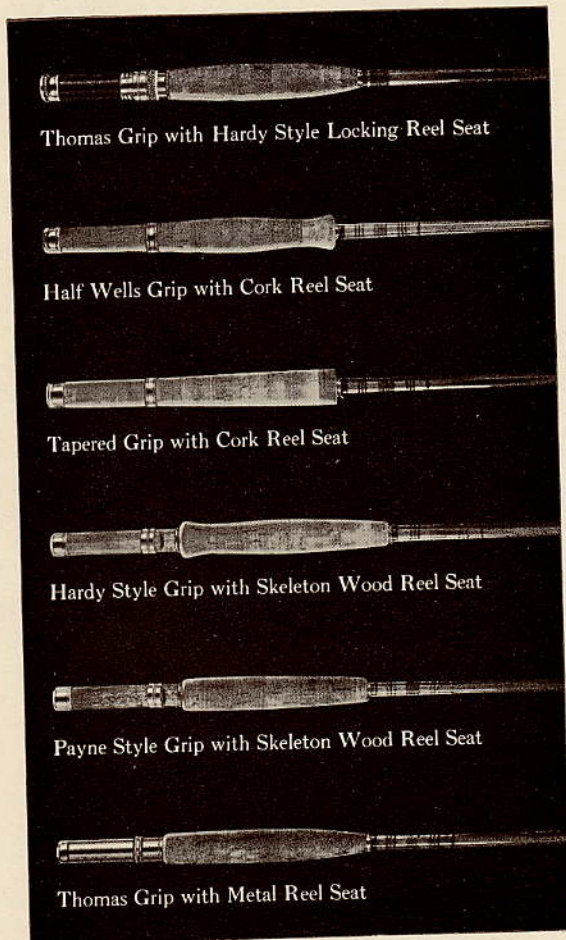
THOMAS *Special* FLY ROD
with Thomas Grip and Cork Reel Seat

larger, heavier hooks. Both rods are suitable for drift casts in heavy water.

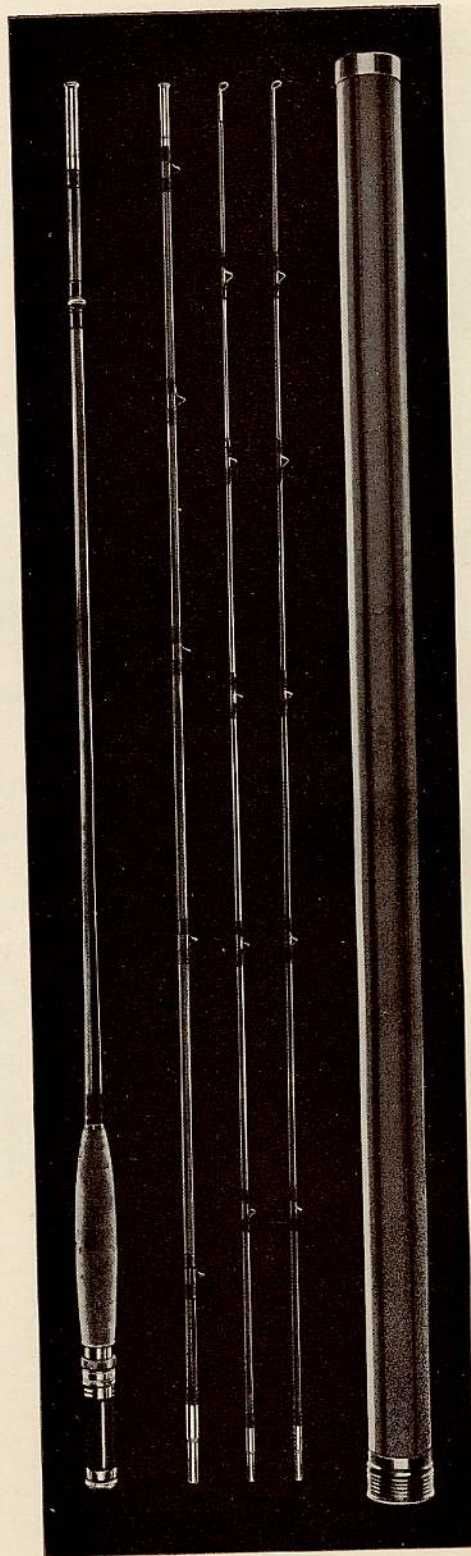
Play in the butt joint gives the necessary amount of action needed to impart motion while fishing these flies. These rods are finished and put up the same as our Thomas *Special* 3-piece rods. We have added double windings at the ferrules, a special length reel butt cap and both rods are made with Hardy style reel seats. We do not recommend any change in the specifications of these rods except as to choice of grip. As perfect balance of reels and lines is vital to their success, we include approximate weights and sizes.

