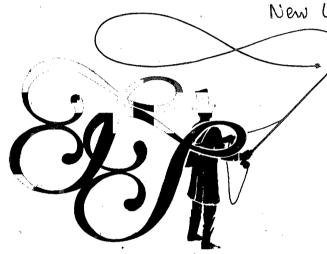
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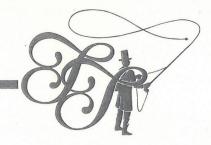


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Thomas & Thomas Rodmakers

THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE . . IN OUR TIME



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DEAR PATRONS AND FELLOW ANGLERS:

Our bond, as fellow anglers, is more than the mere sharing of a common pastime. We are all aware, to different degrees, of those treasured angling traditions central to our fraternity; traditions which participants in few other activities may hope to enjoy. We at Thomas & Thomas feel a special awareness of them, for we have dedicated ourselves to a craft which is at the heart of those traditions. Our dedication to the crafting of bamboo fly rods is unrivaled—unsurpassed even by our love for fly fishing. The rewards are, for us, the satisfaction which comes from having created an exceptional rod. In this, our pride is immense.

This year is, for us, one of celebration. It is our tenth anniversary. A mere ten years ago we initiated a bambo renaissance. Since then we have passed by a century of rodmaking—for in that short time we have established a new standard of excellence among rods. Our goal and promise then was to bring to you, the angler, the consumate rod—a rod which combines the past and the present—a blend of the traditional values of craftsmanship with the advances of modern technology. In this we have never veered from the principles of our predecessors, for they, too, were men of innovation—evolutionizing the traditions of their times, seeking out new materials and techniques, although never at the sacrifice of the beauty and elegance of their products. That we have kept our promise is evidenced by the fact that, even century-old firms have given up hide-bound traditions and old methods of rodbuilding, and opted for ours, in an effort to keep pace.

Our reputation has been hard earned. We had no name, owned or implied through remote corporate blood lines, through which we could lend credibility to a claim of quality. Instead, we have simply strived for an uncompromising level of craftsmanship. It is this high standard alone that has made the Thomas & Thomas name what it is today—a name synonymous with quality.

We believe now, as we did then, that the true heirs to traditions are those who uphold them. Thus we have been chosen to carry on the tradition of excellence in craftsmanship, and in the manner of those first innovators of a now fabled age, to continue to bring to you the finest casting instrument available today. Our role in this is one we choose to take seriously.

In this our tenth anniversary year, our promise for the future is to continue to uphold this high standard and, where possible, even to improve it. This promise extends to our angler's service as well. We shall continue to make every effort toward providing our fraternity with only the finest angling supplies at the best possible prices. You will never find us plying the Thomas & Thomas name to justify higher costs. Of the items which are not of our own manufacture, you can be sure that we have lent our considerable expertise to their selection. We have chosen only the best available items to be included among those we purvey. In so doing, we extend our high quality standards to everything we do.

Our catalog is better than ever this year. In it you will find many new and useful items. We especially invite you to compare our prices to those anywhere—you will be pleased that you did.

Our shop is small but hospitable. Should you choose to stop by and browse, we are sure you will find it interesting...a place to remember. You will likely return, as do so many others, not only to shop, but to share your ideas and experiences with us and with others of our fraternity.

Our sincere best wishes,

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Back-Orders—We really try to maintain everything in this catalog in stock at all times; but, let's face it, there are times when orders exceed available inventory, or the manufacturers and suppliers are not able to supply us. We, therefore, may be temporarily unable to complete all of your order when it is received. In such cases, we will back order those items which we will be able to ship to you shortly to complete your order (most back orders are filled within two to three weeks). All back orders are given our normal 24 hour turnaround service when the merchandise is received from our suppliers.

Prices—Prices are subject to change without further notice. If there is a price decrease, we will ship at the lower price and refund the difference. Price increases will be added accordingly and shipped C.O.D. for the balance due to avoid unnecessary delay in filling your order. We will absorb C.O.D. charges in such cases.

Discounts—Most of the merchandise offered in this catalog is sold at discount prices. We are certain you will find our prices very competitive, and in many cases, the lowest available from any supplier. We offer these savings to our customers as a matter of policy without the need to buy large quantities of merchandise, or to join expensive discount clubs in order to enjoy them. It has always been our policy to sell only the best quality merchandise at the best prices possible . . . with no gimmicks or strings. We do it because it's fair and we want your business. We want to be **everyone's** "fly shop"!

We Get Letters ... scattered about our catalog are excerpts from letters we receive almost daily from T&T customers. We love getting them and enjoy sharing them with you ... we think they best tell you what T&T is all about.

ORDERING INFORMATION

HOW TO ORDER: Use Thomas & Thomas order forms whenever possible. These allow us to obtain the needed information to speedily and correctly fill your order. New forms will be provided with each order we ship to you.

NO POSTAGE NEEDED: Our order forms are postpaid for your convenience. No searching for stamps. We are as close to you as your mailbox or your phone.

WE WELCOME PHONE ORDERS: For the fastest and easiest service place a phone order! Call us at (413) 863-9727 with your charge card or C.O.D. information and your order ready to dictate to save you ordering time. YOUR ORDER WILL BE SHIPPED TODAY. Sorry, no collect calls.

METHODS OF PAYMENT: Charge your order to Master Charge or Visa. Minimum charge order is \$5.00. Orders will not be delayed if you provide us with your account number (plus the bank # for M.C.) and the card expiration date.

CHARGE ORDERS WHICH ARE DECLINED AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SENT U.P.S.—C.O.D. INSTEAD TO AVOID DELAY.

C.O.D. ORDERS: We accept C.O.D. orders only for shipment through U.P.S. No postal C.O.D. orders accepted. Add 85¢ extra for C.O.D.

BANK DRAFTS, MONEY ORDERS AND PERSONAL CHECKS are the safest methods of payment. (Sorry, stamps won't do.) Cash is O.K. too, but T&T cannot be responsible for cash sent through the mails. **SORRY, NO OPEN ACCOUNTS OR BILLING.**

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE AND SHIPPING COSTS: We ship only via U.P.S. because they are faster, cheaper and more dependable than the postal service. U.P.S. cannot deliver to Post Office Boxes. We must have your street address or any other address where someone can sign for receipt of your shipment.

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WHY SHOP BY MAIL?

Ordering fly fishing gear by mail has become a most popular way of shopping in recent years. The reason for this is clear, it's convenient... most of us in this day of hustle-bustle, are just not able to drive an hour or two each time we require something for our angling needs. Furthermore, most home-town sport shops simply do not specialize in fly fishing tackle, therefore their inventory, oft times, does not include those special high quality products needed.

T&T has made mail-order shopping for quality fly tackle a most pleasant experience. Not only do we catalog everything you need, but our quality is high, our prices low and most of our orders are shipped the same day we receive them. Our record to date was an order mailed from West Virginia on Monday morning. Our surprised customer received his order on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m.—only 48 hours round trip—over 500 miles each way. If you're really in a hurry, there's always the telephone.

