

H. L. LEONARD'S

Celebrated Split Bamboo Fishing Rods.

THESE goods are so well and favorably known that it seems almost superfluous for us to call any special attention to their particular points of superiority. Nevertheless, we do wish to say that Mr. Leonard has for years made a study of this kind of work, and has succeeded in mastering it in every particular.

By his perfect method of fitting the strips of Bamboo, and the great care he gives to the proper balancing of all rods, he produces a rod that **SURPASSES ANY OTHER ROD IN THE WORLD.**

Particular attention is invited to the **Patent Ferrules** on the Leonard Rods, which are **THOROUGHLY AND ABSOLUTELY waterproof.** This, together with the additional advantages of the **SPLIT FERRULE**, both of which are more fully described further on, combine to place this rod **AT THE HEAD OF THE LINE OF SPLIT BAMBOO RODS.**

Mr. Leonard is most particular in his selection of material for his rods, and having, as he does, our entire importations of Bamboo to select from, he is enabled to secure poles that are entirely suitable to his requirements; and this, his **THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF BAMBOO**, together with his expertness in selecting, and his long and active experience, places him in a position to manufacture a rod that is

BEYOND COMPETITION.

Mr. Leonard is now located within 50 miles of New York, occupying a factory building erected expressly for him, and most perfectly appointed in every department, giving him increased facilities for producing his goods better and more promptly than ever before.

He wishes us to state, that he feels great pleasure that his efforts to place a perfect Fly Rod in the hands of Anglers are fully appreciated, which is daily made manifest both by an increase in the demand for Rods, and the satisfaction expressed, both verbally and by letter, from some of the oldest and most expert Fly fishermen in this country.

The fact is being constantly brought before us, both by Anglers whom we meet in person, and others writing to us from all parts of this country and England, that if a fisherman wishes **Perfection** in his Rods, and to be able to fish with the utmost accuracy and comfort, he "**must use a Leonard Rod,**" which is recognized both in this country and abroad as the highest standard of perfection and excellence.

These Rods are Hexagonal in shape, and six strips from Butt to Tip, each strip being a triangle of equal sides, which is the strongest and best form for the wood, this having been proven by Mr. Leonard by actual tests. A Rod with less than six strips sacrifices the enamel, and with more than six, the strength is diminished, there being too many glue joints, thus making them liable to twist at the Ferrules when taking the Rod apart, and in the tips the strips must be tapered to mere shavings, hence there is much more glue than wood.

The Patent Ferrule.



No. 1 Shows Waterproof Cup in Ferrule (Patented October 26, 1875.)

This prevents any moisture from reaching the wood, and the Ferrule from becoming loose. The constant wetting and drying of the Bamboo must rot the wood, and make other makes of rods less durable than Leonard's.

No. 2 Shows Split Ferrule (Patented September 3, 1878).

This split thoroughly strengthens where the ferrule is joined to the wood, which is the weakest part of a rod, and where so many of other makes of rods (bamboo especially) break. Mr. Leonard has yet to hear of a single instance of breakage at this point since the **PATENT SPLIT FERRULE** has been applied. We consider this the **GREATEST IMPROVEMENT** that has been introduced in rod-making since rods have been made.

No. 3 Shows Split Ferrule Whipped with Silk as it appears on the Rod.

LEONARD RODS—Continued.

A WORD IN REGARD TO ROUND RODS.

It has been made evident to us that parties, in considering this question of Round Rods, have in many cases quite overlooked the "**Maker**" in considering the "**Principle**."

It should be borne in mind that the great bulk of Round Rods (we think we can safely say nine-tenths) were made by Mr. Leonard, and it was on the merits of Rods made by him that the excellence of Split Bamboos was established. But Mr. Leonard was the first to make a Six Strip Rod, and to leave the outside Hexagonal; in his increased experience on this work, and after severely testing the Hexagonal Rod, he has been manufacturing them almost exclusively for the past twelve years, and recommends **his** Hexagonal Rod as being far superior to any Round Rod, which recommendation we most heartily endorse.

However, to parties wishing these Rods, will say that we shall be pleased to furnish them Round or Hexagonal, as they may want. It is not our wish to induce them to purchase any but the style of goods they desire.

TOURNAMENT CASTING.

While recognizing the fact that this is not Angling, it must be conceded that in long distance casting a rod receives by far a more severe test and strain than it is possible to give it in angling.

