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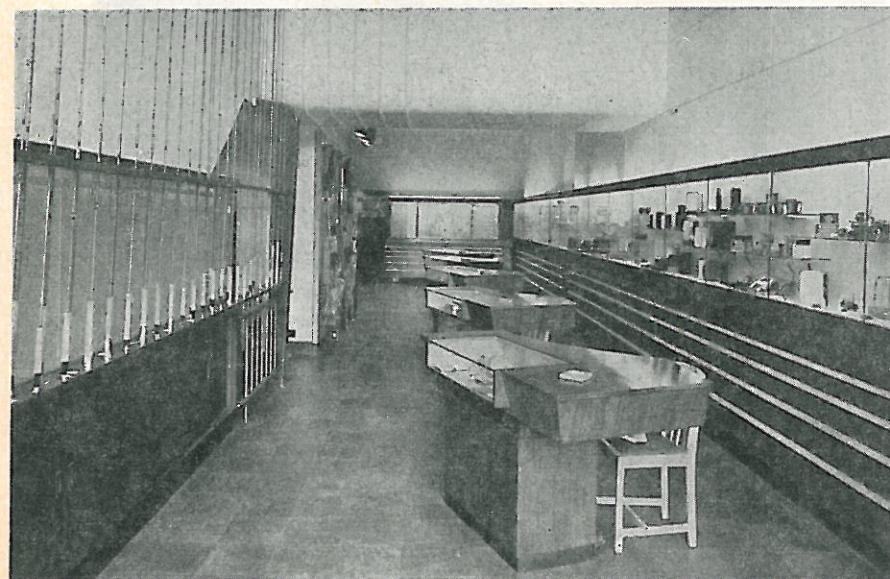
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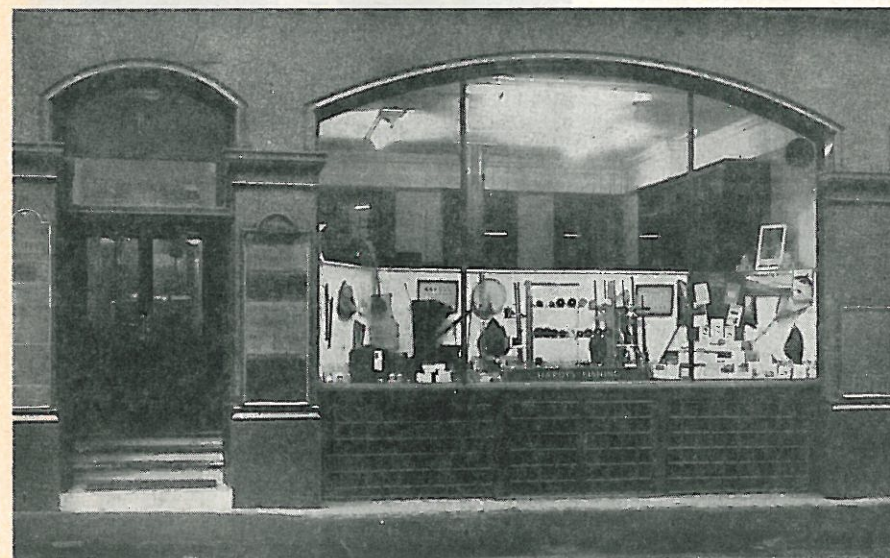
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Manager : Mr. G. F. Humphries*



*Interior view of Hardy's showrooms in their new premises at 61 Pall Mall, London SW,
opened 4th April 1951 Manager : Mr G. F. Humphries*



*Hardy's London City Branch, Cannon Street
Manager : Mr J. C. Craik, 29 years of service*



One of our old craftsmen turning the cork handle of a rod



L. R. Hardy inspecting the rod shop



Drying store for sections of rods

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Choosing a Trout Fly Rod

By Laurie Hardy



I AM OFTEN ASKED by young fishermen, and indeed by others not so young, for advice as to the best method of choosing a fly rod for this or that style of fishing. In tendering this advice I am addressing myself solely to those who genuinely wish for some hints on the vexed question of choice amongst the many differing rods offered, and their styles, actions and uses, in order that the intending purchaser may be able to secure the highest possible value for his outlay or, in other words, the best rod for his purpose.

I trust my advice may be helpful to anyone who is in doubt as to the choice of that most important item of fishing gear—a new rod.

The first thing to bear in mind is the fact that there is no such thing, where rods are concerned, as a low-priced 'bargain.' Make up your mind then to secure the very best rod your means will allow.

There are, roughly, two basic factors to be considered—length and action, both of which will depend upon the type of water you intend to fish. If you fish a wide river where long casts are an advantage, you will

require a rod which will handle the heavier line, for you cannot make a long cast, especially into a breeze, with a light one. For this reason your rod must be stiff enough, whatever its length, to deal with the right weight of line without distress. This also applies to lake fishing, especially from the bank. In a general way, length is a matter of personal preference. For small streams or brooks, the lightest possible rod of about 8 ft in length will meet all requirements, and since you should fish a thinner, lighter line for the relatively short casts required, your rod should have a medium to easy action.

Again, if you favour the dry fly, the action of your rod should be stiffish.

Should you require a rod for both dry- and wet-fly fishing on a river, such as many northern and west country streams, where your style of fishing should change to suit the prevailing conditions, or the changing character of the water, an all-round rod having a medium action is the tool for you.

You will gather from the foregoing that, whatever length or action you decide upon,

you must also use the correct line. Although all good rods have a point of balance at the correct place when the reel is in position, the balance of a complete outfit means the 'balanced' manner in which the whole casting instrument, rod, reel, line, cast and fly behaves during the actual act of casting.

I learnt these important facts about the relationship between rod and line during my professional tournament casting days when competing, with expert performers from all parts of the world, in this country and on the Continent. Such points to which I have drawn your attention should form the basis upon which your choice of a rod is made.

If in the old days a 'mule skinner' or 'bull whacker' wanted a whip which could be cracked like a pistol shot above the ears of the leaders of a team or span of sixteen or more mules or oxen, he had to have a whip with a short stiff stock and a very long heavy lash, without which he could not make the distance. On the other hand, the driver of a single or pair of horses used a light whip with a stock something like an old-time fishing rod and a light lash of 8 to 10 ft in length. Just as with fishing gear, his stock and lash were made to suit the distance the latter had to be propelled.



Daily a good proportion of all finished rods are inspected by Mr L. R. Hardy, accompanied on this occasion by Mr Fred Hardy

The present generation of expert anglers shows a marked preference for much lighter and shorter rods for all kinds of angling than did their forebears of forty or even thirty years ago. Surprisingly enough though, many of the famous rods made by us for, and in conjunction with, such celebrated anglers as Lord Grey, Halford, Hi Regan, Pennel, Marston, Pope, J. J. Hardy, etc, are still in good demand.

You never find poor tools in the hands of a skilled, experienced workman. He knows that they have to be forced to do the work, whereas fine tools only need guiding. A poor fishing rod handicaps you in just the same way. A good one helps you and develops a good style so that very soon you will find your casting becomes automatic, and your full attention can be concentrated where it should be, i.e. on the spot where your fly must fall, and on the delicacy with which it alights upon the surface of the water.

If your choice should fall upon a rod of my firm's make (and I hope it does) we at Alnwick, our branches or agents, will find and supply you with 'the rod of your dreams.' Our purpose is to assist you in selecting a rod which will equal the satisfaction we shall feel in having made it for you.

'Palakona'

Trade Mark 246936. In Eire No. 5914

Split-Bamboo Rods

Historical

IN THE YEAR 1882 Messrs Hardy Bros invented the system of building fishing rods in hexagonal form from bamboo. For this the Gold Medal was awarded at the Great Fisheries Exhibition, London, 1883-4.

This was a great event indeed. An epoch in the history of fishing-rod making. In 1925 Hardy's perfected their original invention by the introduction of further improved methods of manufacture.

This method, amongst other improvements, ensures:

- (i) That all sections are a perfect fit to the centre, forming a true hexagon, each supporting the other and giving the greatest possible strength. It does not matter which face of the rod is used in making a cast, the action is true and gives an equal resistance to all stresses, whether direct or torsional.
- (ii) That the tapers of the rods are true—a most important feature in getting a smooth, even balance—making the perfect fishing rod.

It is difficult to estimate the value of this invention, but undoubtedly it is of great value and solves a most difficult problem, giving rods more perfect than ever in their construction and strength without any increase in price.

It is only fair to say that to my nephew, Mr Laurence Robert Hardy, the inventor, we and all anglers owe a dept of gratitude.

JOHN JAMES HARDY,
Professional Champion in Fly Casting.

About 'Palakona' Rods

We are frequently asked: 'Why are your rods so much better than others?' In the first place, the majority of all rods offered in tackle shops are either common factory-made or imported goods and cannot have that careful detail given to their construction which is so necessary. These rods,



being made to a price, without attention to quality, are naturally very different from our productions in every detail. It has been no small task to bring our work to its present perfection. The difficulty in finding suitable bamboo is very great, and after trying samples of almost every known bamboo we have found districts which produce bamboos of the highest quality. These we use exclusively, and have agents on the spot, who select the choicest, and have them seasoned to our instructions in a special manner, which renders them exceedingly tough and springy. They are then shipped to us, only the very best of these being used for our trade, under the registered name of 'PALAKONA.'

This, then, is one item in the secret of the great spring, toughness and durability of our rods. But although the raw material is a very important matter, the great care and thoroughness of the work apparent in every detail add equally to the value and perfection of the rod. The method of construction and the high standard of the workmanship have much to do with the production of the perfect rod. By our improved method of building we ensure that all sections are quite true, perfectly tapered and absolutely fit together. Hardy's 'PALAKONA' rods stand alone.

The superiority of 'Hardy' rods is not merely a matter of smarter appearance, but in the marked superiority in style and perfect balance and action of each for its particular work, due to superior craftsmanship, the supervision and constant testing by the best-known practical anglers of the present day, whose efforts to improve never cease. This is not entirely a business interest, but an enthusiast's hobby, as it has always been to Hardy's.

Hardy's 'Palakona' Rods

Split-Bamboo Built Rods with and without Steel Centre

BALANCE AND ACTION. Our rods are made to the balance and action which we, as anglers of long experience, approve for all-round work. Any variation may be had to order.

IMPORTANT. It will be noted that we list rods which are the particular style, balance and action approved by the anglers whose names they bear. These rods are the outcome of a lifetime of experience and experiment, and anglers requiring rods should bear this in mind. Having accomplished this, we draw particular attention to the fact that the secret of these balances and actions is in our hands only, and that no others can produce them. Our system of manufacture enables us, when we get a rod correct, to produce others exactly the same.

A Perfect Rod

A perfect rod is, without doubt, the most important part of the angler's outfit. We have given a life's work to the improvement of rods. Our efforts have been so well appreciated, that we are by far the largest manufacturers of high-class rods in the world. We give the most careful *personal* attention to all work; the material used is of the very finest quality, being carefully selected and thoroughly seasoned, while our appliances are unequalled. We are thus enabled to produce rods, which for lightness, strength, casting, killing powers, and durability are superior to all others. This fact is amply borne out by the many tournament records, high awards, and testimonials which we hold from leading authorities in all parts of the world.

Steel Centre

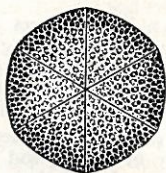
Our tempered spring-steel centre rods are the most powerful produced, and practically indestructible. When we say that the steel is tempered so that it can be coiled up, and when released will fly perfectly straight, some idea may be formed of the power obtained.

'Hardy' steel-centred rods are totally different from any other make. The steel is specially made for the work, and perfectly tempered, and runs from one end of the rod to the other.

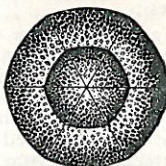
All our split-bamboo rods with steel centre, as compared with split-bamboo rods without steel, are stronger in every detail, and better for hard work. All our



Section of Bamboo



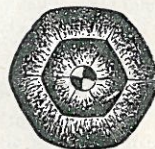
Single built



Double built



Double-built Steel Centre
before Cementing



Double-built Steel Centre
after Cementing

trout rods without steel are quite strong enough for regular work. At the same time, the increase in weight by the steel centre is negligible and does not render the rod unsuitable for fine work.

Colour

'PALAKONA' split-bamboo rods are usually finished in the natural bamboo colour and protected with the very best oil varnish.

'Non-Flash' Finish

Any of our 'PALAKONA' rods may be finished with our special 'Non-Flash' treatment or any colour at extra cost.

Weight given for Rods

These are taken from actual rods weighed without the rubber button. As 'PALAKONA' and Greenheart are natural products it is impossible to make all rods exactly the same weight, although quality of different weights can be the same, besides it is not desirable as each rod possesses an individuality, therefore in each pattern there is a choice of balance and action—all rods are passed by one of the Hardy's, whose first idea is to make a good fishing rod of its particular class or type.

Special Rods to Order

When ordering a special rod to your own design please give the following particulars. Length, number of pieces, number of tops, length and shape of cork handle, reel fittings, agate butt and end rings, description of intermediate rings and joints, tyings, and if rod is to be supplied in a case or not. If a casting rod, the weight of bait generally cast.

When quoting a rod number of our make do not quote the 'Palakona' Trade Mark 246936. The rod number is marked on the butt cap or reel fittings and is generally preceded or followed by the letter A, B, C, D or E.

Repairs to Rods, etc

We will be pleased to repair any make of rod, reel, etc, and strongly recommend that after the season, clients return to us their rods, etc, to be thoroughly examined and when necessary, repaired.

The wear and tear of a season always produces some little damage, such as a broken ring, tying worn loose, etc, which, if not looked to in proper time, is sure to cause annoyance. Any such work will be done at as moderate a cost as possible.

When sending rods for repairs, kindly send the whole rod, attach a ticket to it with your name and address, and forward a letter under separate cover.