No matter how we hear from you, you will hear from us—quickly! Our order blank is postage-free for your convenience. Our telephones are always manned . . . by professional fly fishermen, who are qualified to help you, should you need advice concerning your order or local fishing conditions.

Remember this: each and every order we ship comes with our ironclad guarantee of satisfaction, and is shipped to you fully insured—so you take absolutely no risks!

Try shopping us by mail just one time, and discover for yourself why T&T has gained the reputation as the speediest, most efficient fly tackle mail order service ever.

Try us! . . . we'll show you!

WHY A THOMAS & THOMAS ROD?

There was once a time when skilled hand work was more necessary than rare—the expected mark of quality. But even then, men took great pride in the accomplishments of their hands.

In this age of mass-production there are still a few individuals devoted to the hand crafting of objects in which they take great pride; so, there remain some things, however rare, that reflect this pride-in-craftsmanship, this level of excellence which can be attained in no other way. Such is a Thomas & Thomas rod.

Thomas & Thomas is a small shop, with a limited annual production, and the few individuals who comprise it share a common dedication to the goal of continuing and upholding the values of hand craftsmanship. In so doing, we preserve a link with those individuals of the past who established the bamboo heritage—men like Ed Payne, Hiram Leonard, Eustis Edwards and Fred Thomas. But our most intimate bond is with those great artisans who came much later, for it was not until 1930-1950 that the "modern" bamboo fly rod, as we know it, came into being and reached its artistic pinnacle in the form of what has come to be known as the "Classic bamboo rod"—best typified by the work of the "Master's Master" . . . the great Jim Payne.

To say that our rods are designed or constructed as were those of times past would be misleading however, for the materials and methods available to us in this age of technology extend far beyond what those great craftsmen could have foreseen. Had they modern adhesives for permanent bonding, chemical processes to ensure a lasting finish to the bamboo and the backdrop of today's fishing techniques, how different their methods of rod construction might have been.

The Thomas & Thomas concept of rod building is one which reveres and upholds the values of handwork, and blends it with the advances of today's technology. We pioneered in the development of adhesives especially suited to the bonding of bamboo. Our focus on design and refinement of tapers is unparalleled and our repertoire of individual rod models exceeds all others. We continue to be the only rodmakers in the world to build both types of bamboo rods (varnished and impregnated) from scratch. Yet, to the eye, as you gaze upon a Thomas & Thomas rod, these advances may be less than apparent, for part of our goal has been to maintain the beauty and elegance which is the hallmark of a Classic bamboo rod. You will behold a rod of simple grace, which only in the hand and through time will reveal its improvements. We are confident you will find it to be the finest contemporary example of rod craftsmanship . . . a Classic in its own time.

HOW WE DO IT AT T&T

To attempt to describe in a few words the making of a Thomas & Thomas rod would be to merely touch on a complex procedure with a series of skilled operations too numerous to list on a single page.

Split a piece of vintage Tonkin bamboo—a beautiful, natural substance in itself (the scientific name "Arundinaria Amabilis" means "lovely reed"); straighten the strips over an open flame; now heat temper the bamboo to strengthen it and give it life;

miter the strips to 60° precisely tapered segments; glue six strips together to form a butt and six more for each tip (so neatly that the glue line is all but invisible to the naked eye). Now attach Nickel Silver ferrules, fashioned by hand from precision tubing with the aid of some silver solder and a lathe; glue on some cork and shape it into a grip; add a reel seat (handmade from pieces of metal and a carved piece of walnut which has been given five coats of hand rubbed varnish). Now straighten the rod sections (again over a flame); wind on guides (impeccably); then varnish the finished rod so that it has the appearance of wet glass.

So far we have skimmed over some fifty hours of hand work spread over a period of months—and we haven't mentioned any of the problems encountered along the way. Any way you put it, you've over simplified it. However, there are some important features in the building of a T&T which set it apart from the ordinary, and which should be mentioned:

Taper Design—This is the single most important feature related to rod action. Without proper tapers, even the most finely crafted and detailed rods...rods which are cosmetically perfect, remain commonplace. Even a few thousandths of an inch, redistributed, make the difference between a superior and a mediocre rod action. The T&T tapers have been tested, proved and improved over many years. Our obsession for perfection in this area is the reason why "performance" has become the keynote of the Thomas & Thomas rod. This, in combination with our unmatched finishing capabilities create the "total" rod. A T&T rod never falls short of total perfection.

Splitting the Bamboo—Although more time consuming than the commercially popular "rip sawing", we still split our bamboo with the grain, by hand, to maximize the continuous parallel fibre structure.

Planing the Strips—The split strips must be planed to 60° triangular segments and tapered in this same operation to conform precisely to the intended taper of the final hexagonal laminate. For this we use a precision miller—with it we can plane strips to a complex configuration, and far more accurately than human hands alone could do. It enables us to produce six identical strips necessary for laminating an absolutely symetrical rod section . . . critical to flawless performance.

Component Parts—With the exception of guides, all component parts from reel seats to ferrules are made at the T&T shop; each shows the unmistakable T&T mark of workmanship. It is our conviction that each part should be a thing of beauty, and each part is therefore given a jewel-like finish.

Wrapping Guides—The woman who wraps our rods has been winding guides on bamboo fly rods for over 25 years. Her skill is renowned, the results are impeccable—it is commonly acknowledged that the mounting of guides on a T&T rod is an exercise in perfection.

Finish—Aside from control of dust, temperature and humidity, there is no shortcut to perfection in the application of varnish other than long arduous hours of skilled hand work. However, our results speak for themselves, for the beauty of our varnish work is unrivaled. A Thomas & Thomas rod looks like what it is—the finest rod that human hands can create.

"It has been my great pleasure to have fished Thomas & Thomas cane rods since their early days and to have witnessed the unparalleled rise of Thomas and Thomas to the very pinnacle of the rodmakers art.

The Thomas and Thomas rod of today in its uncompromised beauty and unmatched ability to perform is without question the very finest rod to be found anywhere at any price."

Henry Peters

"Though I don't ordinarily write "fan letters", I did want you to know that I already own an 8½ Midge which has proven a marvel at reaching out on big water like the Loyalsock and Penns and also helps keep my backcast above the meadow grass on the Letort. In fact, I'm so in love with the rod that I had you make a third tip for it last year "just in case". I plan to use the 7½ footer for work on smaller water, and if it's as good, I'll be delighted."

J.F., Washington, D.C.

"At this time last year I bought one of your graphite rods (8'-5 weight). I find it to be the finest rod I own."

M.B., CT
"... I would like to congratulate you on one of the finest pieces of cane craftsmanship that I have seen... I truly envy your ability to build and design such beautiful rods. I can assure you that I will continue to do business with you in the future. Again, many thanks to you. The wait was indeed worthwhile."

