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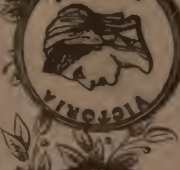
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BEMROSE & SONS, PRINTERS, 23, OLD BAILEY, LONDON;
AND DERBY.

1887.

LIST OF RODS.



BEFORE describing our range of rods, we would like to state, for the special benefit of the intending purchaser, that we send rods for choice on receipt of a cash deposit amounting to half the value of the rods selected to be submitted on approval. By this arrangement we are enabled to reach our clients everywhere in a manner most satisfactory.

The above system of supply has proved so increasingly successful in suiting the needs of the ever-extending army of anglers, who are habitually the users and the commenders of our improved and refined requisites, that we are now prepared to extend to new correspondents and old patrons alike the benefits thus offered. Our rods are an embodiment of best possible workmanship and best materials, and when we add that we employ, first best appliances only, for accurate building, &c., the query—"How is it Foster's rods are so much the rage?" needs not a long pondered reply.

We produce rods at varying prices for all kinds of rod fishing, and to strangers to our productions who need proof to convince, we would suggest that they CONTRAST our lowest or highest priced fly or other rod with any rod to be got ANYWHERE, EITHER AT HOME OR ABROAD, at the same price; as there is invariably less value given in every way, we with confidence invite the test. Several imitators of our rod improvements, and particularly of the steel centre, taking advantage of the universal demand, have had the hardihood and cool audacity to advertise their piracies 75 to 100 per cent. more in price than that of the original and genuine article. Owing to a clever regard to the bounds of legality, these unscrupulous freebooters have hitherto contrived to avoid the trammels of the legal net, but seeing that a limp and wayward piano string is the nearest approach they make to our stiff, needlelike,

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stout, and strong, yet slender, steel backbone, we are anxious only to save the unsuspecting from a bold, unprincipled imposition.

Steel centred rods were introduced by us some six years since. So great was their success over the ordinary build of rod, that the Gold Medal and Diploma of Honour was awarded them at the International Fisheries, London, 1883, and highest awards have been ever since gained by them at other exhibitions wherever exhibited.

None but they who habitually use a good rod are able to comprehend the immense advantages derived from its use. What the bow is to the successful archer, or the bat to the crack batsman, so is the rod to the expert fisherman. It is the medium of success. Given a good rod, even in the hands of a comparative novice, if the fish are on the feed, the chances are he meets with success, but with an unduly stiff, or a weak backed, "swoppy," unmanageable, ill-made implement, even the proficient is nonplussed, exasperated, and, for the time being, undone.

In commencing our Catalogue of Rods for the year 1887, which in scope and variety, beginning as it does with well-made keeper's rods, suited equally with our latest and best specialities for hard and constant use, will be found to compare favourably with that of any contemporary manufacturers, whether British or foreign; this especially in the three cardinal points most studied by us, viz., utility of design, quality of workmanship and material, economy in cost and price. On these points our experience and success, seen in the reception accorded our inventions, both by our patrons and by trade pirates, enables us, without egotism, to say "we hold the field."

TROUT SPINNING RODS.

NO.		s.	d.
661.	Three-joint Hickory Spinning Rods, brazed and winch fitted, in case, 9 and 10 ft., 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., and	7	6
662.	Ditto ditto 10 and 12 ft., two tops, &c, 7s. and	8	6
663.	Four-joint ditto 8s and	10	6
664.	Ditto, best quality, with new upright safety, or solid rings, a first-rate rod in all points, 11s. 9d., 13s., and	14	6
665.	Ditto, extra finish	16	6