Care of Rods

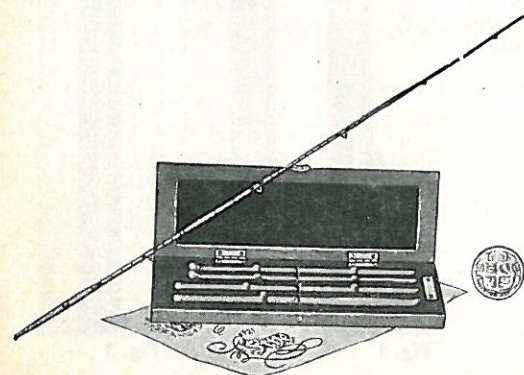
To keep your rods (split-bamboo or Greenheart) in good sound condition, you ought to carefully observe the following rules. More especially does this apply to rods which are housed in aluminium containers.

On your return home after fishing, take your rod out of its cover, dry it with a cloth and stand it on end or preferably hang up the pieces in an airy room. They will, to advantage, stay in this position till you wish to fish again.

We have been induced to give these instructions because of the number of rods we have seen partially or wholly ruined through lack of attention, and, as we have said above, the damage is always worse in the case of rods which are kept in metal containers or protectors, for the obvious reason that the rods are sealed up.

The containers and protectors are intended to be used only as a protection when travelling.

Rods which have had much service during the season should be overhauled and re-varnished. By these little attentions the life of your rod will be greatly increased.



Miniature 16-ft 'Palakona' split-bamboo rod made for the Queen's doll's house. In three pieces, length when jointed 16 ins. The case measures 7 ins. Note for comparison the £5 note and half-crown

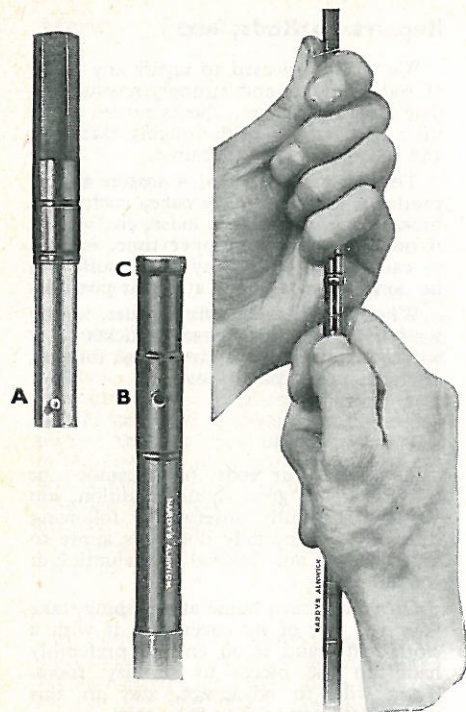


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Hardy's 'Stud' Lockjoints

Pat. No. 220408

This is a most perfect form of rod joint and a great improvement on any other design. When fixed it is an *absolute lock* in every possible way and can neither turn nor throw out.

Fig. 1 shows the joint in position to assemble. A is a spring-operated stud; B the hole into which A locks.

To fix bring together as shown by Fig. 1, when stud A will be automatically depressed by the guide C of the female joint. When the male ferrule is home, the stud A is locked in the hole B.

Fig. 2 shows how to dismount; simply press down A with the thumb, give a slight twist, and pull apart, care being taken that the stud A is completely depressed before making any effort to pull the joint apart.

Hardy's 'Lockfast' Joints

With Left-hand Spiral

The majority of anglers in casting use the right hand, and give the rod a slight right-hand twist, which tends to undo the ordinary 'Lockfast' joint. To overcome this trouble we make all these joints with a left-hand spiral.

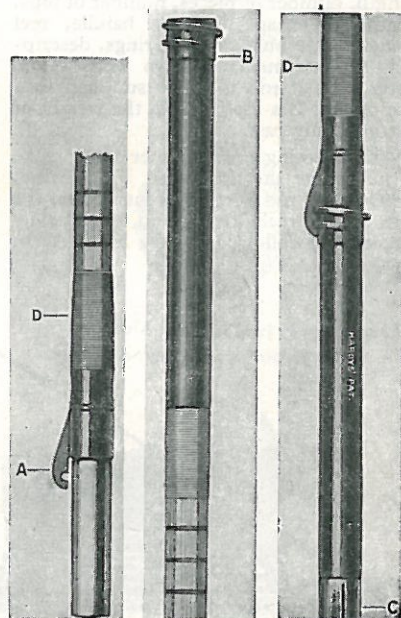


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 1 is the male ferrule.

Fig. 2 is the female joint.

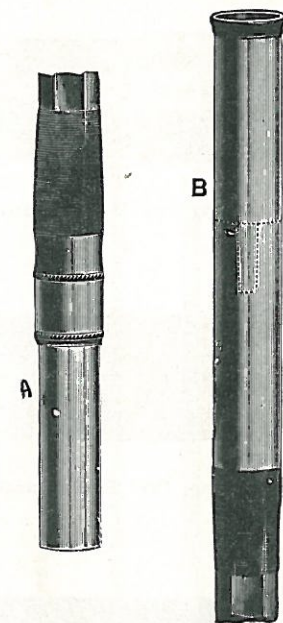
Fig. 3 is the joint assembled.

Hardy's Split-end 'Suction' Joints

These are the lightest form of rod joints and largely used on lightweight trout rods, where the weight is gauged by drachms.

A is the male ferrule, B the female; the dotted lines on B indicate the fitment, when the joint is home.

In fixing or releasing these joints, they should if possible be pushed *straight* in, with the rings in correct alignment. To release, simply pull *straight* out. If any difficulty, give a slight twist while pulling. *The male ferrule A is not made to go right home, but is fitted to within $\frac{3}{16}$ in.*



Hardy's Male Rod Joint Protector and Lubricator



It has always been customary to fit a cork-lined stopper to the female ferrules of the rod to protect them and prevent grit, etc., entering the joint. *But why neglect the male ferrule?* It is just as important and requires protection. Furthermore, it is desirable before putting the joints together, to lubricate them.

Illustration shows a perfect protector for the male ferrule, which is fitted with a

lubricating cork lining. Keep your rod joints clean and correctly lubricated and you will avoid all joint trouble. Supplied to new or old 'Hardy' rods. It is necessary to send stoppers or impressions of female ferrule to ensure a perfect fit.

Suitable for 'Stud' lockjoints, 'Lockfast' joints and 'Suction' joints on trout and salmon rods.

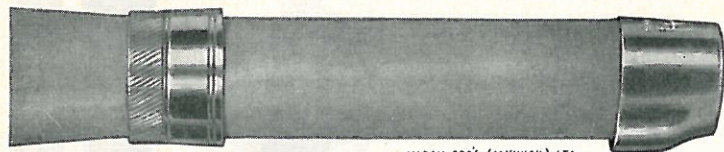
Hardy's Joint Lubricator and Container

The container A carries our special rod joint lubricant. B is exposed for use by drawing off cap and pushing up stud D.

When the surface of the male joint has been rubbed with lubricant it should be smeared smooth, then the joint (partially assembled) turned round a few times, taken apart and wiped. This cleans it and generally leaves enough lubricant.

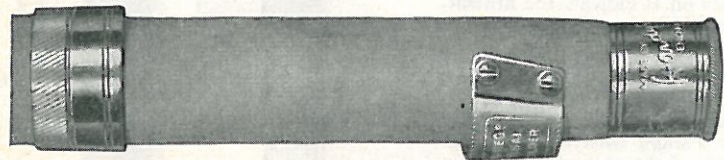


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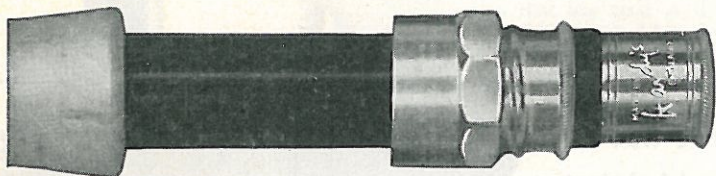


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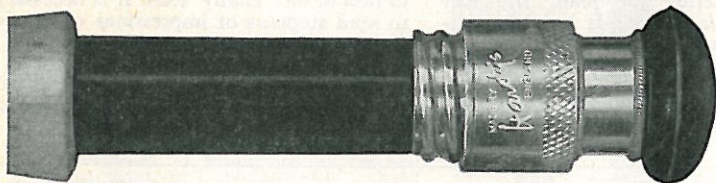
Adjustable Ring and Housed Butt Cap



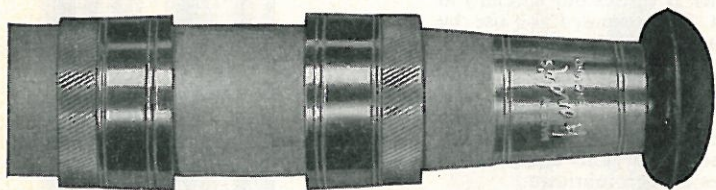
Adjustable Ring, 'W' Fitting and Butt Cap



Cork Covered Housed Fitting, Adjustable Screw-Grip and Butt Cap



Cork Covered Housed Fitting, Fixed Screw-Grip and Screw-in Rubber Button



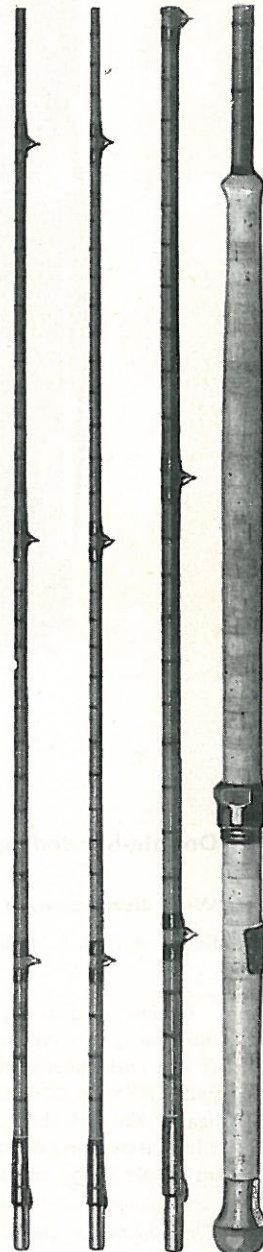
Two Adjustable Rings and Screw-in Rubber Button



Two adjustable rings and screw-in rubber button

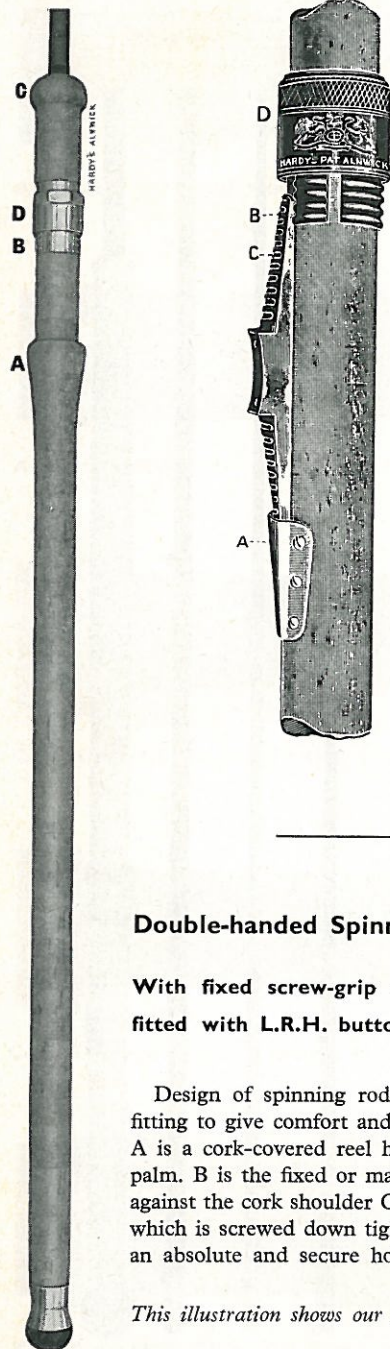


Two adjustable screw-grip and 'L.R.H.' button 'Super Decantelle'



'L.R.H.' Salmon-fly Rod

HARDY'S ALNWICK



The 'Screw-Grip' Reel Fitting

As fitted to double-handed Rods

This reel fitting, originally designed and patented by Hardy's, is undoubtedly one of the greatest of improvements in fishing-rod fittings. Almost every angler, at some time or other, has had his reel fall off at a critical moment. This is not possible if this fitting is used. As may be seen from the illustration, the usual locking ring D, instead of having a plain surface, is provided with a substantial internal screw, so that by turning it travels up or down on the reel plate and securely grips it. This grip is made more secure still by our patented reel palm C being threaded to the same pitch as the 'Screw-Grip' reel fitting.

TO FIX THE REEL. Pull back the slide D, carrying the locking ring, insert the end of the reel palm under A and pull down the slide under the reel plate as far as possible and screw until all is firmly held together.

DOUBLE 'SCREW-GRIP' REEL FITTINGS. Instead of fixed housing A, the rod carries two screw fittings as D. This allows the reel to be fixed at any point of the rod handle.

Double-handed Spinning Rod Handle

With fixed screw-grip reel fitting and cork covered housing and fitted with L.R.H. button

Design of spinning rod handle with Hardy's patent screw-grip winch fitting to give comfort and absolute security of the reel to the rod handle. A is a cork-covered reel housing metal band to hold one end of the reel palm. B is the fixed or male portion of the patent screw-grip which abuts against the cork shoulder C and therefore cannot slip. D is the screw sleeve which is screwed down tight on to the upper end of the reel palm to form an absolute and secure hold of the reel to the rod handle.

This illustration shows our special design

Hardy's Patent 'Reversible' Spear and Button



Fig. 1

Fig. 1, showing the spear carried in the butt.

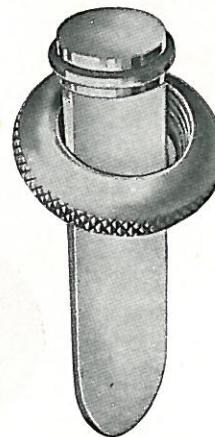


Fig. 2, showing how to fix the spear. Unscrew the button, reverse the spear through it and then screw the button to the rod as shown in Fig. 3.