H.A., Boulder, CO

SELECTING YOUR ROD

The purchase of a new rod—especially a Thomas & Thomas—is always an event of anticipation and excitement; and yet, the questions: "which action?", "which length?", "which line weight?" can be confusing. Choosing the right rod will be simple and enjoyable for you, if the proper guidelines are followed. To aid you in choosing precisely the rod for your needs, we would like to make some suggestions and outline a few facts which are often misunderstood or ignored.

Our outline for selection is a simple one: Begin with the line. Once you have decided this, move on to length. But remember that your choice of line should be based on the flies you will be using.

Which line weight? We suggest that you choose your rod according to the flies you propose to cast; not according to the size of the fish you expect to catch. A fly rod is essentially a tool for casting, not for landing fish—with practice, you could land a 20 pound salmon on a line alone (though you would have no way to present your fly to the fish). Where the delicate presentation of a tiny fly (for example, a #20 dry) requires a light line, a rod that will handle a light line is required. On water where hatches are this small, a 6 pound as well as a 6 ounce trout may take flies of such size, so it is clear that the size of the fish does not determine choice of rod. In contrast, where a bulky deerhair fly is a must for success, a heavier line is needed to propel the fly; therefore, a rod which best handles the heavier line is in order regardless of the size of the fish. This is not to say that one can only cast a small fly with a light line, or a large fly with a heavy line, or to disregard the fact that line/fly combinations are, to a degree, a matter of individual preference. Our point is that a rod is essentially a tool for casting a line, and to urge that you choose your rod from this point of view.

The larger the fly, the heavier the line which will best propel it (the "parachuting" effect of a fly increases rapidly with size and with bulk). However, heavy lines will disturb the water surface of very calm or slow moving streams, and so "spook" the fish more readily. A rule of thumb might be to choose a line size heavy enough to cast the range of flies you actually anticipate using, but no heavier than necessary.

General Fly Line/Fly Size Ranges:

#3 Size 18-28 Dries.

#4 Size 14-28 Dries; 14-20 Wet.

#5 Size 12-24 Dries; 10-20 Wet; 10-14 Streamer.

#6 Size 10-18 Dries; 10-16 Wet; 8-14 Streamer; 8-12 Bugs.

#7 Size 8-14 Dries; 6-14 Wet; 6-12 Streamer; 4-10 Bugs.

#8 Salmon Dries; 4-14 Wet; 6-12 Streamer; 1-8 Bugs.

#9 Salmon Dries; 2-10 Wet; 4-10 Streamer; 1/0-6 Bugs.

#10 Salmon Dries; 1- 8 Wet; 2- 8 Streamer.

#11 Salt Water and Salmon 2/0-4.

#12 Salt Water and Salmon 4/0-2.

How long? Choice of rod length should be based on other factors; for example, the conditions of overgrowth or brush around a stream, the depth of the water or even, to some degree, your personal preference. Short rods come into their own on narrow waters where overhanging growth presents a problem, i.e., where wading out far enough to avoid fouled back casts is impractical. Long rods afford reaching capabilities and keep the airborne line higher where low streamside brush or reeds are the main obstacle.

We feel that the most commonly overlooked virtue of a longer rod is its advantages when wading in deep water. The wide stream/long rod rule is in part misleading. True enough, a longer rod can offer reaching capabilities, but a wide shallow stream that is wadable can be fished totally with a short rod. Deep water provides other problems. When standing chest-deep in water, your line may be traveling a good three feet closer to the water surface than when you're merely "in-to-your-ankles." The misery that follows when your line slaps at the water surface can only be remedied with a longer rod. The problem is similar when casting from a sitting position, as in a canoe or boat.

In view of the above points, we can see why a $7\frac{1}{2}$ rod for a #5 or #6 line may be regarded as "basic" for trout, while an 8 or $8\frac{1}{2}$ footer for #7 or #8 line is regarded as a general purpose rod (for fishing for bass, trout and salmon).

Generalizations can sometimes be misleading however, and what is basic or most generally useful for one locality may not be so for another. If, therefore, your fishing will be limited to a specific area, or if your local conditions are select or peculiar, these generalizations may not apply. In many areas throughout the East, where small streams are numerous, a 7' rod may well be more generally useful than a 7½'. In the West, where deep and fast water is common, an 8' rod may be "short".

Bamboo, Graphite or Glass?

Glass—It is not necessary to make a large investment in a fly rod to own a good one. There are a few extraordinarily good glass rods available today, and the glass rods made today are better than ever. The new S-Glass, for example, (see page 18) is nearly as light as graphite and at far lower cost.

Graphite—The extreme lightness of graphite has made it a popular choice for those who seek this virtue. Though more expensive than glass, the light weight of graphite is most appreciated in the longer length rods, especially those built for the heavy line sizes. For salt water and salmon fishing graphite is a God-send. Its light weight makes it less tiring for the caster, and it gives the caster the added distance needed under such conditions.

Bamboo—Choosing to purchase a bamboo rod is really not a choice between bamboo and a rod of some other material, at least not on the basis of the respective virtues of the materials themselves. Bamboo has an unmistakable "feel" and the joys of its subtle casting qualities are undeniable. But, most important, a truly fine bamboo rod is not just a fly rod. It is a possession, and to those fortunate enough to own one, it offers pride of ownership—a virtue which goes beyond the service it renders as a fly fishing tool.

The higher cost of a fine bamboo rod is due to the hours required in its construction, meaning a large labor investment, which is very costly. A high quality bamboo fly rod, be it new or used, can be regarded as an investment. It will hold its value, and, as in the case of a really fine rod, its value may appreciate considerably in time.

We believe the information offered here should be a part of the decision making process in selecting your next fly rod. It is impossible to touch on all of the possible special needs or fishing applications which could affect your choice, so if you have any questions concerning rod choice and wish to discuss your specific needs in choosing a new rod, please remember that we are as near as your phone. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can, and we welcome your questions.

"... I would like to commend Thomas & Thomas on the beautiful flowing action of my 8' for 5 weight Paradigm. It is the most delightful rod, in a longer length, that I have ever used."

S.R., Irmo, S.C.

"... This is my fifth T&T rod ... I now have in my collection 28 bamboo fly rods. I am very pleased with my T&T rods. I have been dealing with you for three years and would like to thank you for the fine service, and for sending me the used rod lists."

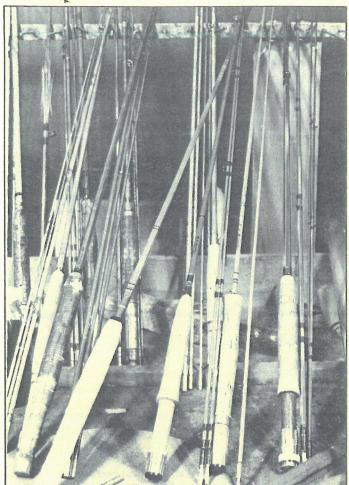
P.M., Ind.