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NO.		s.	d.
666.	East India Cane Rod, 12 ft., light, solid at joints, strong, and pliant, winch fitted, in case	12	6
667.	Ditto, with solid or rustless steel upright rings, and best finish... ..	16	6
668.	Four-joint East India Cane Rod, winch fitted, 12 ft., in bag	15	6
669.	Ditto, best quality, two tops, &c., 12 ft. 19s. 6d., 14 ft. 21s., 16 ft. 23s. 6d., 18 ft. 26s., and 20 ft.	29	6
670.	Ditto, with superior mounts, and double brazed, balanced handle, and solid winch fittings, very light. A splendid rod for fine trouting. It is equally suited for minnow and worm. In three joints, with two tops, 10 to 12 ft.	30	0
671.	Ditto, with four joints, 10 to 12 ft.	32	6
672.	Ditto, 14 ft. 35s. 6d., 15 ft. 37s., 16 ft. 38s. 6d., and 18 ft.	40	0
673.	HEXAGONAL BUILT CANE TROUT SPINNING RODS, in three joints, with two tops, 10 ft., either pliant, medium, or strong build, either cane or waterproof silk bound, inlaid, cedar, cork, or pigskin covered handle, with upright safety rings	52	6
674.	Ditto ditto with bayonet lock joints, and steel rustless upright wings	59	6
675.	Ditto, with steel centre	79	6
676.	First quality built Cane.		

Two long tops, three joints, best mounts, inlaid, cedar, cork, or bound cane handle, oxidized or nickled metal fittings, and best finish action. Either moderately stiff, pliant, or medium.

Prices:—10, 10½, or 11 ft., 75s. 11½ ft., £3 18s.; 12 ft., £4 1s. 6d.; 13 ft., £4 8s.; 14 ft., £4 15s.; 15 ft., £5 12s. 6d.; 15 ft., £6 8s. 6d.; 17 ft., £6 17s. 6d.

The best possible combination of workmanship and material is here worked up, and with a result that is found to eclipse any other make, either English or American. We guarantee this rod for two years to the purchaser, and if found in any way defective, after fair usage, during the period named, we engage to supply a new rod, or refund the cash paid for the defective implement. It will be obvious to all that were we not confident of the immense superiority of this article, we should not give a sweeping guarantee of this character with a light and delicately constructed article. This rod is, as we have above stated, made in the best possible style.

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NO.	s. d.
677. If steel-centred, 16s. 6d. extra trout, 18s. lake, and 19s. 6d. extra salmon.	
678. Two-joint ditto, with extra short top or butt joint, 10 to 11 feet	62 6
679. Second quality ditto	54 6
The two foregoing rods are each 9s. 6d. extra if steel centred.	
680. Cane and greenheart, built alternately, same price as above.	

FLY RODS—TROUT AND GRAYLING.

681. Good serviceable three-joint Hickory and Lance Rod, with strong durable mountings, winch-fitted, in case	5 9
The above is adapted for hard wear, is durably constructed, and is the best value offered in youths' rods. It compares favourably with rods usually sold at double the cost.	
682. Three-joint ditto, extra finish, 10 to 12 feet... ..	7 6
683. Three-joint ditto, bronzed ferrules and best finish, 10, 10½, 11, 11½ to 12 feet	8 9
684. Four-joint (682 quality), 11 and 12 feet	9 6
685. Ditto, best finish	10 6
686. All Greenheart Fly Rods, good plain mounts and finish, three joints, winch-fitted, 10 to 12 feet, screw spear, in partitioned case	10 9
687. All Greenheart, three-joint, 10 feet, best finish, mush- room button, relieved bronzed fittings, in partitioned case	16 6
688. All Greenheart, double-brazed, three joints, bronzed fittings, screw spear, 11 feet, in partitioned case ...	19 6
689. All Greenheart, three-joint, 12 feet ditto, ditto ...	21 6
690. All Greenheart, two-joint, Derbyshire Switches, 10 to 12 feet, bronzed metal mounts, first class action, screw spear, &c., in partitioned case... ..	17 9