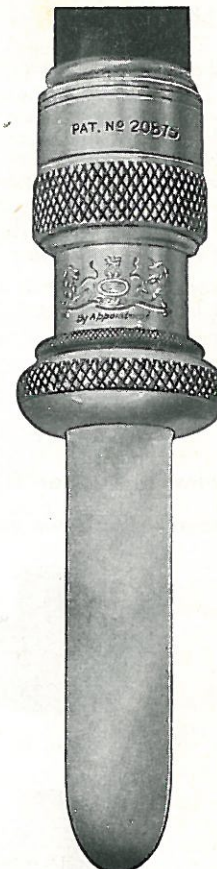


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 3, showing the spear in use.

All anglers who use a spear on their rod know the bother there often was with the ordinary screw-in spear. It may have been left in the bag, or in a drawer at home—in fact, not there when wanted—and there was always the chance of losing it.

Fitted to new trout rods when ordered, and to old rods where the construction allows.

Spare parts for patent spear and button are available.

Splicing Tape

Adhesive tape, for temporarily binding up a fracture.

Rod Varnish

Supplied in 1-oz and 2-oz bottles.



It is not to be wondered at that after nearly ninety years of the severest trial they solicit such encomiums as the following, which is only one of many :

The 'Field' says : 'They have left all competitors hopelessly behind.'

The 'L.R.H.' Special Shaped Rubber Button

A very comfortable method of holding a rod, especially a spinning rod when recovering line, is to place it under the arm. This button is so designed that it offers no resistance to the clothes when the rod is withdrawn from this position to cast.

The button is an integral part of the rod, the upper half is formed from Duralumin and the lower of rubber.

Supplied to new rods in two sizes, small and large, as illustrated.

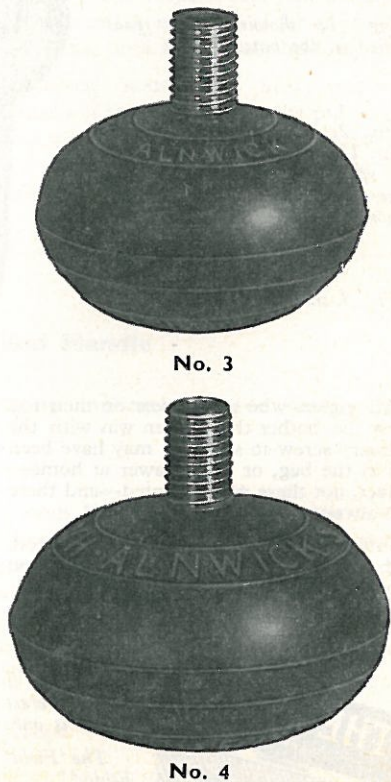
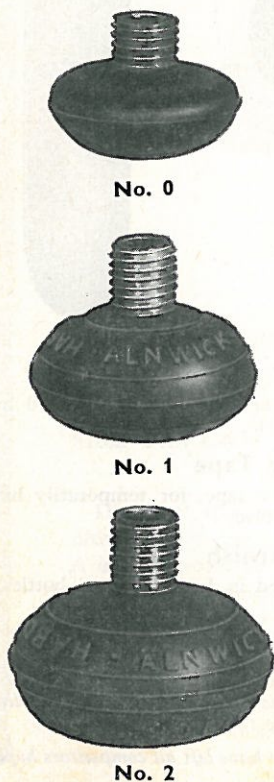
These buttons are also supplied as screw-in buttons.



Actual size

Screw-in Rubber Buttons

India-rubber screw-in buttons, supplied in five sizes, illustrated—actual size.



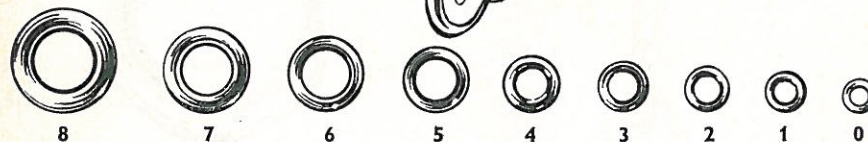
Mounted Agate Rod Rings

Illustrations actual size

These are fitted as butt and end rings to 'PALAKONA' split-bamboo and best Green-heart rods.

Pattern C. Top end rings for fly rods

SIZES: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

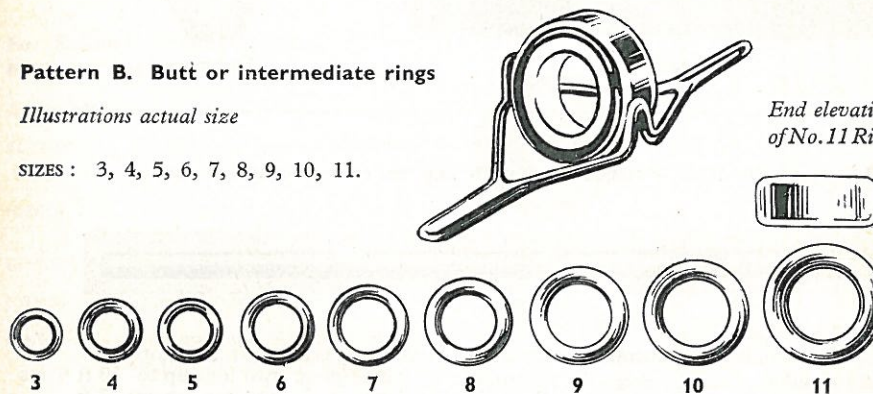


Pattern B. Butt or intermediate rings

Illustrations actual size

End elevation of No. 11 Ring

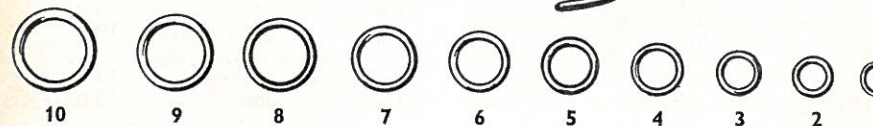
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Hardy's 'Fulopen' bridge rings

Illustrations actual size

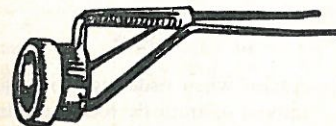
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The 'Corbett' Agate End Ring For spinning rods

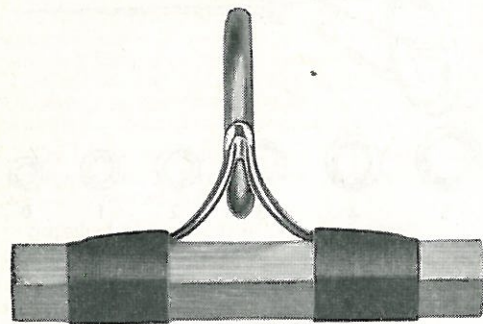
Fitted as a standard to the 'Corbett' and 'L.R.H.' spinning rods.

For use in spinning either with the reel above or below the rod. The ring being offset at right angles to the rod offers the whole of the inside circle within the agate to the line and so gives it absolute freedom. Made in one size only. The inside diameter is approximately equal to the Pattern C at top of page.



Hardy's Large Monel Butt Ring *Actual size*

As fitted to the 14-ft 'L.R.H.' Salmon-fly Rod and 'Coquet' Fly Rod.



Side view



End view

Aluminium Rod Protectors with cap to carry complete rod



We strongly recommend all anglers to use an aluminium rod protector for carrying their rods especially when travelling by car. Many fishing holidays have been spoilt by neglecting this precaution.

It must be clearly understood that rods should not be stored in the case, especially if put into it wet.

All rods should be taken out of their cases and dried, then hung up piece by piece to air. We make cases to take practically all sizes of rod, two- or three-piece.

CASE TO TAKE TROUT FLY ROD			
Three-piece	two tops up to	10 ft 6 ins	
Two "	one top up to	7 ft	
Two "	one "	9 ft	
Two "	one "	10 ft	
CASE TO TAKE SALMON FLY ROD			
Three-piece	two tops up to	12 ft	
Three "	two "	15 ft	
Three "	two "	18 ft	
CASE TO TAKE 'HARDY-WANLESS' ROD			
Two-piece	one top up to	8 ft	
Two "	one "	10 ft	
Three "	one "	10 ft	
CASE TO TAKE SPINNING ROD			
Two-piece	one top up to	10 ft	
Two "	one "	12 ft	

Shower-proof Cloth Bags

Fitted with pocket for stoppers, loop and tapes and inside covers for use with aluminium cases.

TO TAKE A THREE-PIECE ROD	
With one or two tops up to	10 ft 6 ins
" "	14 ft

TO TAKE A TWO-PIECE ROD	
With one top up to	10 ft
" "	12 ft

NOTE—Advise when ordering if it is for a salmon or trout fly rod or a salmon or trout spinning rod.

The 'Gold Medal' Fly Rod

Built of 'PALAKONA' (Regd)
Split-Bamboo



Regd. Trade Mark
Gt. Britain 72506
Eire 5918

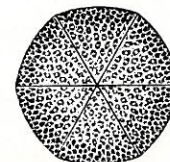
For Salmon, Trout, Grayling,
Mahseer, etc

Specification

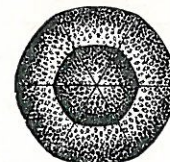
- ACTION Medium for general all-round fly work.
- PIECES Three pieces with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
- HANDLE Cork covered, plain shaped.
- JOINTS Spiral 'Lockfast.'
- RINGS Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
- TYINGS Ordinary spaced and narrow bands, crimson silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. The 8½-ft to 11-ft rods, fixed 'Screw-Grip' cork covered housing and rubber screw-in button. The remainder have adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with fixed 'W' housing and 'L.R.H.' rubber button.
- CONTAINER Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.



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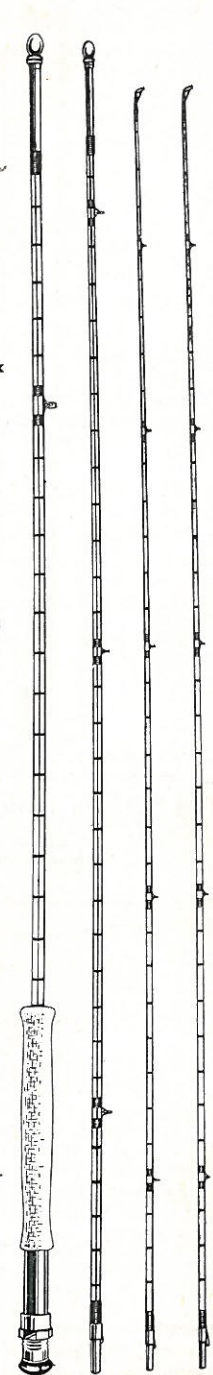


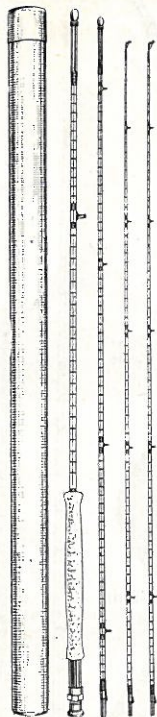
Section Single Enamel



Section Double Enamel

LENGTH		WEIGHT	
Rod	Handle	With Steel Centre	Without Steel Centre
ft	ins	ozs	ozs
8½	12	—	5½
9 and 9½	12½ and 13	—	6½ and 6½
10 and 10½	13½ and 14	—	7½ and 8
11 and 12	15 and 19	9½ and 13½	8½ and 12½
13	22½	18½	—
14	24½	22¾	—





The 'Houghton' Dry-fly Rod

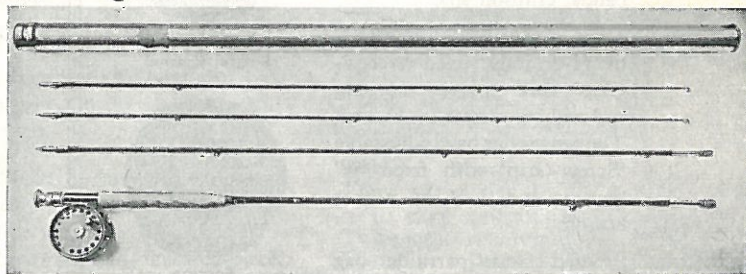
The 'Houghton' rod has a nice easy action for casting, yet is a strong rod right through to the top piece. It will lay out a long straight line, suitable for any fly fishing for big trout, sea trout, etc.

Specification

ACTION	Medium, a strong rod for dry fly.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Extra close narrow bands, green silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' cork covered housing and patent 'Reversible' spear and button.
CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
LENGTH	9½ ft.
HANDLE	13 ins.
WEIGHT	7½ ozs.

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The 'Crown Houghton' Rod



This rod is designed to meet the requirements of anglers for all-round fishing. It is of a stiffer build than the 'Houghton.' It makes an excellent powerful dry-fly rod and is also very suitable for heavy trout in New Zealand, etc.

Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff for dry fly, a powerful rod.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'

RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Extra close spaced narrow bands, green silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' cork covered housing and patent 'Reversible' spear and button.
CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
LENGTH	10 ft.
HANDLE	13 ins.
WEIGHT	8¼ ozs.

The 'Kenya' Fly Rod

A light, yet powerful rod designed to handle fish up to 5 lbs and to meet the special requirements of anglers in Kenya. The rod is short for transport—and capable of tackling heavy strong fish, and to hold them out of snags.

Specification

ACTION	Stiff, a strong rod.
PIECES	Three, with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	9¾ ins cork, plain shaped.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced crimson silk, intermediate, rings and joints crimson tipped with scarlet silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing. Screw-in rubber button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	8 ft.
WEIGHT	5 ozs.