"The 7' T&T graphite rod I purchased performed beautifully and was a joy to use. Its lightweight, exciting action and ease of handling were all I had hoped for and at the end of the day I am not tired from casting."

J.P., PA







ROD RESTORATION AND REPAIR

Our reputation as restorers of the finest rods seems to fit handin-glove with our capability as custom rod makers. Because of our experience in building from scratch, we are often called upon to build butt or tip sections which duplicate the tapers and cosmetics of the original rod, including ferrules, grips and other hardware where these need replacement. Since this work is most often performed on fine Classic rods, attention to finishing detail is also of paramount importance. None of the finer points of the original makers' techniques (including special wraps, wrap colors, metal treatment, etc.) escapes our attention. Our restoration work is done with the utmost regard for the originality of the piece and for the methods and techniques employed by the original maker so that the inherent value of the rod is preserved or even enhanced. Each restoration job we undertake also enjoys the benefit of our unrivaled varnish work. which often exceeds that of the original maker's finish.

Many fine and servicable bamboo rods, though of lesser significance to the collector, are quite worthy of reclamation. So, if you own a bamboo rod which is showing the toll of seasons past or is in need of any major or minor repair, please phone or write us for an approximate quotation. Exact quotations on repair costs can only be given after inspection of the work.

To give some ballpark costs of repairs, we are listing the normal cost ranges for some of the most commonly performed work on many bamboo rods. These prices include all finish work.

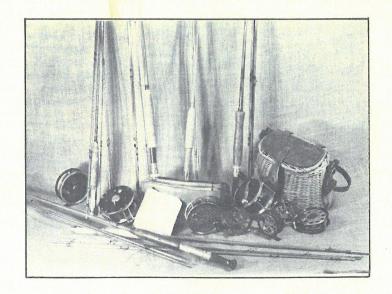
Complete Refinish	\$85 to \$225.
Replacement ferrules \$8 to \$20	
Reglue or repair splits, breaks	\$10 to \$75 per sect.
Replacement tips	\$60 to \$140 each.
Replacement butts	\$85 to \$200 each.
Straighten rod sections	
Replace individual guides	\$4 to \$6 each.
Replace reel seats	\$15 to \$75
Replace grips	\$10 to \$50

USED RODS AND TACKLE

Back in 1969, Len Codella began offering used tackle through his now famous "rod list". With Len as part of our family, T&T offers a dimension of historical expertise which few can match. The T&T "rod list" is published several times per year, and lists for sale or trade a substantial inventory of previously owned bamboo and graphite rods ranging from "handyman specials" or contemporary fishing tools, to rare and exotic Classics. This list offers as well, a selection of used reels and other miscellaneous equipment suited to the needs of the fly angler and collector.

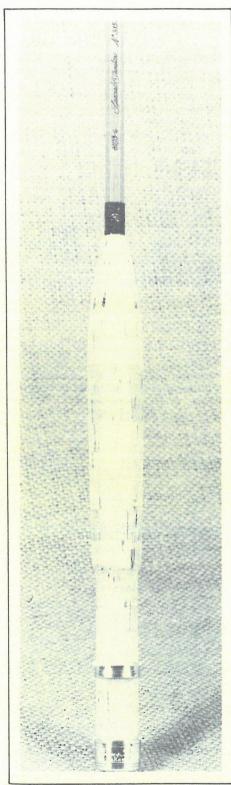
Consistent with this long established practice of offering used tackle for sale, T&T is interested in acquiring used cane rods or reels. We will accept these in trade or purchase them outright. Of special interest are fine trout rods by Dickerson, Payne, Gillum, Hawes, Edwards, Halstead, Thomas, Young, Winston, (E.C.) Powell, Leonard, Orvis, Garrison and others. Also wanted are antique, historic and contemporary reels and related angling memorabilia.

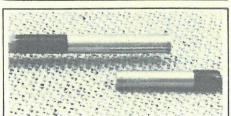
If you have equipment, old or new, that you wish to trade or sell, please let us know. You will find our prices to be very fair. We do formal appraisals for insurance or estate settlement purposes, and we will also accept rods, reels and tackle for sale on a consignment basis. We are one of the largest dealers in used tackle in the world, and our reputation for fair and honest dealings is world reknowned.



The Special Trouter







THE SPECIAL TROUTER

We designed the Special Trouter to meet a two-fold requirement. We have long recognized the need for a superior quality bamboo rod—one that truly excells in its class—that is within reach of those anglers with a special budget.

Powerful and accurate, these "TROUTERS" will meet the test as well as any, and the graceful flowing action of these rods is matched only by their lightness and their trim lines.

Truly a rod for the professional angler, the Special Trouter brings to life a beauty and elegance only possible in a design which maximizes functional simplicity to its, fullest, and the fewer man hours required to produce it, permit true quality and workmanship throughout, at a modest price.

The Special Trouter boasts a finely balanced medium action which will fish the dry or wet fly with equal ease. It is impregnated and buffed to a satin lustre, so it not only looks good, but will continue to look that way after years of fishing pleasure—a virtually maintenance free rod.

The natural beauty of its wheat-gold bamboo is complimented by translucent honey lemon guide wraps and warm brown wraps at the keeper, ferrules and tip tops. It is fitted with our classic cigar grip and with the time honored and trouble free cork reel seat, employing a polished butt cap and slide ring. The T&T Swiss style ferrules are of polished nickel silver.

Each Special Trouter is provided with a tailored cloth protective rod bag and Champion aluminum rod case. Available with or without a spare tip.

SPECIAL TROUTER PRICES SHOWN ON PAGE 14.

SPECIAL TROUTER MODELS

6'6" #3 or 4 line at 2 oz. The immediate choice for the small brook and creek fisherman. Power enough for the occasional long cast, but with amazing ability to fish a short line for in-close fishing, and yet delicate and sensitive enough to fish smaller flies and fine leaders. Use the #3 line for more delicate dry fly presentation, or the #4 line for an overall approach.

7'0" #4 or 5 line at 2-3/8 oz. The choice for those who fish smaller streams as a rule. Absolute casting control within the normal fishing distances, yet with enough power reserve to reach out when required. When fished with the #4 line, the rod will comfortably handle smaller flies and finer tippets with total sensitivity, when coupled with the #5 line, does a perfect job with the standard range of dries, wets, nymphs and smaller streamers.

7'6" #4 or 5 line at 3 oz. A longer version of 7'0" model for those who fish rivers of medium size and depth. This rod easily fishes moderate distances and has the needed power reserve to reach out if required. Best suited to fishing the full range of dry and wet flies with the #5 line and is the length and line combination considered basic by many trout fishermen. The 7'6" TROUTER will do an admirable job of fishing the smaller dries and wets when used with the #4 line.