Streamer Fly Rod No. 1—Length, 9 feet; weight, about 6 ounces. Reel weight, 7½ ounces. Tapered line; G. B. G. An ideal rod for fishing in lakes and large rivers.

Streamer Fly Rod No. 2—Length, 8½ feet; weight, about 5 ounces. Reel weight, 6¾ ounces. Tapered line; H. C. H. A perfect all round rod for stream fishing.



Any combination of Grip and Reel Seat will be furnished on Thomas *Special* or *Brown Tone* Rods without charge.



THOMAS *Dirigo* FLY ROD
with Thomas Grip and Hardy Style Locking Reel Seat

THOMAS *Special* SALMON FLY RODS

THE Thomas two-handed Salmon fly rod has extra strength and weight in the lower half of the tip joint and upper half of the middle joint, with sufficient play in the butt to bring out the action its entire length.

This method of rod building, which typifies our *Powerful Action Wet Fly Rods*, assures great power in holding fish in fast water, together with tremendous lifting and propelling power when long casts have to be made. We make these rods from 11 to 15 feet in length and from 12½ to 23 ounces in weight.

Specifications

Made in three pieces, with extra tip, with our Thomas *Special* natural finish. Thomas solid cork double grip with Hardy Style reel seat, English tempered bronzed steel snake guides, Steel butt guide, Tungsten steel tips, Brown silk windings, German silver, 18% nickel mountings, Rubber button. Heavy canvas bag to take the whole rod with screw top aluminum tip case.

THOMAS *Special* TROLLING OR BAIT RODS

THESE rods are very powerful, and built to "take it" when under strain. They are built to our standard quality specifications for our *Special* rods, and are designed especially for lake trolling with live bait or artificial lures. We advise the heavy weight rods for deep trolling, particularly with copper lines. These rods can be made to order in two-piece style with extra tip at no additional charge.

Specifications

Made in three sections with extra tip. 7½, 8 and 8½ foot lengths. Weights from 7½ to 9 ounces. Natural straw color finish with Brown silk windings, Mountings of German silver, 18% nickel, Bell guides with Steel first butt guide and Steel tip guide, Double cork grip with Hardy Style reel seat. Aluminum case to take the whole rod with silk poplin partitioned inner bag.