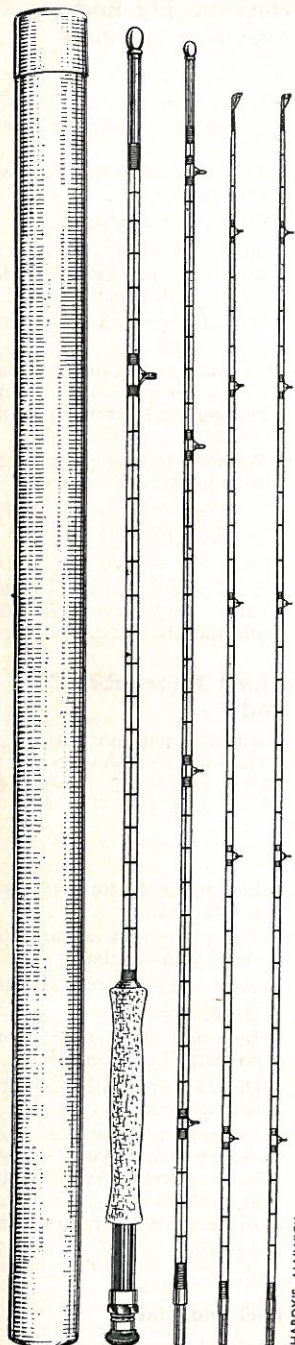
The 'Rogue River' Rod

This rod has been designed to deal with the large steel-head trout caught in the Rogue River. It is capable of casting a long line, mastering heavy, hard-fighting fish, and is wonderfully light to fish with.

Specification

ACTION	Stiff, powerful for casting long heavy line and dealing with heavy fish.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	10½ ins cork covered, shaped.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced, narrow bands crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing and screw-in rubber button.
CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
LENGTH	9 ft 6 ins and 10 ft.
WEIGHT	7¾ ozs and 8¼ ozs.

Fitted with extension handle and an outside cloth cover to take aluminium case and extension handle to order only, extra.



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Illustration of the 'Rogue River' Rod

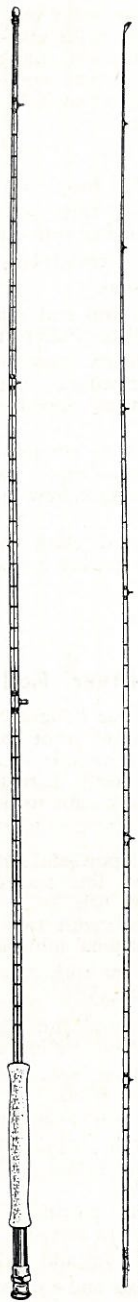


Illustration of the 'Perfection' Fly Rod

◀ The 'Perfection' Fly Rod Hardy's Celebrated Two-Piece

Specification

ACTION	Medium for general all-round fly fishing. Similar to 'Gold Medal.'
PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing and screw-in rubber button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stopper.
LENGTH	8 8½ 9 9½ 10 10½ ft.
HANDLE	10½ 10½ 10½ 10½ 11¼ 11¼ ins
WEIGHT	4¼ 5¼ 5½ 6¼ 7 7½ ozs
TO ORDER	Steel centre 9½, 10, 10½ ft rods. extra. Pat. 'Reversible' spear and button, extra.

The 'Halford Knockabout' Dry-fly Rod

Made to suit the requirements of the late F. M. Halford, Esq., Author of *The Dry Fly Man's Handbook*, *Modern Development of the Dry Fly*, *The Dry Fly Entomology*, etc.

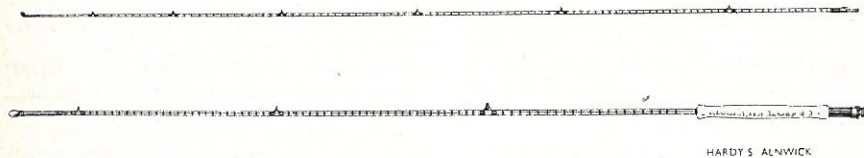
Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff for dry fly, a strong rod.
PIECES	Two pieces with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	14-in. cork covered, shaped.
JOINTS	'Stud' lock.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced broad bands, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing and 'Reversible' spear and button.
CONTAINER	Proofed partitioned cloth bag.
LENGTH	9 ft 6 ins.
WEIGHT	7 ozs.

Suitable Reel and Line

3¾-in. 'Perfect,' page 79 and 35 yds No. 4 'Corona' line spliced to 20 yds, 15 lbs silk backing.

The 'Pope' Dry-fly Rod



Specification

ACTION	Stiff, for dry fly, a powerful rod.	TYINGS	Extra close narrow bands, crimson silk.
PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing and patent 'Reversible' spear and button.
HANDLE	13½-in. cork covered, shaped.	CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stopper.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'	LENGTH	10 ft.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.	WEIGHT	8¼ ozs.

The 'Viscount Grey' Fly Rod

This rod is a type of 'Perfection,' but is more powerful.

Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff for dry fly, a strong rod.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip,' cork covered housing and screw-in rubber button.
PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stopper.
HANDLE	14-in. cork covered, shaped.	LENGTH	10 ft 6 ins.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'	WEIGHT	8¼ ozs.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.	TO ORDER	'Reversible' spear and button, extra.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk.		

Extract from 'Fly Fishing' by the late Viscount Grey.

I bought my first split-cane rod, a powerful two-piece ten-foot-six rod, off Messrs Hardy in 1884. The butt and joint of that rod are still as sound as ever, after landing many fish of all weights up to ten pounds, and though I have worn out one or two tops, not one has ever broken suddenly in the act of fishing, and they have stood faithfully against the most fearful shocks caused by weeds or bushes in the act of casting. It is this toughness of split-cane which, in my opinion, settles the question decisively in its favour, and though, after several seasons' hard work in all sorts of weather, and in contending against downstream winds, a split-cane top may weaken, mine have always given me ample warning;

never in trout fishing, since I have used split-cane, have I lost a minute's fishing by the breaking of any part of my rod. Split-cane is the most staunch of all materials; like an old and faithful servant, it is incapable of treachery or sudden change, and when it fails it does so gradually. My own original split-cane rod has become a trusted companion, used to all winds and weathers, to burns, chalk streams and rivers of many kinds; to trout, sea trout and grilse; doing all that is asked of it, having more than once risen to the occasion of playing a salmon, and remained straight, erect and fit after landing it.

Very Light Trout Fly Rods

Made of Hardy's 'Palakona' (Regd. No. 246936) split-bamboo.

Light rods are, generally speaking, fitted with 'Suction' joints, very light reel fittings, and have no spear. When 'Reversible' spear and button is desired, the rod must be specially finished; the extra weight is about $\frac{3}{4}$ oz to 1 oz.

The addition of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz more bamboo in a 10-ft rod means a considerable increase in its strength, and any of these types can be made a shade stronger, if desired.

Light rods are not necessarily comfortable or easy to fish with, as so much depends on the scientific distribution of the weight. There is no difficulty in reducing weight, but to do this, and yet retain power and utility, is a very difficult matter indeed, and far beyond the capacity of most makers. All light rods made by us are perfectly steely, very hard, and we guaran-

tee them the most powerful rods in the world for their weight.

It is really wonderful what these light 'Palakona' split-bamboo rods can do in the way of casting a line, and killing fish when properly handled. It should be borne in mind that the reduction in weight is mainly in the joints, handle and fittings. The 'Palakona' bamboo of which they are built is particularly hard.

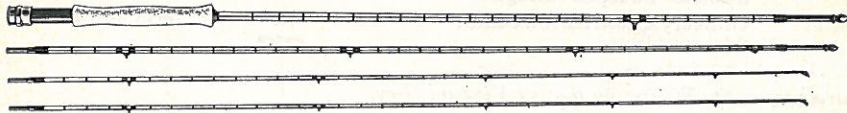
At all the great recent casting tournaments held in England, Belgium and France, where 'Hardy's Palakona' split-bamboo rods have competed, they have, in almost every case, won the special light rod casting event, thus proving that 'Palakona' split-bamboo, for lightness and strength, is far beyond all other materials for fishing-rod building.

The 'Fairy' Fly Rod

Specification

ACTION	Medium, for dry and wet fly.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing. Screw-in rubber button.
PIECES.	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	CONTAINER	Sateen partition bag in aluminium case.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped.	LENGTH	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 ft
JOINTS	Suction.	WEIGHT	5-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.	HANDLE	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, green silk.	LENGTH	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft
		WEIGHT	6 ozs.
		HANDLE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

The 'De Luxe' Fly Rod



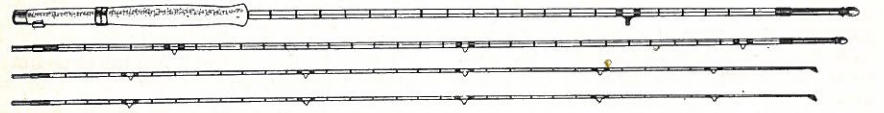
HARDY'S ALNWICK

This design embodies all that is useful and practical with great elegance and refinement, most carefully balanced, to fish either dry or wet fly, with great precision and delicacy.

Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff.	TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk, intermediate rings, crimson silk.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
HANDLE	Cork covered shaped hand grasp.	CONTAINER	Sateen partition bag in aluminium case.
JOINTS	Suction.	LENGTH	8 ft
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.	HANDLE	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins
		WEIGHT	5 ozs
		LENGTH	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft
		WEIGHT	5 ozs 6 drs
		LENGTH	9 ft
		WEIGHT	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs
		LENGTH	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft
		WEIGHT	6 ozs

The 'Fairchild' Fly Rod



HARDY'S ALNWICK

These rods are very light and at the same time powerful enough to kill fairly large trout.

Specification

ACTION	Easy, for wet fly.	RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Snake.'
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, green silk.
HANDLE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Cork covered, plain shaped.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	'W' housing and adjustable ring.
JOINTS	Suction.	CONTAINER	Sateen partition bag in aluminium case.
		LENGTH	8 ft 9 ft.
		WEIGHT	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.

The 'Keith Rollo' Fly Rod

This rod has been specially made for the late Lt-Colonel W. Keith Rollo, Author of *The Art of Fly Fishing* and *Fly Fishing in Northern Streams*.

Specification

ACTION	Stiff, with tip action for dry fly.	TYINGS	No intermediate tyings. Rings and joints crimson silk.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable ring and housed butt cap.
HANDLE	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Cork covered.	CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
JOINTS	Suction.	LENGTH	9 ft.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate tempered steel 'Snake.'	WEIGHT	5 ozs.

About this rod, the late Lt-Colonel Keith Rollo wrote the following :

The little 9-ft split-cane rod I bought from you this spring is, in my opinion, as near perfection as is possible and is a pleasure to use, either for wet-fly or dry-fly fishing.

Although weighing only 5 ozs, it has plenty of power, with a beautiful steely and rather stiff action, which responds at once to the strike. Owing to the perfect taper from butt to tip, with the weight in the butt, which I like, one can cast all day against the wind with the least possible exertion. It can cast a long line equally as well as a short one, which few rods can do.

There is no doubt that a light rod increases the pleasure of angling, but at the same time it must have sufficient power to give one confidence when one happens to hook a heavy fish. Using this rod on the Aberdeenshire Don in April, I killed a 6-lb clean-run salmon in under fifteen

minutes on the same 3x trout cast and Greenwell's Glory on No. 1 hook on which I had already caught 10 trout. I then changed to dry fly and caught four more trout on Baigent's Brown No. 4 hook and 2x gut, making 14 trout and a 6-lb salmon for the day.

Fishing later on in the Eden, Eamont and Wharfe, where one meets smaller trout, I used the same rod with horseshair casts, which require very delicate striking.

This shows that, given a light rod with the perfect taper which is the whole secret of rod building, one need not be afraid to tackle heavy fish on fine gut, either with the wet or dry fly, and at the same time one can also take smaller trout on horseshair casts without fear of breaking in the strike.

W. KEITH ROLLO,
Lt-Col.

The 'L.R.H.' 'Dry' and 'Dry-Wet' Fly Rods

In the construction and design of these rods are incorporated qualities which make their handling a delight and their performance truly remarkable. The construction is entirely new and enables the rods to be made extremely light on the scales and in the hand. Their power and responsive action is a revelation.

With them an angler, of even delicate physique, can cast all day without fatigue, and this feature greatly adds to the pleasure of a day's fishing, and incidentally, to the bag. A tired wrist and arm are not so quick as the wrist and arm which are not fatigued, nor can one, when tired, concentrate so well; and so fish are missed and pricked which otherwise would, most certainly, have been hooked.

The balance of the rods is so perfectly distributed that the user has a feeling of confidence and pleasure quite unique; and in practice it will be found that they deliver the fly *true to aim*.

It is only by actual waterside trial that the full virtues of the rods become apparent. No amount of 'switching' without a line will give more than a mere suggestion of their superb fishing qualities.

The rods are capable of casting great distances, and will put out a line, either across or against the wind, with facility and ease.

The 'L.R.H.' 'Palakona' rods are the result of exhaustive experiments on the part of Mr L. R. Hardy, covering a long period of patient testing, comparison and adjustment. They are, Mr Hardy declares,

the finest fishing rods for their purpose that he has ever handled.

The 'Dry-fly' rod is 8 ft 9 ins in length and weighs 5 ozs 2 drms approx.

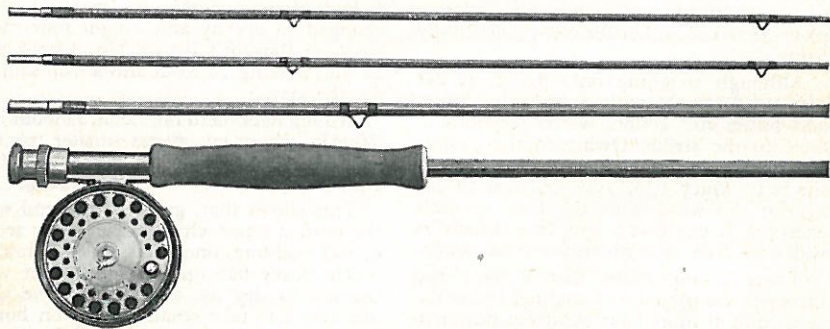
The 'Dry-wet' rod is 9 ft 3 ins long and weighs 5 ozs approx.

It would be unfair to such finely modelled and superb rods to put them into our showcases and offer them to anglers, expecting them to be fully appreciated when used with any reel. Therefore to make this outfit complete and to ensure satisfaction, a special reel has been designed and made to match the rods. The reel is called the 'L.R.H. Lightweight' fly reel (page 81).