8'0" #5 or 6 line at 3-3/4 oz. The choice for the flyfisher who frequents the medium to larger streams and deeper rivers. Designed to fish the standard range of flies at normal distances, but can lay out an extra long line when needed. The #6 line is well suited to most dry and wet fishing tasks, and is especially recommended for lake or pond fishing where breezes can be a problem. When coupled with the #5 line, the 8'0" TROUTER performs well as a medium dry fly rod and is a joy to use.

"Very happy with the 7½' Special Trouter I purchased back in May. I've been fishing it with a 4 weight line and am very surprised at the way it handles it. It's done everything I've asked of it, and I'm positive it could outperform my capabilities. I use it more than any other rod I have and couldn't be more pleased."

J.K., New York

"My 7' Special Trouter is a pleasure to use and is my favorite rod."
G.P., Windsor, CT

"I wish to say THANKS on your Special Trouter rods. I bought one hesitantly. I have no regrets whatsoever. I love my 8'0" bamboo flyrod that I purchased from you. Terrific!"

G.P., Clifton, N.J.

". . . The Trouter is a fine rod at a reasonable price. I find I use it more and my other rods less. Matter of fact, the rod is being overfished for a 7' rod—I hate to put it down even when conditions call for a stronger rod."

B.K., O'Fallon, IL





THE CLASSIC RODS

A joy in the hand and a gem to behold ... one need only to see and compare our Classic rods to those of any other current maker to appreciate the craftsmanship and to understand why Thomas & Thomas is regarded as the standard of excellence among fly rods: for if we were to build none other than our Classic series we could confidently maintain this reputation. Built from extra select bamboo, the Classics incorporate sophisticated compound tapers to provide an outstanding and finely tuned action. They give extremely good line speed and line loop characteristics and lend themselves to excellent line control. Their accuracy has never been disputed.

The Classic rods are fitted with rich varnished walnut reel seats incorporating T&T lathe turned fittings, oxidized nickel silver ferrules, and oxidized guides. Guide wraps are in translucent honey lemon with burgundy edgings. Keeper and ferrules are wrapped in complimentary translucent brown. The 6'6" and 7'0" rods are fitted with a rich, varnished walnut seat using a highly polished single slide band and fixed butt cap. The 7'6" and 8'0" rods are fitted with our standard screw lock seat mated to our unique mortised walnut spacer. All models are two piece design. Finished as only T&T can do, all Classic models are available, at your option, in either our varnished or impregnated/buffed finish. Each comes with a tailored poplin protective bag and Champion aluminum case, and your choice of one or two tips.

CLASSIC ROD PRICES SHOWN ON PAGE 14.

CLASSIC MODELS

6'6" #4 line at 2-1/8 oz. An excellent rod for small or overgrown streams and tight, accurate casting to confined spots.

7'0" #3 line at 2-1/4 oz. The choice for delicate presentation of tiny flies, wet or dry.

7'0" #4 line at 2-3/8 oz. A lightweight which feathers a dry or wet fly with finesse and ease of casting. Sensitive but with ample power for distance and high back casts.

7'0" #5 line at 2-1/2 oz. The rod for use on smaller streams with both wet or dry fly under breezier wind or rough water conditions.

7'6" #5 line at 3-1/4 oz. The basic trout rod for small to medium waters.

7'6" #6 line at 3-3/4 oz. The right choice for the one rod fly fisherman to handle a full range of wet and dry flies for trout, panfish and light bass fly rodding on small to medium waters.

8'0" #5 line at 3-3/4 oz. The perfect rod for light line trouting on medium to larger waters. 8'0" #6 line at 4 oz. The choice for all around use most anywhere for trout, panfish, light bass and salmon with wet or dry fly.

"Just a note on the rod (Special Trouter). It's probably the best rod I've ever owned. I'm hopelessly in love with my T&T. Although it isn't a custom (rod) it's given me many hours of pleasure and I've taken my share of trout. I was overwhelmed with its sensitivity and feel while drifting nymphs and midges off the bottom of streams. Anyway I couldn't be happier, except if I could own a second T&T."

R.S., Lansdale, PA

"The 7' Montana you made for me is an absolute masterpiece. The personal time and integrity of your skill, you put into it, will long be treasured."

R.B., Kentucky

"The Bamboo fly rods that we have gotten from you are great, they have given us many hours of enjoyment."

J.N., Phoenix, AZ

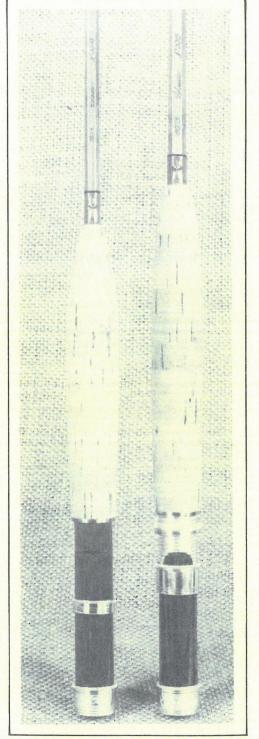
"P.S. Tell my friends at T&T that their 7½"
Classic for #6 line is one of the best casting rods I have ever used!"
R.D., New Hampshire

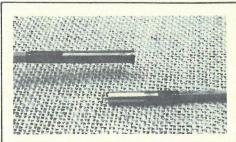
"Very well pleased, a beautiful rod."
R.C., No. Huntingdon, PA

"I was amazed with the expedition of my last order dated November 6, that I received by U.P.S. on November 9, 1978. With all my years dealing with mail orders, this is the first time that I received an order so promptly, within four days. Thank you.

P.S. Here is my next order.
P.S.S. I am pleased with the items I received."

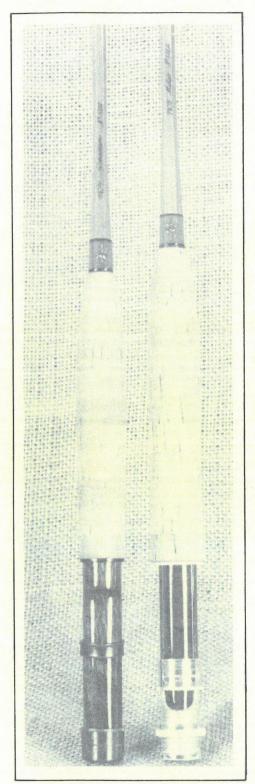
P.V., Brooklyn, N.Y.





The Individualist Rods





THE INDIVIDUALIST RODS

Simply the epitome of the rodmakers art. When a man says he believes a Thomas & Thomas to be the finest rod ever built, he likely owns an Individualist... for these are the rods that have turned the heads of both fly fishermen and rodmakers alike. We know of no rods of any other maker, regardless of price, that are so costly to produce. The many hours of hand work show everywhere ... both in performance and detail ... from the distinctive swelled butt to fine tip. To appreciate the level of craftsmanship, one should compare them not merely with rods of current makers, but with the great Classics of all time ... for this is the theatre in which we proudly offer the Individualists. Creating such a rod is the challenge we extended to ourselves long ago and a promise we keep in every Individualist rod we make.