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NO.	s. d.
691. The "Princess" Ladies' Rod, two joints, double brazed, all Greenheart, balanced handle, average weight: 10 feet, 6 oz.; 11 feet, 7 oz., &c.; with mushroom at butt end, and of best finish—a "perfect gem" of a light and useful rod, made either strong in action or pliant	25 0
692. Three-joint Rod in best Hickory or Blue Mahoe, and best picked Lance, two long tops, balanced grooved handle, bronzed fittings, screw spear, in partitioned case	21 0
693. Ditto, best quality double brazed	26 6
694. The "Standard" Rod, balanced handle, double brazed, two fly tops, bronzed ferrules, screwed spear, all greenheart, 11 feet and 12 feet	25 0
695. Ditto, ditto, 12½ feet and 13 feet	26 6
696. Whole East India Male Cane Fly Rods, balanced handle, solid winch fittings, two tops (of greenheart), 10 to 12 feet. A first rate Rod for heavy work, light (about ¾ oz. per foot), stiffish in action ...	29 6
697. Five-joint Knapsack Fly Rod, Greenheart or Blue Mahoe, best bronzed fittings, finish, and winch fits, suited to cyclists, tourists, &c.	30 0

Nos. 683 and 684 may be had with hollow butt, price 2/6 each extra.

BEST QUALITY ALL WOOD FLY RODS.


FOR TROUT AND GRAYLING FISHING.

Made from most carefully selected and tested Greenheart. (Specific gravity: dark coloured, 1.0908; light ditto, 0.9643; Washaba or "Bethabara," 1.2140; and Snakewood, 1.3718.*

* We have discontinued using Blue Mahoe (except when expressly ordered), owing to the distinct inferiority of even the best descriptions when compared with the woods named above.

In ordering please quote List Nos. of articles required.

6 FOSTER'S LIST OF REFINED AND IMPROVED

NO.		s. d.
698.	Three-joint very best Fly Rod, double brazed, finest solid winch fittings, two cane-tipped or whole wood tops, divisioned case, 10, 10½, 11, 11½, and 12 feet	35 0
699.	Three-joint ditto, with Mushroom at foot of butt, and new Cap-covered Spiral lock joint	38 6
		
700.	Three-joint very best Fly Rod, cane-wrapped handle, and with either mushroom or button termination or spear, weigh 10, 11, and 12 oz.	37 6
	This Rod was awarded a Prize Medal at the International Fisheries Exhibition, London, 1883.	
701.	Three-joint best rod, fitted with the new centre winch (detachable), rod and reel combined, balanced handle	39 6
	This Rod is similar in appearance to that shown on Plate V. (Fig. 1).	
702.	Castle Connell Rods, two-joint, 10 to 12 ft., spliced, best	19 6
703.	Two-joint ditto, two tops, best, 10 to 12 ft.	25 6
704.	Three-joint ditto, ditto ditto	29 0
705.	Ditto ferruled joints instead of spliced joinings, 10 to 12 ft.	28 6
	If bound in cane or leather, 2/9 extra.	
706.	Three-joint very best finished Fly Rod, bronzed fittings, in grooved wood case	59 6
707.	Ditto, ditto, with solid white metal mounts	68 6
707½.	"Marston" Fly Rods 17s. 6d. and	21 0

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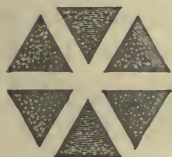
SOLID HEXAGONAL GREENHEART FLY RODS.

ALSO IN WASHABA, &c.

These Rods are stronger for weight and size than the round make of rod without steel centres, and the extra stiffness thus imparted brings the play nearer that of the metal-cored rods than any other all-wood implement.

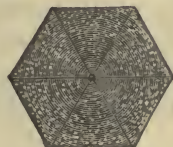
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708.	Three-joint, best bronze ferrules. Either two best long tops and single brazed, or one best top and double brazed, with spear or mushroom at butt end, and in partitioned case, 10 to 12 ft.	31	6
709.	Ditto, ditto, best solid winch fittings and finish, double brazed, 10 to 12 ft.	38	6

BUILT CANE FLY RODS.



BEFORE CEMENTING.

Sections showing system of building.



AFTER CEMENTING.