This reel weighs only 3 ozs 8 drms approx. The total weight of the completely assembled outfit is:

9-ft 3-in. 'Dry-Wet' rod	5 ozs 0 drms approx.
'Lightweight' Reel	3 ozs 10 drms approx.
30 yds No. 3 Corona	1 oz 7 drms approx.
20 yds 18 lbs B/S silk backing	
Total	10 ozs 1 drms approx.

We have no hesitation in claiming for this outfit that, combining the qualities of power, performance and weight, no other outfit could be found, the world over, which would bear comparison with it.



Showing detailed shape of handle and reel fittings of 'L.R.H.' rods. Also the 'L.R.H. Lightweight' fly reel mounted in position

The 'L.R.H.' Dry-fly Rod

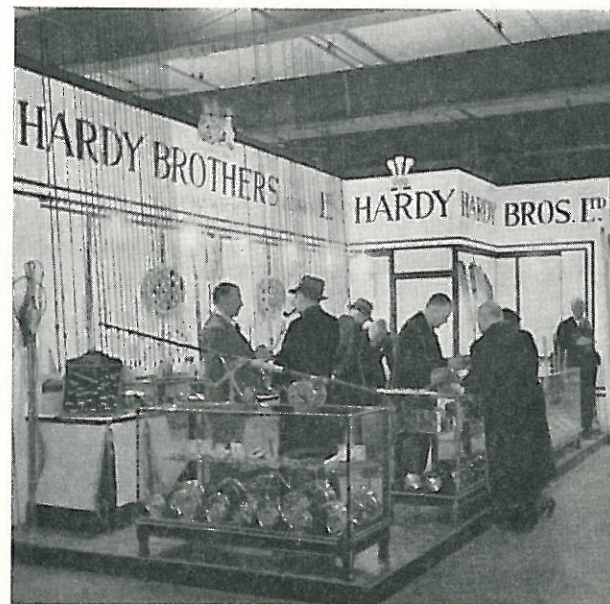
Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff for dry fly. An all-round rod.	TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings and joints tied green, tipped both edges with scarlet.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' cork covered housing and special 'Reversible' spear and button.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped to hand.	CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
JOINTS	Hardy's 'Suction.'	LENGTH	8 ft 9 ins.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate, hardened and tempered steel 'Snake.'	WEIGHT	5 ozs 2 drms approx.

The 'Dry-Wet' Fly Rod

Specification

ACTION	Medium for dry or wet fly. All-round.	TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings and joints tied green, tipped both edges with scarlet.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
HANDLE	Cork covered, shaped to hand.	CONTAINER	Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
JOINTS	Hardy's 'Suction.'	LENGTH	9 ft 3 ins.
RINGS	Butt and end, Agatipe, intermediate, hardened and tempered steel 'Snake.'	WEIGHT	5 ozs approx.



Our stand at the British Industries Fair

◀ The 'Marvel' Rod

The lightest practical
Fly-fishing Rod in the world

Specification

- ACTION** Medium.
- PIECES** Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
- HANDLE** 8¼-in, cork, plain shaped.
- JOINTS** Suction, fitted with male rod joint protectors.
- RINGS** Agatipe butt and end with 'Snake' intermediate.
- TYINGS** No intermediate. Joints green silk, Rings tied transparent silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.** Housed butt cap and adjustable ring.
- CONTAINER** Cloth partition bag in aluminium case.
- LENGTH** 7½ ft.
- WEIGHT** 2¾ ozs.

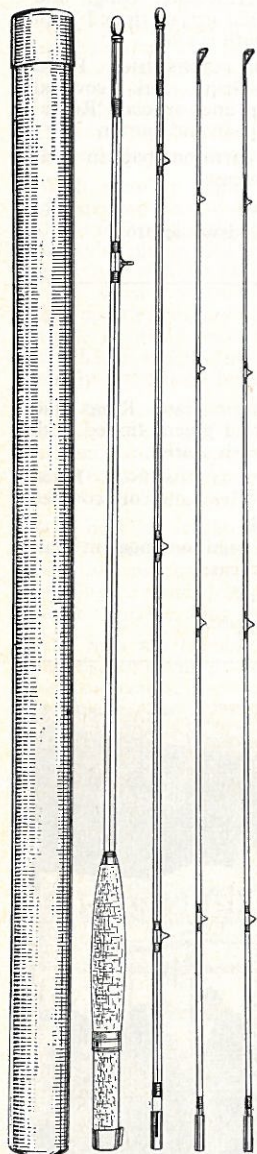


Illustration of
the 'Marvel' Rod

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The 'Itchen' Dry-fly Rod ▶

An excellent light Dry-fly Rod of
power, thoroughly recommended

Specification

- ACTION** Inclined stiff. As a light handy rod we thoroughly recommend it, easy to fish with.
- PIECES** Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
- HANDLE** Shaped, 11-in cork covered.
- JOINTS** Suction.
- RINGS** Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fulopen' bridge.
- TYINGS** Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.** Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
- CONTAINER** Sateen partition bag in aluminium case.
- LENGTH** 9½ ft.
- WEIGHT** 6½ ozs.

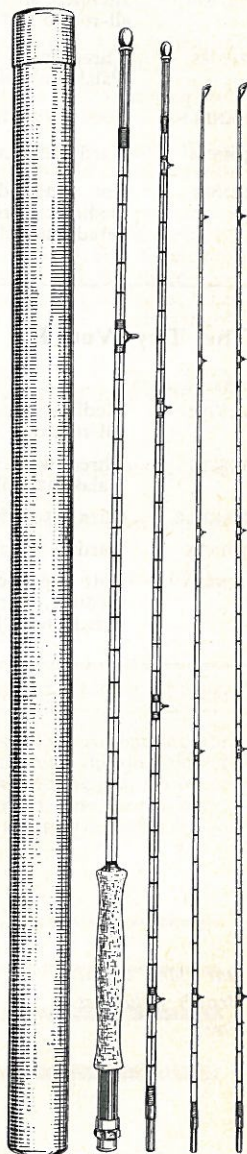


Illustration of
the 'Itchen' Rod

HARDY'S ALNWICK

◀ The 'Featherweight Perfection' Fly Rod

A light model of the 'Perfection' Rod, a
perfect ladies' rod.

Specification

- ACTION** Inclined easy for general fly.
- PIECES** Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
- HANDLE** 10½ ins. Cork covered, shaped.
- JOINTS** Suction.
- RINGS** Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fulopen' bridge.
- TYINGS** Ordinary spaced narrow bands, green silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.** Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
- CONTAINER** Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
- LENGTH** 8½ ft 9 ft.
- WEIGHT** 5 ozs 5¼ ozs.

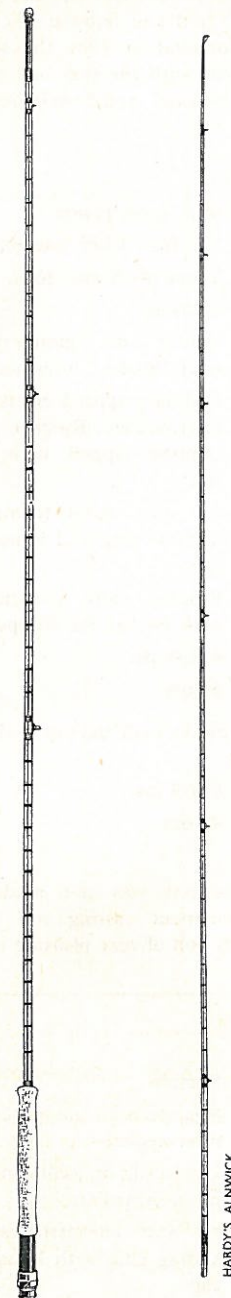


Illustration of the
'Featherweight Perfection' Fly Rod

HARDY'S ALNWICK

The 'C. C. de France' Rod

A very light rod of great power, similar
to rods used with many successes in the
Casting Club de France Tournaments.

Specification

- ACTION** Inclined stiff, for dry fly.
- PIECES** Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
- HANDLE** 8¼ ins. Cork covered, plain shaped.
- JOINTS** Suction.
- RINGS** Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Snake.'
- TYINGS** Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.** Up to 8 ft, housed butt cap and ring. 9 ft 'W' housing and adjustable ring.
- CONTAINER** Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.

LENGTH	WEIGHT	HANDLE
6½ ft	2 ozs 10 drms	8¼ ins
7 ft	2 ozs 12 drms	8¼ ins
8 ft	3 ozs 14 drms	10½ ins
9 ft	4 ozs 14 drms	10½ ins

Also in three pieces with two tops to
the same specification.

LENGTH	WEIGHT	HANDLE
8 ft	4 ozs	10½ ins
9 ft	5 ozs 2 drms	10¼ ins

The J. J. Hardy 'Triumph' Rod



The late Mr J. J. Hardy

The late J. J. Hardy, Professional Champion Trout and Salmon Fly Caster, made at Norwood in 1931 the splendid cast of 27 yds with the first one of these 'Hardy' 'Palakona' rods weighing only 4½ ozs.

Specification

ACTION	Stiff, great power.
HANDLE	10¼ ins. Cork covered.
PIECES	Three with two tops.
JOINTS.	Suction.
RINGS	'Sildur' butt Agatipe end and steel 'Snake,' intermediate.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced crimson silk, intermediate. Rings and joints crimson tipped with scarlet silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable ring and housed butt cap.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	8 ft 9 ins.
WEIGHT	5½ ozs.
Also in two pieces with one top to the same specification.	
LENGTH	8 ft 9 ins.
WEIGHT	4¼ ozs.

N.B.—This rod was not made as a special tournament casting rod but an actual dry-fly rod of very pleasing balance.

The 'H.E. Accuracy' Rod

This little rod, originally designed for tournament accuracy events, proved to be so good at its particular job that it was decided to list it as a light dry-fly rod.

It has a pleasing sympathetic action of considerable power enabling it to deliver a long accurate line.

Specification

ACTION	Light, dry-fly.
PIECES	Two with one top.
HANDLE	10½ ins. Cork.

JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Agatipe butt and end, 'Snake' intermediate.
TYINGS	Green silk on joints and rings, no intermediate.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Plain sliding ring with housed butt cap.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stopper.
LENGTH	8 ft.

The 'Tourney' Rod

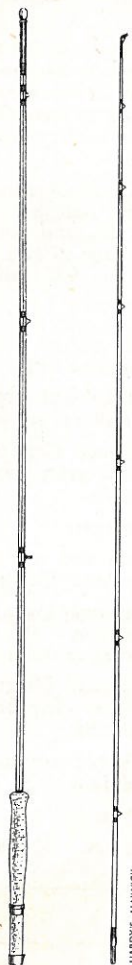
Hardy rods won 76 1st prizes and broke 24 records in 1935 Tournaments

During 1935 we made a great discovery in the building of split-bamboo rods especially for tournament work and where a very light, yet quick and strong rod is required. This method of building and strengthening our rods without adding to their weight—helped very considerably in bringing the large number of prizes and creating world records in 1935 and 1936. The 'Tourney' is built by the same method as these tournament rods. A rod of marvellous power for its weight. It will lift a long line and drive it forward cleanly.

Specification

ACTION	Stiff, powerful rod for dry fly.
PIECES	Two, one top.
HANDLE	10¼ ins. Plain shaped, cork.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Snake.'
TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings and joints crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Housed butt cap and adjustable ring or adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and housed butt cap.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
	LENGTH WEIGHT
	8 ft 4 ozs
	8½ ft 4 ozs 4 drms
	9 ft 4 ozs 8 drms

The adjustable 'Screw-Grip' reel fittings add 4 drms to the weight.



HARDY'S ALNWICK

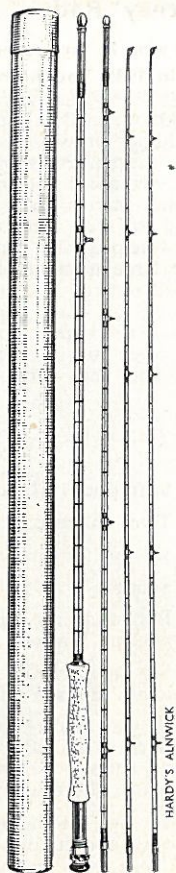
The 'Koh-i-noor' Rod

A rod primarily designed for tournament casting in classes where it must not exceed 5 ozs. It gave such good results and service that several of our customers requested us to make a rod on similar lines but to a slightly modified action to be used as a strong, light dry-fly rod. This effort proved to be so successful that we decided to add this rod to our list under the name of 'Koh-i-noor.'

Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff, strong for wet or dry fly.
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PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	11 ins. Cork, plain shaped.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Snake.'
TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings and joints crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Housed butt cap and adjustable ring.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	8 ft 9 ins.
WEIGHT	5 ozs.



The 'Salmon de Luxe'

The 'Salmon de Luxe' was developed to meet the demands of our clients in U.S.A. and Canada, who required a light, powerful rod for dry-fly fishing for salmon. They are similar in balance to those advocated by Mr Hewitt in his book *Secrets of the Salmon*.

These rods in combination with either a 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. 'St John,' page 81, or a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. 'St George,' page 80, and using 30 yds of No. 4 Corona, page 97 and 12-lb 'Solidae' silk backing, page 99, make up an ideal outfit.

Specification

ACTION	Inclined stiff.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Cork covered, shaped hand grasp, with detachable handle.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced narrow bands, crimson silk. Intermediate rings, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
CONTAINER	Cloth partitioned bag in aluminium case.
LENGTH	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft 10 ft.
WEIGHT	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

The 'West Country' Fly Rod

This rod was made to the order of Major Kenneth Dawson whose pen-name 'West Country' is so well known to anglers. He wanted a rod capable of killing salmon and heavy sea trout on rivers where very long casting is seldom necessary. He was particularly emphatic that it must throw a short line well, because, he says, so many fairly powerful rods only begin to 'work' when a long line is out, and these are not very pleasant to use on rivers where there is more casting under 15 yards than over. In his first season with this rod, Major Dawson had sea trout up to 5 lbs and grilse and salmon up to 11 lbs, using casts as fine as 1x on occasion.

Specification

ACTION	Medium.
PIECES.	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Cork, shaped.
JOINTS	'Studlock' with joint protectors.
RINGS	'Fullopen' bridge. Butt and end Agatipe.
TYINGS	Transparent. No intermediate.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Cork covered housing, 'Fixed Screw-Grip' and patent spear and button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	9 ft 4 ins.
WEIGHT	7 ozs 8 drms.