The Individualists are built from our very finest bamboo. The various available actions . . . each distinctive . . . are the result of complex compound tapers developed at our shop and proven in the field to yield supreme balance and casting finesse. They finish out to a wheat gold hue and are wrapped in light translucent tan guide wraps with medium brown edgings and complimentary darker brown wraps at tip-tops, guides and ferrules. All models may be ordered, at your option, with either our varnished or impregnated/buffed finish. All trout models are available in either two or three piece design. Each comes with an extra tip packed in a tailored protective sack and our custom brass capped, polished aluminum case.

Unless otherwise ordered, rods exceeding 7'6" for 5 weight line or over are fitted with our mortised walnut reversed (uplocking) reel seat and western grip... while lighter rods are fitted with a walnut cap and sliding ring seat with a standard cigar grip. Single handed salmon rods are fitted with our mortised walnut reel seat and western grip with a detachable or permanent extension butt, at your option. Customized reel seat and grip options are available for all Individualist rods. These options, along with all Individualist rod prices, are shown on page 14.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the many models of both Individualist and Classic rods, and our limited annual rod production, there generally is a 2 to 4 month wait for delivery of one of these rods. However, it is possible the rod of your choice may be in stock for immediate delivery. We urge you to call about the availability of the model in which you are interested.

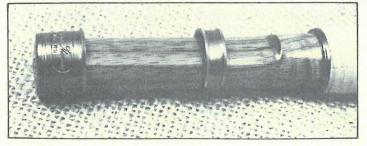
We do offer a very large selection of rods which may seem confusing—so if you are unsure of which rod will best fill your needs, we encourage your call to discuss your specific requirements. Please remember that, while we are rodmakers by profession, we are also fly fishermen and are sensitive to the varied requirements of all aspects of fly fishing. We will be happy to help pin-point the best rod for you.

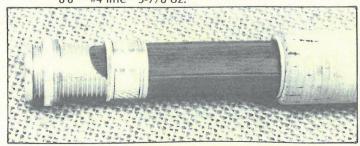
THE CAENIS—The Caenis rods are quick, firm actioned dry fly rods with built in delicacy so necessary to protect 7X or 8X tippets. Intended for use with flies from sizes 20 through 28, these rods explode the soft, slow rod myth, by bringing to the midge fishing scene a quick actioned rod, deliberate in developing a fast, tight line loop so critical to pin point fly placement.

THE MIDGE—The Midge is similar in action to the Caenis rod. It is a relatively fine tipped, fast actioned dry fly rod, which generates a high line speed, exceptional loop formation and deliberate, teacup accuracy. The Midge rods are capable of pinpoint delivery of the lighter fly lines, and are best suited to dry fly work with flies from size 12 or 14 down to midges.

Midge Models

6'6"—#4 line—	-2-1/8 oz.	7'6"—#5	line-3	-1/4	oz
7'0"-#4 line-	-2-3/8 oz.	8'0"-#4	line-3	-1/2	oz.
7'6"-#4 line-	-3 oz.	8'0"-#5	line-3	-3/4	oz.
	8'6"-#4 line-	3-7/8 07			







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The Individualist Rods

THE HENDRICKSON—These rods are graced with exceptional ability to adapt to diverse trout fishing situations. The Hendrickson rods are capable of long casts, yet meet the challenge of short, in-close dry fly work with equal ease. They do not differentiate between surface and sub-surface work and adapt to both equally. The time tested medium action of the Hendrickson rods continues to key on versatility by developing a moderate line speed, tight line loop and ease of handling for unrivaled fishing satisfaction. The perfect medium action fly rod.

Hendrickson Models

7'0"—#4 line—2-3/8 oz. 8'0"—#5 line—3-3/4 oz. 7'0"—#5 line—2-1/2 oz. 8'0"—#6 line—4 oz. 7'6"—#6 line—3-3/4 oz. 9'0"—#5 line—4-3/8 oz.

THE MONTANA—We have often remarked that if we were forced to own but one rod to do all our fishing for trout, bass and panfish, it would be a Montana. These rods can throw a long line under the worst of conditions but never cease to amaze the caster with their in-close fishability. The Montana has proved to be the first choice of many for both dry and sub-surface fishing using larger dries, wets, streamers and bugs. It is a moderately fast action rod which gives the distance when asked. This rod is the best choice for the one-rod fisherman.

Montana Models

7'0"—#5 line—2-1/2 oz. 8'0"—#7 line—4-1/8 oz. 7'6"—#6 line—3-3/4 oz. 8'6"—#6 line—4-3/8 oz. 8'0"—#7 line—4-5/8 oz. 8'6"—#8 line—4-3/4 oz.

THE PARADIGM—Intended for the dry fly fisherman who has a more relaxed casting style and who seeks a rod with a smooth, silky action, but with hidden power. The Paradigm rods have been designed with the rare dual capacity to generate a tight line loop while loading fully . . . even in close. They are progressive actioned rods of remarkable finesse, possessing a hidden power reserve which is almost magical. They have made many a skeptic a "true believer" . . . and more than a few multi-rod users "one-rod" fishermen.

Paradigm Models

7'0"—#4 line—2-1/4 oz.
7'6"—#4 line—2-7/8 oz.
7'6"—#5 line—3-1/8 oz.
8'0"—#4 line—3-5/8 oz.
8'0"—#6 line—3-7/8 oz.

THE SALMON—Designed for maximum lightness and power, these salmon rods are balanced for long and accurate casts with little effort. All are fitted to hold any of the best salmon reels, and come with carbide tops and double carbide strip guides.

Salmon Models

 Two Piece
 Three Piece

 8'0"—#6 line
 8'6"—#8 line
 9'6"—#9 line

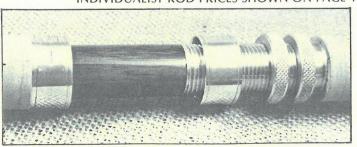
 8'0"—#7 line
 9'0"—#8 line
 10'0"—#8 line

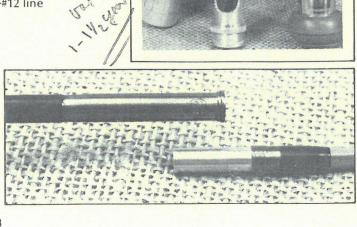
 8'6"—#8 line
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Double Handed Models

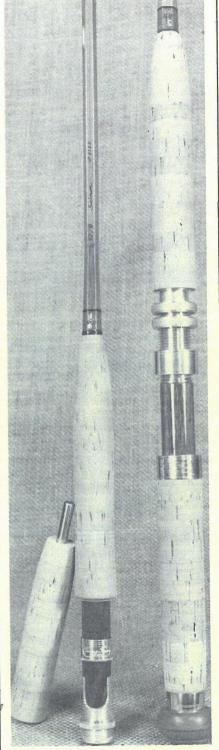
Three Piece Four Piece
12'0"—#9 line 13'0"—#10 line 14'0"—#11 line
12'0"—#10 line 13'0"—#11 line 14'0"—#12 line