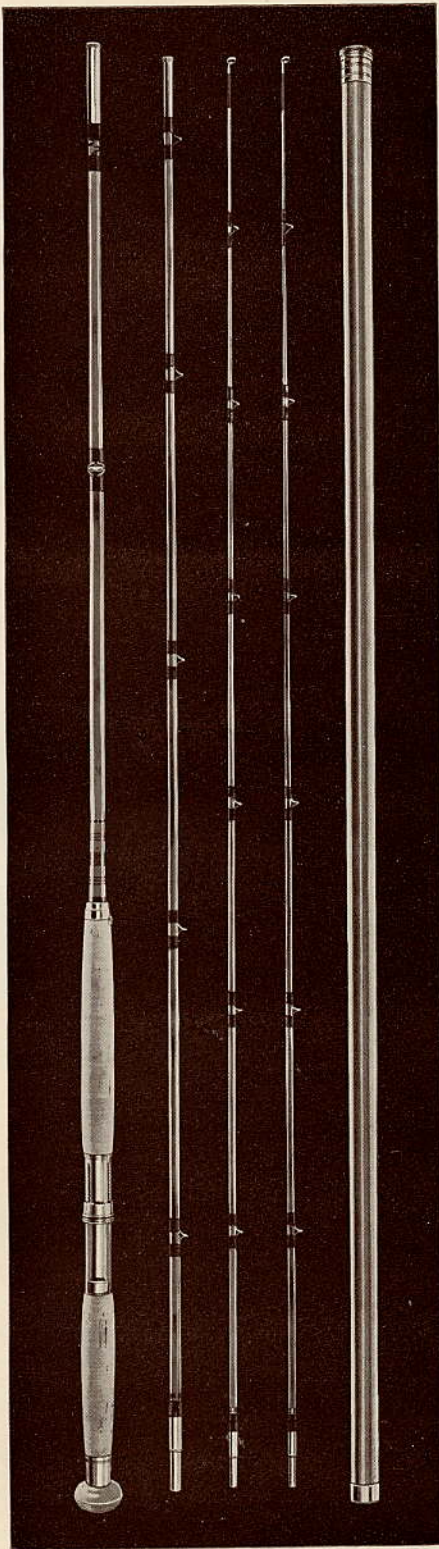
BALANCE OF ROD, REEL AND LINE

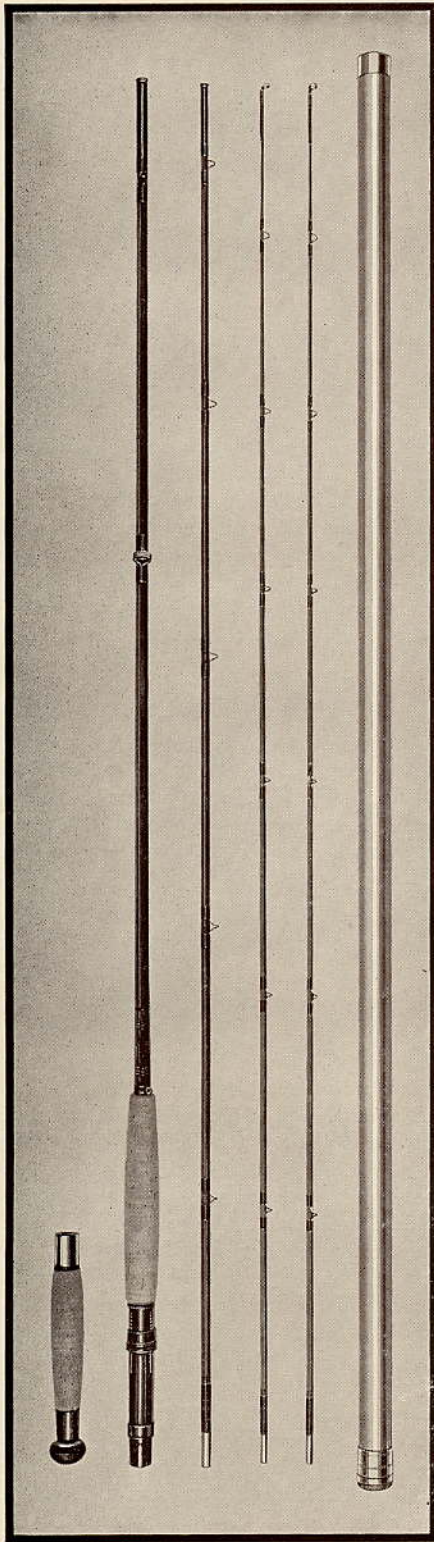
THE secret of beautiful and effortless casting is primarily based upon the relationship of balance between rod, reel and line.

To obtain this balance, the reel and line should weigh approximately one and a half times the weight of the rod. We receive so many requests for a reel and line to balance with the rod that we keep in stock the best tapered and level English and American lines as well as Hardy *Perfect* Salmon reels, Hardy *Perfect* Trout reels, Hardy *Uniqua* Trout reels and Young reels.

THOMAS *Special* SALMON FLY ROD

with Double Cork Grip and Thomas Patented Solid Metal Locking Reel Seat





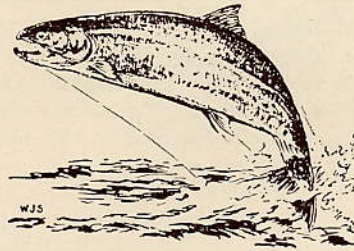
THOMAS *Brown Tone* DRY FLY SALMON OR GRILSE ROD

with Thomas Grip, Thomas Patented Solid Metal Locking Reel Seat and Extension Detachable Rear Butt Grip with Rubber Button

THOMAS

Salmon Fly

RODS



THOMAS *DRY* OR *WET* FLY SALMON OR GRILSE RODS

WE have perfected this rod to meet the demand for this popular style of salmon fishing with the dry or wet fly. In the hands of an experienced angler, one of these rods, because of the extreme power for its length and weight, will kill fairly large Salmon without an undue amount of effort.

We make these rods in our *Brown Tone* and *Special* styles in 9, 9½, 10 and 10½ foot lengths, with a choice of four distinct actions: *Powerful Wet Fly Action*; *Medium Dry Fly Action*; *Fast Dry Fly Action*; and *Very Fast Dry Fly Action*.