See also pages 59 and 66 for 'West Country' rods.

The 'West Country' Greased-line Rod

This rod was finally selected by Major Kenneth Dawson from several we made for him to try in 1947 for greased-line fishing for salmon in small and medium-sized rivers. In the new edition of *Modern Salmon and Sea Trout Fishing*, he said: 'In selecting a rod for greased-line fishing remember that it is much harder work than was fly fishing in the old way . . . For less exacting work in summer, or on smaller waters, I can thoroughly recommend a rod Hardy's made for me in 1947. It is 11 ft 3 ins in length and weighs about 11 ozs. It is double-handed, but can be used single-handed for short casting. It has the most lovely slow, easy action, and almost everyone who has seen it comments on the wonderful line it throws for its size. It will cast flies up to No. 1 with ease, and one can fish with it all day without the slightest feeling of fatigue.'

Specification

ACTION	Slow, easy.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	Cork covered, special shape, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
JOINTS	Stud 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings and joints crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable 'Screw-Grip,' housed cork covered 'W.'
CONTAINER	Cloth partitioned bag with pocket to take stoppers.
LENGTH	11 ft 3 ins.
WEIGHT	10 ozs.

The 'Hebridean' Fly Rod For Sea Trout, Grilse and Salmon

Made to the instructions of 'Corrigreen,' author of *The Anglers' Guide to the Irish Fisheries, Salmon and Trout Angling*, etc.

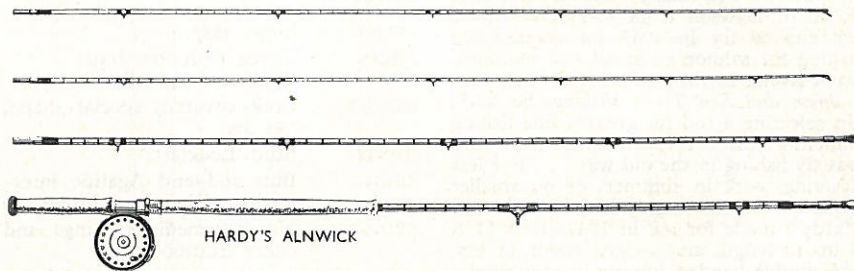
Specification

ACTION	Medium, for general fishing.
PIECES	Three with two tops.
HANDLE	24 ins. Cork covered, plain shaped.
JOINTS	'Lockfast' with protectors and lubricators.
RINGS	Agatipe butt and end with 'Fullopen' bridge, intermediate.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with fixed housing.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	13 ft 9 ins.
WEIGHT	20 ozs.

An old craftsman fitting ferrules on sections



The 'L.R.H.' Double-handed Greased-line Rod



The original of these rods was designed and built for the use of our Managing Director Mr L. R. Hardy, who says, 'In my opinion this is the best length and type of rod for greased-line fishing.'

It is made to cast a light line (the lighter the line, the better it floats). The No. 4 Corona or No. 4 Filip is the correct weight, but it will handle a No. 3 Corona or No. 3 Filip if very long casts are not demanded.

The handle is of special design to keep the weight of the reel as near as possible to the axis of the rod. There is no metal on the handle which can come in contact with the hands when fishing; all is covered by cork.

Specification

ACTION	Light fly.
PIECES	Three with two tops.
HANDLE	23 ins. Cork covered, special shape.
JOINTS	Stud 'Lockfast.'

RINGS 'Fullopen' bridge intermediate with large monel butt and Agatipe end. Butt ring extra large.

TYINGS Rings scarlet silk with green tippings on both edges. Copper wire on joints. Intermediate green. Ordinary spaced narrow bindings.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with fixed cork covered housing and 'L.R.H.' button.

CONTAINER Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stopper.

	SUITABLE	SUITABLE	
LENGTH	REEL	LINE	WEIGHT
13 ft	3½-in.	No. 4	
	St George	Corona	
	3½-in.	No. 4	17 ozs
	St John	Filip	

The 'Wye' Salmon-fly Rods

The 12½ and 13½ ft are stout double-handed rods with plenty of power. The 11 ft is a strong, single-handed rod, which can be comfortably used by men of fairly powerful physique. The handle is made extra long, so that when desired they may be used double-handed.

Specification

ACTION	Butt action, powerful rod for long castings, will spey cast.
PIECES	Three with two tops.
HANDLES	Long cork covered.
JOINTS	'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.

TYINGS Ordinary spaced, crimson silk.

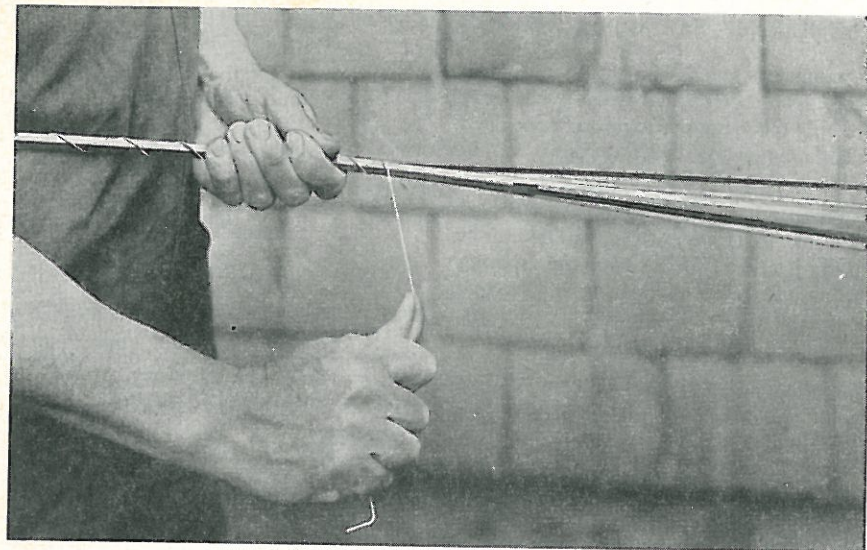
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with fixed 'W' housing and 'L.R.H.' button.

CONTAINER Proofed cloth partitioned bag.

LENGTH	WEIGHT	HANDLE
11 ft	12¼ ozs	18½ ins
12½ ft	18 ozs	24 ins
13½ ft	22¼ ozs	26 ins

Also in two pieces with one top to the same specification.

LENGTH: 11 ft.
WEIGHT: 11¼ ozs.



Putting together the six sections of a cane rod joint after cementing

The 'A. H. E. Wood' Salmon-fly Rods

The late Mr A. H. E. Wood, the discoverer of greased-line fishing, consulted us with regard to a new series of salmon-fly rods he wished developed to suit his own style of fishing which he practised with such great success. After some trials the rods were decided on and with Mr Wood's consent we were able to offer the angling public something entirely new.

The popularity of greased-line fishing increased very considerably and with it the demand for these rods. Before his death, Mr Wood reviewed the action of the rods with us making them lighter to handle and less tiring, without sacrificing any of their wonderful casting abilities or power to handle a strong fish.

This is the only series of rods to which Mr Wood gave his name.

These rods are also suitable for Canada, New Zealand, Newfoundland, etc.

Specification

ACTION	Medium stiff.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' bamboo with steel centre.
HANDLE	Cork covered.
JOINTS	'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Agatipe butt and end, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.

TYINGS Ordinary spaced, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. 'W' fitting, ring and rubber button.
CONTAINER Proofed partition cloth bag.
LENGTH 12 ft.

NO 1 LIGHT ROD :

Length, 12 ft, weight without button, 12 ozs 10 drms.

Suitable reel and line, 3½-in. contracted 'Perfect,' page 79, with 30 yds No. 4 'Corona' line, page 97 and 80 yds of 17-lb 'Solidae' silk backing, page 99; or, 'St John,' page 81, with 30 yds of No. 4 'Corona' and 100 yds of 17-lb 'Solidae' silk backing.

NO. 2 MEDIUM ROD :

Length, 12 ft, weight without button, 13 ozs 10 drms.

Suitable reel and line, 'Saint John' reel, page 81, with 30 yds of No. 5 'Corona' line, page 97, and 60 yds of 17-lb 'Solidae' silk backing, page 99.

NO 3 STRONG ROD :

Length, 12 ft, weight without button 14 ozs.

Suitable reel and line, '3½-in 'Perfect,' page 79, with 40 yds of No. 6 'Corona,' page 97 and 100 yds of 17-lb B/S silk backing, page 99.

The 'L.R.H.' Salmon-fly Rod *see page 39 for illustration*

'A SUPREME ROD.' The outcome of many years' keen thought and trial. A salmon or other fly rod is not the decision of one day; it takes seasons of trial, rod against rod, to evolve.

This rod has been designed and accepted by Mr L. R. Hardy, Managing Director of Hardy Brothers, for his own use as being the best all-round salmon-fly rod, for all general purposes.

It is very carefully proportioned to give the most comfortable and least tiring feeling in the hands, together with the best line lifting and casting qualities.

It is an extremely pleasing rod to fish with. The special rubber button is shaped not to catch the clothes.

Specification

ACTION	'L.R.H.' special butt.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo with steel centre.

HANDLE	26½ ins. Cork covered with thumb rest at top end.
JOINTS	Stud 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt large monel, end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Intermediate green silk ordinary spaced, narrow bindings, rings and joints green, tipped scarlet both edges, copper wire on joints.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with fixed 'W' housing and 'L.R.H.' button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag.

LENGTH	14 ft.
WEIGHT	25 ozs.

The 'Coquet' Salmon-fly Rod

'A rod of outstanding merit'

The modern demand is for lighter and yet lighter rods which will cast a long line and handle a fish as well as the longer and heavier rods. After considerable experiments and actual fishing tests on various rivers, L. R. Hardy evolved the 'Coquet' rod. It is a rod of remarkable power yet with a sweet, smooth action which helps so much in correctly timing the cast.

Specification

ACTION	Butt action, powerful rod for long casting, will spey cast.
PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo with steel centre.

HANDLE	23½ ins long, cork covered.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Butt large monel, end Agatipe; intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
TYINGS	Closely spaced broad bands, crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and fixed 'W' housing and 'L.R.H.' rubber button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stoppers.
LENGTH	13 ft 1½ ins..
WEIGHT	21 ozs.

The proper reel and line to balance this rod is a 3¼-in. 'Perfect' with a No. 9 'Corona' line.

The 'Super Decantelle' Bait-Casting Rod



HARDY'S ALNWICK

We designed this rod for Mons. A. P. Decantelle, who asked us to make a super 'Decantelle' rod for use when fishing very strong, swift Continental rivers where extra heavy baits are to be cast long distances. Suitable for use with baits weighing from 1 to 3 ozs. A very popular rod with South American anglers for Dorado.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo with steel centre.
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HANDLE	33½ ins. Parallel cork covered.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	All stainless steel. All chromium plated finish.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Double adjustable 'Screw-Grip' with anodised 'L.R.H.' button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stopper.
LENGTH	10½ ft.
WEIGHT	29 ozs approx.

The 'Murdoch'

For Salmon, Mahseer, Pike, etc

This rod is suitable for use for Norway, India, etc, and especially for spring salmon fishing in big waters.

Specification

PIECES	Three with two tops. 'Palakona' split-bamboo with steel centre.
HANDLE	Long cork, parallel.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'

RINGS	Agatipe butt, 'Tulip' Agatipe end with Agatipe bridge intermediate.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced, crimson silk. Copper wire over joints.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Double adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and 'L.R.H.' rubber button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers and spanner.
LENGTH	10½ ft
HANDLE	28 ins
WEIGHT	19 ozs
	11½ ft
	28 ins
	22½ ozs

The 'J.J.H.' Spinning Rods

As used by the late J. J. Hardy, the Professional Champion Fly and Bait Caster

These rods are recommended for light and medium spinning for salmon, pike, etc, and were designed specially for his own use by the late J. J. Hardy. The double 'Screw-Grip' fitting permits the reel to be placed at any position on the handle, so that the rod may be used for any method of double-handed casting.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
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HANDLE	Cork covered, long parallel.
JOINTS	Stud 'Lockfast.'
RINGS	Agatipe throughout.
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced crimson silk, copper wire over joints.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Double adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and 'L.R.H.' rubber button.
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers and spanner.
LENGTH	10 ft.
HANDLE	28 ins.
WEIGHT	14½ ozs.

The 'L.R.H.' Spinning Rods

These rods have been designed by L. R. Hardy for his own use for bank and boat fishing, as being the most up-to-date, all-round, double-handed spinning rods. They are light to handle, yet possessed of a wonderful power. The action is perfect for casting a light or heavy bait. The handle is long and is finished in two designs. A. Fitted with two sliding patent screw fittings to take reel in any position, either reel under rod style of casting or reel on top forward of both hands and rod under armpit to wind in. Before sliding the fitting over the end of the reel saddle, screw back the nut till it stops against the knurled shoulder, then screw it forward half a turn. It is now loose on the screw and can adjust itself to the taper on the reel saddle. Now hold the reel on the rod handle where desired, pull the screw fitting over the reel saddle as far as you can. Tighten the nut with the spanner provided. B. Fitted with adjustable screw-grip and cork covered housing. The handle is of small diameter to permit easy and free grip of the rod. The screw fittings are made from hexagonal stock. A spanner is provided.

The action of this rod has been the subject of very close study and numerous experiments, the object being to make a rod which, with a minimum of effort on the part of the caster, will throw a long and accurate bait.

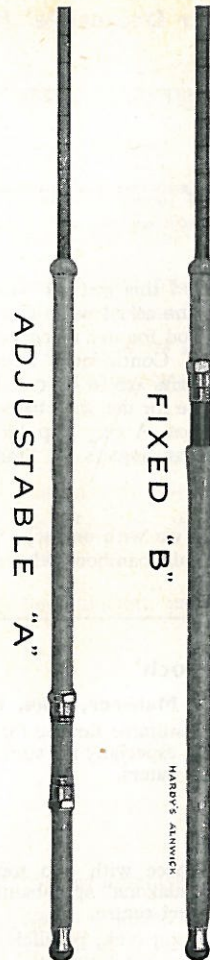
A very comfortable and easy method of casting is with the reel on top of the rod and about 21 ins from the end. The right hand holds the rod immediately under the reel and remains almost, but not quite, stationary during the cast, whilst the left hand grasps the rod at the bottom of the handle and pulls the 21-in. lever in towards the angler's body.