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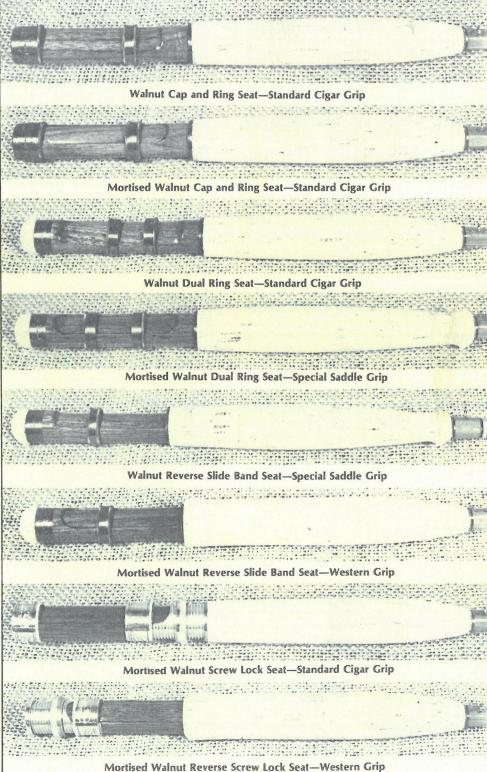
Gustom Options.



CUSTOM REEL SEATS AND GRIP OPTIONS

The standard grip and reel seats used on the Individualist rod models are described and pictured on pages 12 and 13.

Custom grip shapes and reel seats which are shown below may be special ordered when you place your order for a new Individualist rod. Select from any of the three grip shapes which may be combined with any of the eight reel seats pictured at an extra cost of \$25.00.



THOMAS & THOMAS ROD PRICES

GRAPHITE RODS (Pgs. 6 and 7)

-	Trout Models
-	7'0" and 7'6" Lengths
-	Cork Seat \$155.00 Walnut Seat \$170.00
	8'0" and 8'6" Lengths
	Cork Seat
1000	Walnut Seat\$180.00
16	9'0" and 9'6" Lengths
	Cork Seat\$175.00
	Walnut Seat
	Salmon Models
100	8'6" and 9'0"
	9'6"; 10'0"; 10'6" \$195.00
	12'6" \$250.00
7	14'0"\$275.00
10.00	15'0"\$295.00
-	SPECIAL DRY FLY (Pg. 8)
	8'0" and 8'3" Models \$225.00
	Presentation Models \$325.00
	DAMBOO BODC
0201-0200	BAMBOO RODS
	THE SPECIAL TROUTERS (Pg. 10)
	All Models: With Single Tip\$160.00
	With Two Tips
	THE CLASSICS (Pg. 11)
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7	With Two Tips \$325.00
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**	THE INDIVIDUALISTS (Pgs. 12 and 13) Caenis; Midge; Hendrickson; Montana;
	Paradigm.
	All Models: Two Piece Design\$465.00
	Three Piece Design\$495.00
	Salmon Rods
	All Models\$550.00
	Double Handed Rods
	12'0" Models
Ç.	13'0" and 14'0" Models \$775.00

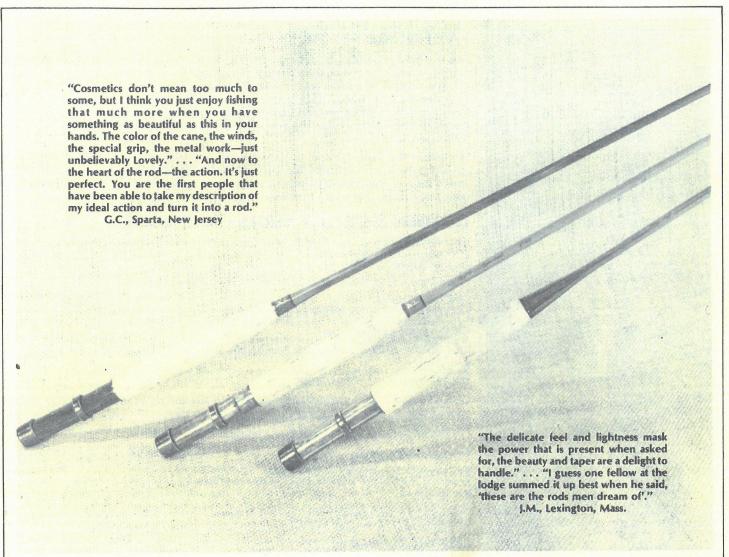
THE T&T ROD GUARANTEE

Each Thomas & Thomas Rod (cane and graphite) is guaranteed for the life of the original owner against breakage during normal fishing use, and will be repaired or replaced at no charge should such breakage occur. Abusive or accidental damage is excluded under this guarantee.

Land insects form an important part of a trout's summer diet. Beetles, bees, ants, grasshoppers, crickets and caterpillars are eagerly taken by feeding trout. Imitations of these insects are excellent trout flies.



The Sans Pareil Rods



SANS PAREIL—CUSTOM RODS

Although the words "custom" and "customized" are often loosely interchanged, the requirements of a truly custom rod may far exceed mere cosmetic customization. Thomas & Thomas is unrivaled in the hand crafting of custom fly rods, so we take the word "custom" quite seriously. To us, a custom rod is always the result of an exchange of ideas between rod maker and prospective owner. So, if you are seeking a one piece rod, a rod of unusual length, a rod with a special action or to fill a special need, please contact us for a quotation. The Sans Pareil rods are keyed to the exacting demands of the most critical fly fisher or collector of fine rods. They are one of a kind and built to order from scratch. They are unique in every respect.

As a guideline, we have listed base prices for one piece, two piece and three piece Sans Pareil rods.

SANS PAREIL TWO PIECE AND THREE PIECE RODS

Special built to the specifications dictated by your needs. Built with ferrules for traditional portability. Custom built to your length, line, action and cosmetic requirements.

Custom	Two Piece	Rods				 		 						\$595.00
Custom	Three Piec	e Rods				 		 						\$625.00

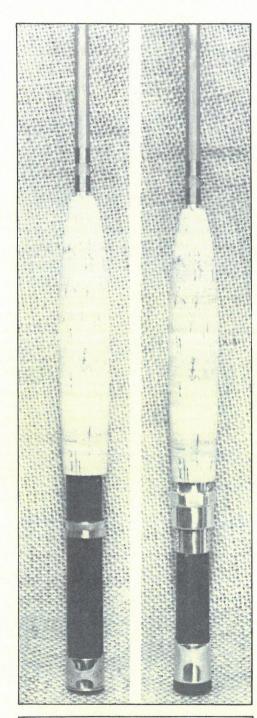
SANS PAREIL ONE PIECE RODS

The purest, most perfect (and rarest) fly rods are those constructed in a single piece design. They are also the most difficult to make however, and this difficulty increases with the length of the rod. For the collector, or the hard to please individual who puts perfection before portability, these exceptional rods are constructed in a unified taper design in a single piece, without ferrule interruption. We are the only rod makers in the world to offer such pieces, as the difficulty of their construction prevents all others from attempting it! We are listing only lengths in which these rods are made as the actions, weights, fittings, wraps etc. will vary with your requirements.