Out of *Forty-two First Prizes, Thirty-seven have been taken* by contestants who have cast with the Leonard Rod: and in *th⁶* instances where previous records have been broken it has invariably been done by parties using Leonard Rods.

We would also call attention to the wonderful increase in distance that has been shown at the tournaments where the Leonard Rods have been used.

Previous to 1883 there had been many tournaments held at the yearly meetings of the New York State Sportsmen's Conventions, and much interest and keen competition was displayed. Still *70 to 75 feet* were the best records made by the most experienced casters, while *60 to 65 feet* was the extreme length cast by the amateur classes.

In 1883 the Leonard Rods were first used in tournament casting, since which time the records have been very materially changed as compared with the above distances.

It now requires a cast of *80 to 85 feet* in the AMATEUR CLASS to win a prize, while in the Expert, free-for-all, class, composed largely of winning amateurs of previous tournaments, records of from **92 to 102½ feet** have repeatedly been made.

The Mills' Patent Reel Lock.

IN USE ON THE LEONARD SALMON, TARPON AND SALT WATER RODS.



Makes a perfect and absolute Lock, and an impossibility of casting the Reel from the Rod when adjusted. Move the band down over Plate of Reel, and a simple turn to the left and the Plate is locked.

Leonard's Salmon and Grilse Rods.

3 Piece, with Full Solid German Silver Plate and Extra Tip, length, 15 to 17 feet, with or without Patent Reel Lock (see above).....	Each.	\$50 00
The New Calibre Salmon Rod, length, 15 feet 6 inches, weight about 24 ounces, is meeting with general favor and commanding a large sale.		
3 Piece, with Independent Handle, Full German Silver Reel Plate, 2 Butt Joints, 2 Middle Joints and 2 Tips, with or without Patent Reel Lock (see above).....	70 00	
This is a new pattern of Rod; it is packed in convenient and compact form, and comprising, as it does, duplicate joints, it will do away with the necessity of carrying so many rods.		
3 PIECE, GRILSE, Full Solid German Silver Reel Plate and Extra Tip, length, 14 feet, with or without Patent Reel Lock (see above).....	40 00	
3 PIECE, LIGHT GRILSE, also suitable for Black Bass, Full Solid German Silver Reel Plate and Extra Tip, length, 18 feet.....	35 00	

Leonard's Independent Handle Fly Rods.

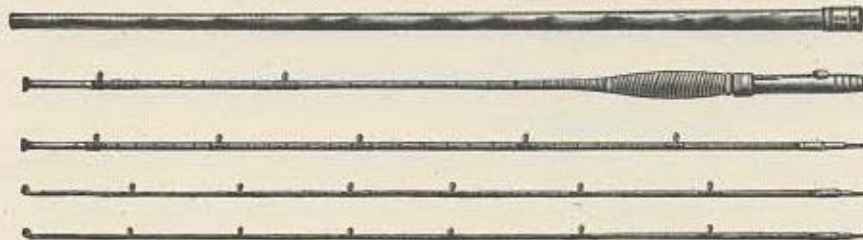


3 Piece, Extra Tip and Independent Handle, length, 9 to 10 feet, weight, 5 to 7 ounces, with Fancy Cork Handle	Each.	\$35 00
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LEONARD RODS—Continued.

Leonard Trout and Bass Fly Rods.

3 Piece, with Solid German Silver Reel Plate, Extra Tip and Tip Case.....	Each.....	\$80 00
Above Rods made in the following lengths and weights:		
10 feet to 10 feet 3 inches.....	weight from 6 ounces to 8 ounces.	
10 " 6 inches.....	" 7¼ " 9 "	
10 " 9 " to 11 feet.....	" 8½ " 11 "	
11 " 3 " to 11 " 6 inches.....	" 9 " 11 "	



These Rods are generally finished with cane wound handles, but we usually have a few in stock with cork grasp, which are made in an improved manner and very durable.

The weights given are for Rods with Solid Reel Plates. 1 to 1½ ounces should be deducted for comparison, as the weights of Rods are usually given with Reel Bands.

The perfect distribution of material in these Fly Rods, each part of the Rod being proportionately balanced, and doing its relative part of the work, thus making the action true throughout, produces much pleasanter and more accurate Rods to cast with, in addition to their being more durable, and several ounces lighter for same length and strength of Rod, than any other make.

Catskill Fly Rod.

THIS ROD WAS AWARDED A SPECIAL GOLD MEDAL, LONDON, 1883.