The particular action of this rod permits this method of casting to be employed and entirely does away with the body swing necessary when casting with most double-handed rods.

The rubber button is so designed that when the rod handle is taken from under the arm, after recovering the bait, it does not catch on to the clothes.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	29 ins long, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter parallel cork.
JOINTS	'Studlock' with male joint protectors and stoppers.
RINGS	Agatipe throughout with 'Corbett' Agatipe end.



TYINGS	Rings and splint ends green tipped with scarlet at both edges. Intermediate green, ordinary spaced, narrow, copper wire on joints.		
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	A. Two adjustable 'Screw-Grip' reel fittings. B. Single adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing and special shaped 'L.R.H.' rubber button.		
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers and spanner.		
LENGTH	9½ ft. Finished in three strengths.		
	ROD	LENGTH	WEIGHT
	1	9½ ft	12½ ozs
	2	9½ ft	13½ ozs
	3	9½ ft	14½ ozs

The 'Corbett' Spinning Rods

The original 'Palakona' rod built for Mr Corbett by us was similar to the No. 1, weighing only 12 ozs. With this rod he killed many large salmon. It is however, rather light for general salmon fishing, so we added a stouter rod, the No. 2 with steel centre, weighing 14½ ozs.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.		
HANDLE	21½ ins. Parallel cork.		
JOINTS	No. 1—suction. No. 2—Stud 'Lockfast.'		
RINGS	Agatipe throughout with 'Corbett' end ring.		
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced, crimson silk. Copper wire over joints.		
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable double 'Screw-Grip' with 'L.R.H.' india-rubber button.		
CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.		
	ROD	LENGTH	HANDLE WEIGHT
	*No. 1	9 ft 3 ins	21½ ins 10½ ozs
	†No. 2	9 ft 3 ins	21½ ins 13½ ozs
			* Without steel.
			† With steel

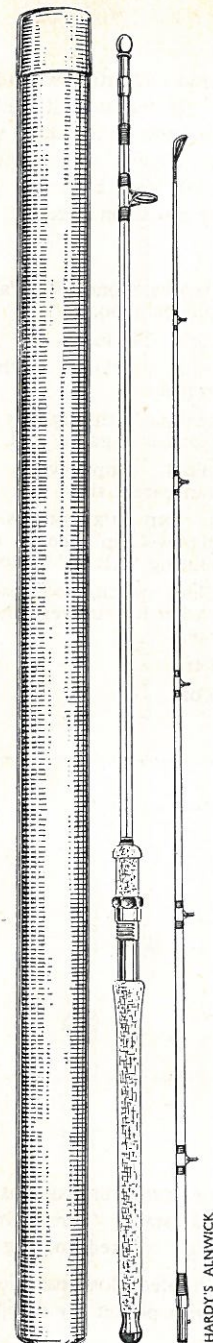


Illustration of the 'Marksman' Precision Casting Rod

The 'Marksman' Precision Casting Rod

A very light two-handed casting rod for use with Nos. 2 and 3 Alex and Elalex reels.

See article by L. R. Hardy (page 18)

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top 'Palakona' (Regd. 246936) split-bamboo.		
HANDLE	Long cork covered, $\frac{3}{4}$ -in dia. 21 ins long.		
JOINT	Hardy Stud 'Lockfast.'		
RINGS	Extra large monel butt, Agatipe 'Corbett' end, Agatipe intermediate.		
TYINGS	Rings and joints green, tipped scarlet both edges. Intermediate tyings green.		
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Cork covered housed fitting with fixed 'Screw-Grip' 'L.R.H.' india-rubber button.		
CONTAINER	Partitioned bag in aluminium case.		
LENGTH	8 ft 3 ins.		
WEIGHT	11½ ozs.		

The 'West Country' Spinning Rod

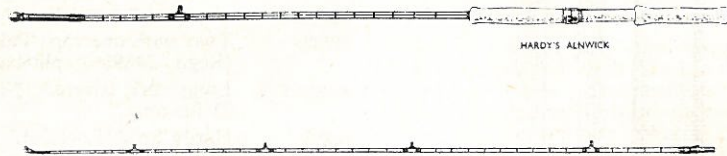
We designed this light spinning rod at the request of Major Kenneth Dawson who is so well known as the writer of books on fishing, and articles in the *Field* and other papers under the pen-name of 'West Country.' It is constructed on the 'delayed action' principle, which he described in his article 'Refinements in Rod Building' published in the *Field* of 15th July 1944. It is designed for use with the 'Elarex' reel, and the particular action gives a slow start off to the reel drum when a cast is made, and thus removes practically all tendency to over-runs. The actual weight of the rod is misleading as all non-essential weight in handle and reel fittings has been eliminated, and Major Dawson finds it fully adequate for salmon fishing, even in floods, on such rapid rivers as the Tavy, Dart and others of similar character. At the same time it is a rod suitable for spinning in low water with traces as fine as 1x. Major Dawson says it is the most accurate spinning rod he has ever used.

The cork-covered reel fitting was added at his request. It is the neatest and most comfortable we know as no metal touches the hand, but anglers who require an adjustable fitting can have the double screw-grip. See article on page 25.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
HANDLE	Cork. 14½ ins.
JOINTS	Stud 'Lockfast' with joint protectors.
RINGS	Agatipe throughout with 'Corbett' Agatipe end.
TYINGS	Joints, copper-wire; rings, transparent silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Fixed 'Screw-Grip' cork covered housing 'L.R.H.' button.
CONTAINER	Cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stoppers and spanner.
LENGTH	7 ft.
WEIGHT	6 ozs.

The 'Victor' Single-handed Bait Casting Rod



Specification

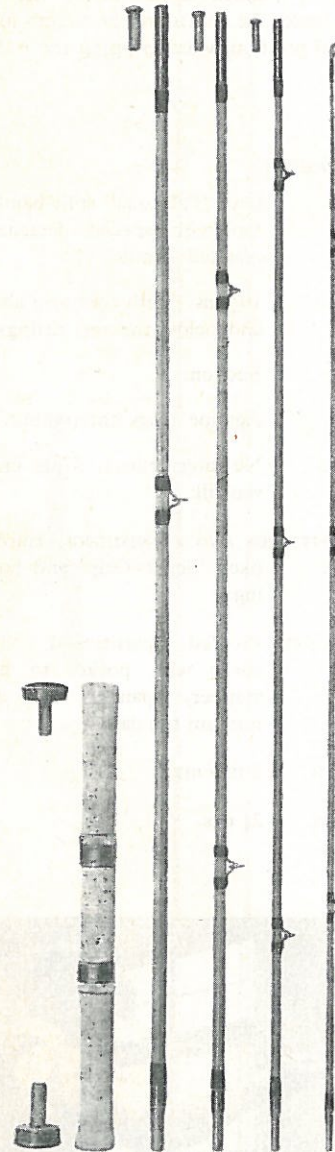
PIECES	Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Single adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and cork covered housing.
HANDLE	Cork covered. 16½ ins.	CONTAINER	Proofed cloth partitioned bag with pocket for stoppers.
JOINTS	Spiral 'Lockfast.'		
RINGS	Agatipe throughout.	LENGTH	WEIGHT
TYINGS	Ordinary spaced crimson silk.	No. 2	7 ft 9 ins Salmon 7½ ozs
		No. 3	7 ft 0 ins Pike & Salmon 7½ ozs

The 'N.A.A.F.' Combined Fly and Spinning Rod

Total length packed in rod bag 2 ft 2 ins.

Specification

PIECES	Four 'Palakona' split-bamboo and cork handle.
LENGTH	Fly rod 8 ft 10 ins. Spinning rod 6 ft 10 ins.
HANDLE	Detachable cork with joint for fly rod at one end and joint for spinning rod at the other.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Two plain adjustable rings.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Intermediate, 'Fullopen' rings, Agatipe end.
TYINGS	Crimson, no intermediates.
WEIGHT	5 ozs 14 drms (approx.)
CONTAINER	Proofed, partitioned cloth bag with pocket for stoppers.



The 8-ft 10-in. fly rod is composed of all four parts and the handle. The balance is very similar to the 'Gold Medal.' The 6-ft 10-in. spinning rod consists of the top and the two middles with the cork handle, balance like the 'Hardy-Wanless' 4-lb.

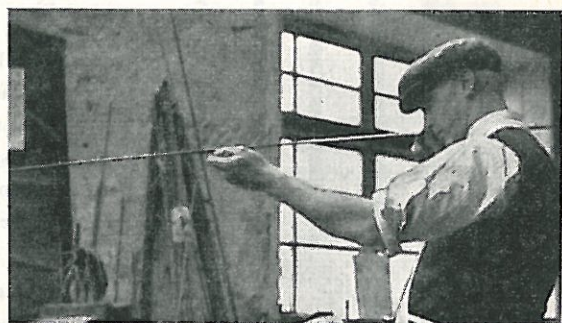
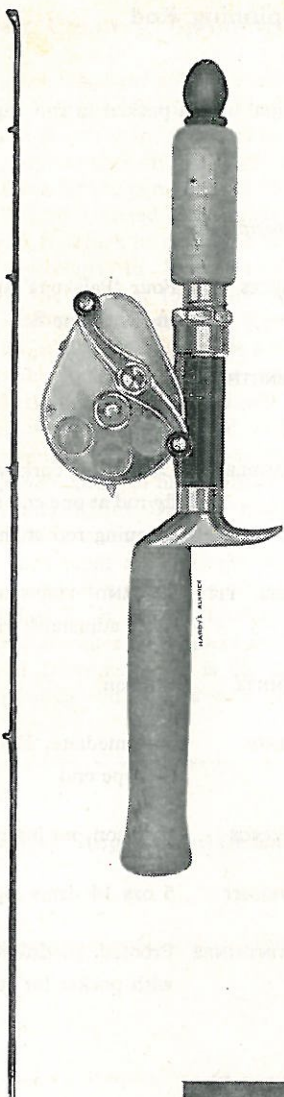
This latter rod also makes an excellent small inclined stiff fly rod.

The 'Farcast' Spinning Rod

A single-handed spinning rod suitable for sea trout, salmon, pike, etc., to be used with revolving spool casting reels. The offset or cranked handle brings the reel right under the control of the thumb in its natural position when gripping the rod.

Specification

PIECES	One 'Palakona' split-bamboo top with special detachable cranked handle.
HANDLE	10½ ins. With cork grip above and below the reel fittings.
JOINTS	Suction.
RINGS	Agatipe rings throughout.
TYINGS	No intermediate. Rings crimson silk.
REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Hardy's fixed 'Screw-Grip' and housing.
CONTAINER	Proofed partitioned cloth cover with pocket to hold stopper, spanner and aluminium top case.
LENGTH	5 ft 6 ins.
WEIGHT	2¼ ozs.



Craftsman testing a section

The 'Hardy-Jock Scott' Rod

This dainty little weapon is built of 'Palakona' (Regd. Trade Mark) split-bamboo, and measures 5 ft 6 ins in length. Two tops are provided, fitting into the one handle. These tops are designed to cast respectively ¼-oz and ½-oz baits, and they are fitted throughout with encased Agatipe rings, carefully spaced so as to ensure the best results, both when casting and playing a fish. The action is so regulated that, when using the larger baits, which are fitted with No. 7 trebles, and a 9-lb line together with the heavier top, certain penetration of the hook is assured when striking a fish. So likewise in the case of the lighter top and smaller baits fitted with No. 9 hooks proper penetration is provided, together with a suitable action for use with a 6-lb line. The 6-lb line may, of course, be used with the heavier top, provided that the clutch on the reel is not set too stiffly.

We recommend the use of the heavier top for casting ¾-oz and ½-oz baits, reserving the lighter top for use with the lightest baits and lines in low and clear water.

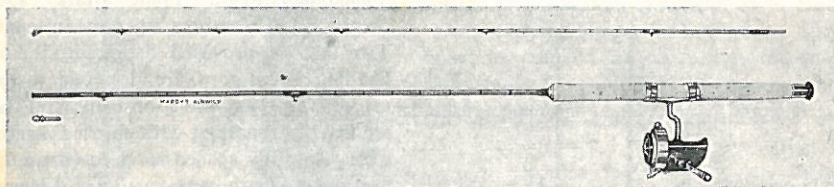
The handle is cranked and provided with back and front cork grips; the forward grip being a great convenience when playing a fish. The cranked handle eliminates friction between the line and the butt ring, and also allows the thumb to rest upon the reel in a natural and comfortable manner.

An aluminium trigger is provided, round which the forefinger is placed when casting to ensure a powerful grip. As some anglers do not like the trigger, or wish to change their grip during the day, it is made instantly detachable. Upon one end of the trigger is a peg fitting into a hole in the crank, where it is locked by the 'Screw-Grip' reel fitting. These reel fittings are our standard type with hexagonal screw-down ring. A spanner is provided.

The rod complete weighs 7 ozs 2 drms when the lighter top is in use; and 7 ozs 3 drms with the heavier top. It is supplied in a proofed cloth case with pockets to hold the handle, stopper and spanner, and with an aluminium tube protector to carry the tops.



The 'Hardy-Wanless' Rods



A series of rods for threadline angling, developed with the assistance of the late Alex. Wanless.

The special and original feature of these rods is that each grade is made to suit the strength of line with which it is to be used. That is to say, when a rod is under its greatest fishing stress, it will not break the line which should be used with it. Finer lines in reason can be used with any particular rod.

The Test Curve is the curve taken by a rod when under the greatest fishing stress, i.e. when the fish is about 15 ft away and the rod is held at an angle of about 60 degrees from the ground (horizontal plane). The rod is bent until the angle formed by the rod and the line disappears and the line is a prolongation of the rod's point. The power required to do this denotes the test curve of the rod.