Custom One Piece Trout Rods \$375.00 6'0" \$375.00 6'6" 425.00 7'0" 500.00 7'6" 575.00 8'0" 650.00 Custom One Piece Salmon Rods \$800.00 8'6" \$800.00 9'0" 900.00 9'6" 1000.00

Partridge Fly Rods.





PARTRIDGE FLY RODS

The name A.E. Partridge & Sons enjoys world-wide reknown as being synonomous with the finest quality, hand made fish hooks. That same sense of values, which for decades has been part of the Partridge hook tradition, has been instilled in the crafting of the Partridge fly rod. These rods represent a blend of the finest in English quality and workmanship with tapers and actions designed for the American fly fisher. Each Partridge rod is built of only the best materials and is finished with the care befitting a well-made fishing tool.

We believe the Partridge rods to be among the best available from England today. They demonstrate far more quality, workmanship and performance than their modest price would suggest. The Partridge name is your assurance that they are the best available in their price range and well worth their modest cost.

GOLDEN SHADOW SERIES CANE RODS

For a number of years now the Golden Shadow cane rods have enjoyed popularity in the U.S. These rods have proven to be fine first cane rods by offering a very forgiving medium action, excellent casting qualities and proven performance. They withstand unintentional abuse very well and will give excellent service.

SPECIFICATIONS

MATERIAL—Seasoned, first quality Tonkin cane in the natural color.

GRIP-Standard cigar shape.

REEL SEATS—Rosewood cap and ring on $6\frac{1}{2}$ and 7' rods. Rosewood screw lock on $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 8' rods.

WRAPS—Ruby red nylon wraps.

GUIDES—Best quality stainless steel guides, tip top and fly keeper.

FERRULES—Precision fit oxidized brass ferrules.

FINISH—High gloss protective varnish finish.

ROD BAG-Quality cotton poplin.

ROD CASE—Quality aluminum case.

We highly recommend these rods for both the beginner and advanced fly fisherman looking for quality and value in a cane rod, at a very modest price. The Golden Shadow rods are available in these models:

Golden Shadow Models

6'6"—#4 line—2-1/2 oz. A light action rod well suited to delicate work with a smaller range of flies and finest tippets where long casts are seldom required.

7'0"—#5 line—3 oz. Light, medium action will comfortably handle the normal range of flies with versatility and ease of casting on smaller streams.

7'6"—#5 line—3-1/2 oz. An excellent choice for all purpose use on medium waters with the normal range of flies.

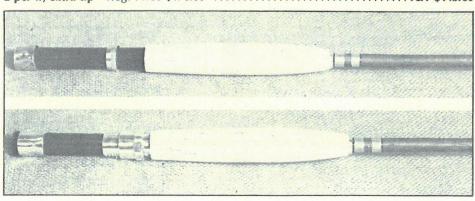
8'0"—#6 line—4-1/8 oz. The rod best suited to longer casts on medium to large streams with the full range of flies.

PRICE: All Models

"I would like to thank you for the service that I received on shipment of the 8' Special Dry Fly rod. You shipped it upon my request on Wednesday and I had it Friday morning . . . Without a doubt, it has to be the best service I have seen in this day and age."

R.F., State College, PA

"I'm happy to finally find a material supply source that offers the high quality material I have been looking for!" D.N., Butler, PA





Partridge Fly Rods

MASTERS SERIES CANE RODS

New rods from Partridge which offer a subtle blend of cosmetic detail and fine tipped dry fly tapers. The Masters Series was designed to satisfy the angler looking for a more sophisticated rod able to meet the demands of dry fly work. These rods are capable of precise performance and yet offer cosmetic touches not often found in cane rods so modestly priced.

SPECIFICATIONS

MATERIAL—Seasoned, first quality Tonkin cane in the natural color.

GRIP-Standard cigar shape.

REEL SEAT—Rosewood screw lock.

WRAPS—Magenta rose nylon wraps tipped with yellow edgings.

GUIDES—Best quality black stainless steel guides, tip tops and fly keeper.

FERRULES—Nickle silver.

FINISH—High gloss protective varnish finish.

ROD BAG-Quality cotton poplin.

ROD CASE—Quality aluminum case.

The Masters Series rods are available in these models:

Masters Series Models

7'6"-#3/4 line-3-1/2 oz. A light actioned, staggered ferrule model especially well suited to dry fly work with light lines, finer tippets and the small range of flies.

-#4/5 line-4 oz. A longer, light actioned rod in standard two-piece design offering complete dry fly versatility with the normal range of flies.

8'6"—#6/7 line—4-1/2 oz. A longer, medium actioned rod to meet the requirements of longer casts, larger waters and the full range of flies.

PRICE: All Models

GREENHEART FLY RODS

Just for the fun of it! Everyone can appreciate the aesthetics of owning a rod made from the best of the then available rod building materials, but not many realize just how nice the greenheart rods really are!

These are superb rods produced in the finest traditions of greenheart rod making and are made by Partridge using the same rod making techniques employed at the turn of the century. What results is a rod which surprises the user as a fishing tool. These are light rods, close in weight to comparable cane rods, yet are unique in all respects. The greenheart rods are fun to fish and a real pleasure to cast.

The Partridge Greenheart fly rods are not guaranteed to make you a better fisherman, but they are guaranteed to give you more fishing fun than any rod you've ever owned.

SPECIFICATIONS

MATERIAL—Select, properly seasoned greenheart wood.

GRIP-Standard cigar shape.

REEL SEATS—Cap and ring 7'0" rod. Screw lock on 8'0" rod. Both rods use a special matching greenheart spacer.

WRAPS—Tan nylon wraps tipped with black edgings.

GUIDES—Best quality stainless steel guides, tip tops and fly keeper.

FERRULES—Precision fit oxidized brass ferrules.

FINISH-Natural finish.

ROD BAG-Quality cotton poplin.

ROD CASE—Quality aluminum case.

EXTRA TIP—Both models are provided with an extra tip.

The Greenheart Series rods are available in these models:

Greenheart Series Models

7'0"-2 pc.-#5 line-3-1/4 oz.

.....T&T \$149.00 With extra tip-Reg. Price \$175.00 ...

8'0"-3 pc.-#6 line-4-3/8 oz.

. I received the rod in only four days after talking to you on the phone. The gentleman I spoke to was very helpful in making my decision and I appreciate the courtesy he showed. Lintend to do business with you again soon."

J.G., Spruce Pine, N.C.

"Your quick service placed both of my very recent orders under the Christmas