THOMAS *Brown Tone* DRY FLY SALMON ROD

Specifications

EXTENSION detachable rear grip with rubber button, Metal reel plate plug, English tempered bronzed steel snake guides, Steel butt first guide, Tungsten steel tips, Butt fly ring, Brown silk windings, Thomas grip with Hardy Style locking reel seat, Oxidized gun metal mountings. Heavy tan canvas bag to take the whole rod with screw top aluminum tip case. Extra tip with each rod.

THOMAS *Special* DRY FLY SALMON ROD

Specifications

EXTENSION detachable rear grip with rubber button, Metal reel plate plug, English tempered bronzed steel snake guides, Steel butt first guide, Tungsten steel tips, Butt fly ring, Brown silk windings, Thomas grip with Hardy Style locking reel seat, German silver, 18% nickel mountings. Heavy tan canvas bag to take the whole rod with screw top aluminum tip case. Extra tip with each rod.

THOMAS
Dirigo
FLY RODS



DIRIGO—"I command"—motto of the State of Maine, is a name aptly applied to this popular rod, a favorite among guides and anglers alike for many years. It is finished in the natural straw color of the bamboo, with mountings of German silver, 18% nickel. Ferrules are hand drawn and waterproof.

Specifications

Made in three joints with extra tip, English tempered bronzed steel snake guides, Tungsten steel tips, Steel first butt guide, Dark red silk windings, German silver, 18% nickel mountings, Thomas grip, with Hardy style locking reel seat. Aluminum case to take the whole rod with cloth partitioned inner bag.

WET FLY RODS: 8, 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 foot lengths with *Soft, Moderate or Powerful Action.*

DRY FLY RODS: 8, 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 foot lengths with *Medium, Fast or Very Fast Action.*

**CHART OF DELUXE
FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT**

WHEN ordering a fly rod from us or your Sporting Goods Dealer, the following deluxe fittings and equipment may be obtained, if desired, at the prices given below. These prices are to be added to the standard price of the rod, and apply only to new rods.

<i>Fittings and Equipment</i>	<i>Thomas Special</i>	<i>Dirigo</i>	<i>Bangor</i>
Hardy Style Locking Reel Seat	Optional		Optional
Cork Reel Seat	Optional	\$3.00	\$3.00
Fly Rod Oxidized Gun Metal Mountings	\$4.00	4.00	4.00
Salmon Fly Rod Oxidized Gun Metal Mountings	5.00	5.00	5.00
Butt Ring for holding fly when not in use		1.00	1.00
Genuine Agate Tip—Fly or Bait Rods		.50	.50
	<i>Special</i>	<i>Dirigo</i>	<i>Bangor</i>
Aluminum Trout Rod Cases, 30", 32", 34", 36" lengths	\$6.00		\$3.50
Aluminum Salmon Rod Cases, 40" to 72" lengths	6.00		

**THOMAS *Special*
BAIT CASTING RODS**

WE make these beautiful bait casting rods for the experienced bass fisherman. They are powerful for their weight, quick in recovery, accurate and easy in action. They are finished in the natural straw color of the bamboo as featured in all our *Special* rods, and made in two weights to take the ¾ or ⅝ ounce lure. Unless rods to take the ¾ ounce lures are specifically ordered, all rods will be made to take the ⅝ ounce standard lures.

Specifications

Made in two joints of equal length with extra tip. 5, 5½ and 6 foot lengths for ¾ or ⅝ ounce lures. Steel guides and Steel tips, Double cork grip, Locking reel seat, Brown silk windings. Aluminum case to take the whole rod, with silk poplin partitioned inner bag.

TO ORDER, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE: Short butt joint with long tip joints. Double cork grip.

ROD REPAIRS

WE cannot guarantee a delivery date on rod repairs unless we receive shipment on, or before, the first of January. We advise sending in rods for repair in the Fall of the year, at the close of the fishing season. When shipping, make sure that rods are carefully packed, and that the package is plainly addressed. We recommend insuring the rod when mailing. Send us the complete rod, especially if new joints are desired, so that we can be sure that ferrules fit properly, and the original balance of the rod may be preserved. All repairs are made at lowest possible cost, and we are only too glad to quote prices before starting the work. After careful inspection, we often find some rod repair that the angler has overlooked, or neglected to write us about in the first letter of instructions, necessary to put in into first class condition. When this occurs, we notify the angler of this condition, state the cost of the repair, and await further instructions.