To make this clearly understood, the rods are graded and called by the breaking strains of their lines, such as the '7-ft 2-lb line rod' which has a test curve of 6 ozs.

The rods are the 'World's best' for this class of fishing and are a revelation of power, combined with lightness. In casting, the rods do the work, not the angler, because they are so perfectly actioned and attuned to the weight of line and bait that they give immediate response to a mere flick, which enables baits to be cast long distances with great accuracy.

For example, with the 7-ft 2-lb rod (weighing 3½ ozs) and the No. 1 'Altex' reel and line of about 1½ lbs breaking strain, a 1¼-in Natural Minnow and leaded tackle

but without any lead on the trace can be cast from 40 to 50 yds with a mere flick of the wrist. All the rods have, as is customary with 'Hardy' products, been tested in practical angling by experts. They are built with that perfection of construction and detail, and finished in the high-class style which distinguishes a 'Hardy' rod and all carry 'Hardy's full guarantee.'

The 2 and 4-lb B.S. line rods are finished in two pieces and in 7-ft length only.

The 6, 7 to 8-lb B.S. line rods are finished in two pieces and in 7-ft and 8-ft lengths.

The 9 to 10-lb B.S. line rods are finished in two pieces and in 7 and 8-ft lengths.

Specification

- PIECES Two with one top. 'Palakona' regd. split-bamboo.
- HANDLE 14½ ins. Cork covered parallel with thumb rest at end.
- JOINTS 'Hardy' suction joints.
- RINGS Ex large threadline monel butt ring of 'Hardy' design. Agatipe end, closely spaced 'Fullopen' bridge rings.
- TYINGS Wide spaced green silk, tipped scarlet.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Two adjustable rings, 'L.R.H.' button.
- CONTAINER Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.

List of 'Hardy-Wanless' Spinning Rods

Length	'Altex' Reel to use	B/S of line to use	For fish up to approx.	Test Curve	Weight
7 ft	No. 1	2 lbs	3 lbs	6 ozs	4 ozs
7 ft	No. 1	4 lbs	5 to 6 lbs	10 ozs	4½ ozs
7 ft	No. 1 or No. 2	6 lbs	Sea trout or light salmon	1 lb	5 ozs
8 ft	No. 2	6 lbs	do.	1 lb	5½ ozs
7 ft	No. 2 or No. 3	7 to 8 lbs	Light salmon	1¼ lbs	5½ ozs
7 ft	No. 2 or No. 3	9 to 10 lbs	General salmon	2¼ lbs	5¾ ozs
8 ft	No. 2 or No. 3	9 to 10 lbs		2¼ lbs	6¾ ozs

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Aluminium cases to take whole rod, see page 44.

The 'Hardy-Wanless' Worming Rod

Creepers and other Bait Fishing

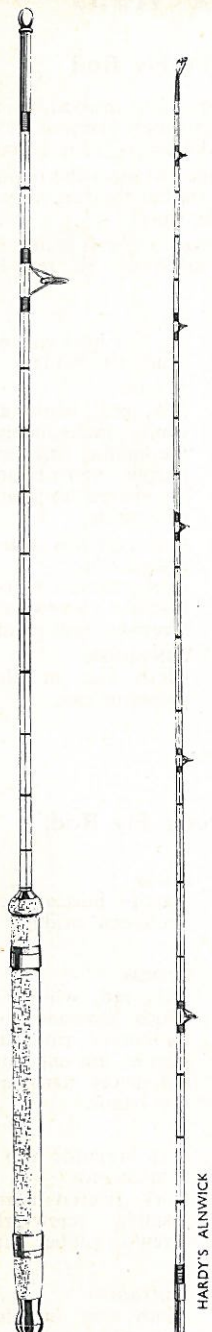
Specification

- PIECES Two or three pieces with one top, 'Palakona' regd. split-bamboo.
- HANDLE 18 ins. Parallel cork covered.
- JOINTS 'Hardy's' suction.
- RINGS Butt and end Agatipe, intermediate 'Fullopen' bridge.
- TYINGS Wide spaced green silk.
- REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Two adjustable rings.
- CONTAINER Proofed cloth partition bag with pocket for stoppers.

These worming rods also make excellent rods for fly fishing and light spinning.

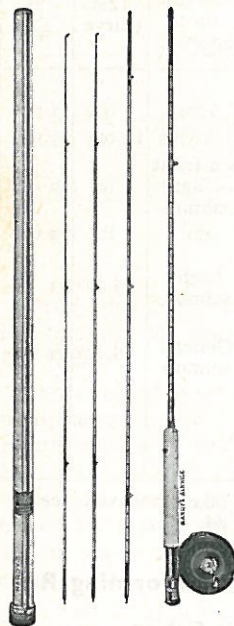
L'gth	Reel to use (Altex)	For fish up to approx. lbs	Test Curve	W'ght ozs
10 ft 2 pce	No. 1	2 to 3	6 ozs	6¼
10 ft 3 pce	No. 1	2 to 3	6 ozs	7½

For aluminium rod cases see page 44.



HARDY'S ALNWICK

Coronation Series of 'Palakona' Rods



No. 1 Coronation Light Fly Rod

THIS SERIES OF RODS have been introduced to commemorate the Coronation of our most gracious and charming young Sovereign Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

They are particularly designed to meet the requirements of our clients in North America but they are very suitable for fishing in other parts of the world.

They cover a very full range of fresh water rods and embody all our latest improvements in rod building, joints, action and finish.

LENGTH
9 ft.

WEIGHT
6 ozs 10 drms.

ACTION
A stiff powerful rod which will fish a No. 3 'Corona' line.

PIECES
Three with two tops.

HANDLE
Shaped cork, 10½ ins.

JOINTS
Suction, nickel.

RINGS
Agatipe butt and end with 'Fullopen' bridge.

TYINGS
Silk, red, white and blue bands immediately above the handle, rings and joints purple, intermediate ordinary spaced transparent narrow bands.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS
Cork covered housing, adjustable screw-grip and screw-in rubber button.

CONTAINER
Cloth bag in aluminium protector case.

No. 2 Coronation Strong Fly Rod

LENGTH
9 ft.

WEIGHT
7 ozs.

ACTION
A stiffer and more powerful rod than the No. 1 which will fish a No. 4 (or 5) 'Corona.' This rod is capable of landing 10-lb salmon in fast waters.

PIECES
Three with two tops.

HANDLE
Shaped cork, 10½ ins.

JOINTS
Suction, nickel.

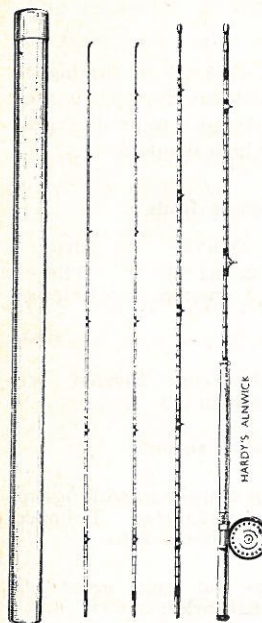
RINGS
Agatipe butt and end with 'Fullopen' bridge.

TYINGS
Silk, red, white and blue bands immediately above the handle, rings and joints purple, intermediate ordinary spaced transparent narrow bands.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS
Cork covered housing, adjustable screw-grip and screw-in rubber button.

CONTAINER
Cloth bag in aluminium protector case.

Coronation Series of 'Palakona' Rods



No. 3 Coronation Double-Handed Fly Rod

LENGTH
12 ft.

WEIGHT
14 ozs 10 drms.

ACTION
A rod of power with the springy action from handle to tip. A most comfortable and virile rod. This rod is capable of handling most fish in most conditions and will fish No. 6 line comfortably.

PIECES
Three with two tops.

HANDLE
Special shaped, cork covered, 21 ins.

JOINTS
Suction, nickel.

RINGS
Agatipe butt and end with 'Fullopen' bridge.

TYINGS
Silk, red, white and blue bands immediately above the handle, rings and joints purple, intermediate ordinary spaced transparent narrow bands.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS
Cork covered housing, adjustable screw-grip and No. 2 screw-in rubber button.

CONTAINER
Cloth bag in aluminium protector case.

No. 4 Coronation Spinning Rod

LENGTH
7 ft

WEIGHT
5 ozs 14 drms.

ACTION
Single-handed spinning rod, powerful enough to handle most salmon or pike yet delicate enough in action to cast very light weights with great accuracy.

PIECES
Two with one top.

HANDLE
Parallel cork, 14½ ins.

JOINTS
Suction, nickel.

RINGS
Stand-off monel butt, Agatipe end, 'Fullopen' graduated bridge.

TYINGS
Silk, red, white and blue bands immediately above the handle, rings and joints purple, intermediate ordinary spaced transparent narrow bands.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS
Two adjustable rings and 'L.R.H.' button.

CONTAINER
Cloth bag in aluminium protector case.

The perfect spinning outfit when used in conjunction with our 'Altex' No. 2 reel and a 9-lb 'Nyking' line.

Hardy's Glass Rods

'Palaglas' Rods

This year we are introducing a range of tubular glass rods for fly fishing and spinning.

The materials used in the manufacture

Fly Rods

LENGTH	PIECES	ACTION
7 ft 9 ins	2, one top	Light
8 ft 6 ins	2, one top	Medium
9 ft 0 ins	3, one top	Medium
9 ft 0 ins	3, one top	Strong
12 ft 0 ins	3, one top	Medium

Specification

HANDLE Cork covered, shaped mushroom top.

JOINTS 'Hardy's' suction.

RINGS 'Fullopen' bridge, Agatipe butt and end.

TYINGS Rings and joints, green silk.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Fixed 'Screw-Grip.' Cork covered housing and butt cap. Except 12-ft rod, which has one movable 'Screw-Grip' and 'W' fitting and 'L.R.H.' rubber button.

CONTAINER Best proofed shrunk cloth cover with pocket for stoppers.

Salmon Spinning Rods

LENGTH	PIECES	ACTION
9 ft 6 ins	3, one top	Medium
9 ft 6 ins	3, one top	Strong

Specification

HANDLE 26 ins long, cork covered, $\frac{3}{8}$ in dia. with mushroom top.

JOINTS 'Hardy's' suction.

RINGS Agatipe rings throughout with large monel butt.

TYINGS Rings and joints, green silk.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Single adjustable 'Screw-Grip' and fixed cork covered housing, 'L.R.H.' button (small).

CONTAINER Proofed, shrunk best cloth cover with pocket for stoppers.

of our 'Palaglas' rods are of the highest quality and the methods employed in their construction are designed to produce glass rods of a regular high standard.

Threadline Spinning Rods

LENGTH	PIECES	ACTION
7 ft	2, one top	5 lbs b/s
7 ft	2, one top	10 lbs b/s

Specification

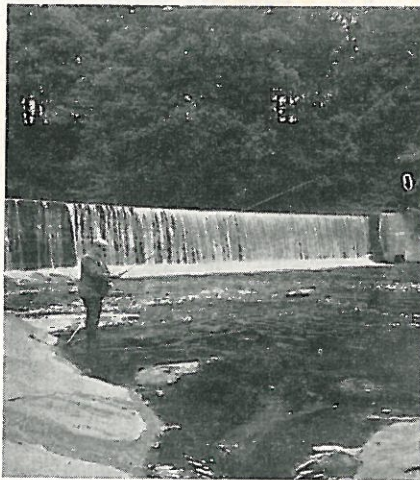
HANDLE Parallel cork covered with mushroom top.

JOINTS 'Hardy's' suction.

RINGS Large monel butt with Agatipe end. Graduated 'Fullopen' bridge intermediate.

TYINGS Rings and joints green silk, tipped scarlet.

REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS. Two sliding rings, small 'L.R.H.' rubber button.



Mr L. R. Hardy putting one of our rods under a practical test

Hardy's Greenheart Rods

The Famous 'Hotspur' Fly Rods

Made of very choice well-seasoned Greenheart

These are rare hard-working little tools.

Specification

PIECES	Two, one top.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable ring and 'W' fitting and wood button.
HANDLE	Cork covered.		
JOINTS	Suction.		
RINGS	Agatipe butt and end, 'Snake' intermediate.	LENGTH	8, 8½, 9, 9½ ft.

The 'Junior' Fly Rods

Made of seasoned Greenheart

A well-balanced useful fly or bait rod.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top.	RINGS	'Snake' intermediate with steel end.
HANDLE	Wood.	REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Adjustable ring and housed butt cap.
JOINTS	Plain suction.	LENGTH	8½, 9, 9½ ft.

The 'Hardy-Wanless' Greenheart Rod

For Threadline Fishing, made in selected Greenheart, in three strengths

for use with 4-lb : 6-lb : 10-lb breaking-strain lines

A spinning rod for general trout, sea trout and light salmon fishing suitable for use with the 'Hardex' or similar reels.

Specification

PIECES	Two with one top, selected greenheart.	JOINTS	Plain suction.
HANDLE	14 ins. Parallel cork covered.	RINGS	Agatipe butt and end with 'Snake' intermediate.
		REEL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS.	Two adjustable rings.
		CONTAINER	Cloth partitioned bag.
		LENGTH	7 ft.

Hardy's 'Greenheart-Palakona' Spinning Rod for Salmon, Pike, etc.

This rod is designed for general spinning, live baiting and trolling. A strong, well-balanced rod with a good action.

10 ft, in 3 pieces, 1 top, greenheart butt and middle, 'Palakona' (Regd. No. 246936)

split-bamboo top, Hardy suction joints, 'Fullopen' bridge intermediate, Agatipe butt and end rings, cork handle. 'Universal' reel fittings, india-rubber button. Weight 17 ozs 8 drms.

Dapping Rods for Blow-line Fishing

Bamboo butt and middle, with two greenheart tops, wood handle, 'Universal' reel fittings, single brazed joints, spiral rings.

LENGTH: 14, 15, 16, 17 ft.

Extension butt to 16-ft and 17-ft rods

to make 20-ft and 21-ft, fitted with 'Universal' reel fittings, 'Snake' ring, cap and screw-in button to order only.

Suitable reel—4-in. 'Eureka,' 30 yds. Dapping line, spliced to 30 yds. 14-lb B.S. 'Solidae' silk backing.

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