The Catskill was first made by Mr. Leonard, at our suggestion. Many of them have been sold, invariably giving perfect satisfaction (not a single complaint). EVERY Fly fisherman who wishes to use light tackle, and obtain the utmost pleasure from playing his fish (whether large or small), should own one of these Rods.

3 PIECE FLY, with Reel Bands, length, 9½ to 10 feet, and weighs only from 4½ to 5¼ ounces, has Extra Tip, entire Rod inclosed in Hollow Wood Case.....	Each.....	\$30 00
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The "Petite" Catskill Fly Rod.

3 PIECE FLY, with Reel Bands, length, 9½ feet, weighing only 3½ to 3¾ ounces, has Extra Tip, entire Rod inclosed in Hollow Wood Case.....	Each.....	\$40 00
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The "Fairy" Catskill Rod.

WEIGHT, 2 OUNCES.

3 PIECE FLY, with Reel Bands, length, 8½ feet, has Extra Tip, and entire Rod is inclosed in Hollow Wood Case.....	Each.....	\$50 00
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The lightest Rods ever successfully made; are thoroughly durable, and for a careful, experienced fisherman are very desirable. One of these Rods in the hands of a skillful caster has laid a fly 72 feet, and one angler used one for four days and killed two hundred (Long Island) trout, and finished with the Rod in perfect condition. **Rather a good record!**

Leonard "Tourist" Fly Rod

Consists of Independent Handles, 12 to 13 inches long, Duplicate Butt, and Middle Joints and three Tips. These Rods were first made at the suggestion of a well known angler and ardent admirer of Leonard's Rods. To anglers contemplating long trips, where reducing their rods to the minimum space is desirable, the advantages of these Rods are obvious. They are strong, durable, quick acting and extremely good and accurate Casting Rods. Additional Joints can be furnished, or two or more Rods can be made with interchangeable joints.

Made in two styles, see page 5.

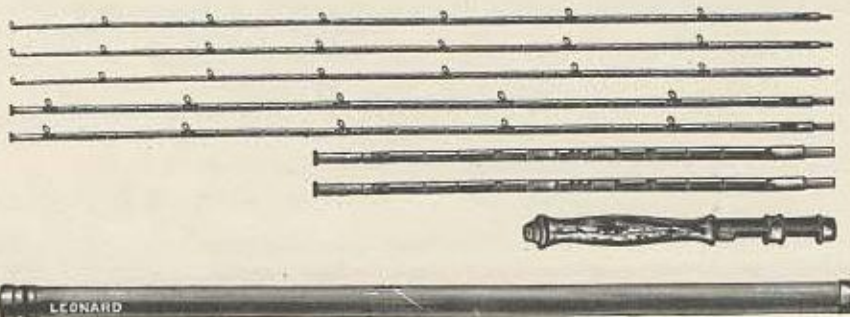
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The "Adirondack" Tourist.



Length, 10 feet, weight about $6\frac{1}{2}$ ounces..... Each.
\$50 00

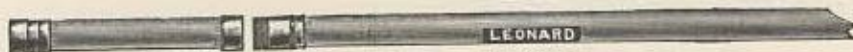
The "Parmachene" Tourist.



Length, 10 feet, weight about $7\frac{3}{4}$ ounces..... Each.
\$50 00

These Rods, except Handle, packed in Hollow Hard Wood Case.

Extension "Tourist" Rod Cases.



If desired, "Extension" ends, to hold Handle, can be made to screw on end of Hollow Cases, detachable for convenience in packing, at an additional cost of \$2.00 each.

Black Bass Bait and Trolling Rods.



	Each.
3 PIECE BLACK BASS BAIT OR MINNOW ROD, length, 8 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight, $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $11\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, Solid Reel Plate above the Hand-piece, Standing Guides, Extra Tip.....	\$30 00
3 PIECE "DR. HENSHALL'S FAVORITE" MINNOW CASTING ROD, length, $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight $7\frac{3}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, Standing Guides, Hand-piece above and below Reel Seat, Extra Tip.....	30 00
3 PIECE BLACK BASS BAIT AND TROLLING, length, $9\frac{1}{4}$ to 11 feet, weight, 10 to 14 ounces, Solid Reel Plate above the hand, Extra Tip.....	30 00
3 PIECE HEAVY BLACK BASS BAIT, length, $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight, 15 to 20 ounces, Solid Reel Plate above the hand.....	30 00

Weight given is for Rod with Reel Plate. Agate Tips or Guides furnished on any of the above Bass Rods, \$1.00 each, additional.