Diagonal cane-built rods were originally made in this country some forty-seven years ago. They were not only spliced in the manner shown in the above sections, but in addition, at intervals of every foot, or less, along the rod's joints, in the same way as is it usual to splice a top. This necessitated the rods being almost one half covered with wrappings. This idea seemed to be that the periodic round rim or joint on single cane was untrustworthy, and was not in consequence fit for use. The plan of planing the raised knot-like rim, which is the hardest part of the cane, to an even surface, and thus building full-length parts or joints without the presence of constantly occurring masses of silk bindings, is of a much later date. This was perhaps not so important an advance

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as was the discovery of a cement or composition impervious to the effect of water, in lieu of the old style glue which did not always prove satisfactory in use. So great and reliable an improvement is the compound now used, that we have resorted to the plan of giving a guarantee for two years with all best cane-built rods sent out by us, with and without steel centres.

NO.

710. Hexagonal built cane Fly Rods, three joints, 10 ft., 45s.; 11 ft., 48s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 50s.; 12 ft., 51s. 6d.
711. Ditto, ditto, superior finish, 10 ft., 52s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 54s.; 11 ft., 55s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 57s. 6d.; 12 ft., 60s.
712. Ditto, best, with two tops and bound handle, bronzed fittings, 10 ft., 63s.; 10½ ft., 65s. 6d.; 11 ft., 68s.; 11½ ft., 70s.; 12 ft., 73s. 6d.
713. Ditto, with best finish and the most minute precision in build and detail, &c., 10 ft., 69s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 71s.; 11 ft., 73s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 75s.; 12 ft., 76s. 6d.

Above with cork, inlaid cedar, or cane-bound handles. If white metal mounts are used, the cost is 9s. 6d. extra. If fitted with the new revolving "Bickerdyke" Rod tip ring (Patent No. 6232), 1s. 6d. extra. Bronzed lock joints, 4s. 6d. extra. The new spired cap covered joint, 5s. 6d. External screw cap lock joints, 3s. 6d. extra.



THE REVOLVING BICKERDYKE ROD END RING.

714. Best possible finished Cane Built, with white metal mounts, &c., 10 ft., 90s.; 10½ ft., 91s. 6d.; 11 ft., 93s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 95s. 6d.; 12 ft., 98s.

Copy of Guarantee given with each of the two best qualities of Cane Built Rods described:—

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"We, the undersigned, herewith do engage to refund cash, or supply new rod, if the Cane Built Rod, No. —, fails to withstand any and every fair angling test for two years from date of purchase.

"Dated this day of 188 .
 (Signed) "D. & W. H. FOSTER."

"Who could undertake, single-handed, to produce a glued-up Cane Rod, with its multitudinous whippings, rings, varnish and ferrules, and, as I have said, generally exquisite finish, for, say, three guineas? Yet such firms as Messrs. Allcock or Messrs. Foster, of Ashbourne, can, by the perfection of their manual and machine labour, unendingly perform more than this. They can produce tackle so that the London or provincial retailer can sell, with a profit, at the price named."—From "How Fishing Tackle is made," appearing in *The Squire*.

AMERICAN MADE SPLIT OR BUILT CANE RODS.

FITTED WITH THE NEW SERRATED FERRULE FOR JOINTS—MALLESON'S REGISTERED.

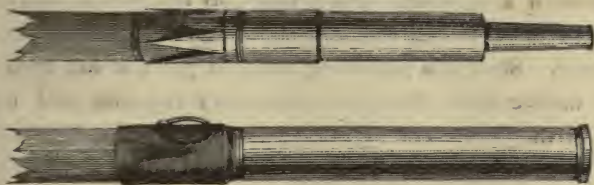


Fig. A shows the serrated ferrule, as fixed before the silk bindings are added.

Fig. B. The ferrule in its finished state.

It is a well-known fact that the early pattern of split cane rods failed to merit satisfaction largely through the bad fitting and shape of the joint ferrules. Our make of these rods are fitted with ferrules, hexagonal shaped, to fit or cover over the cane without the most remote chance of injury to the cane enamel or rind. The serrated ferrule arrangement works equally satisfactory.

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715. Two joint rod, with extra top joint, and with cork or cane bound handle, 10 to 11 ft., 61s. 6d.
716. Ditto, three joints, two tops, with East India cane landing net handle to hold extra top, and with cork or cane bound handle, 69s. 6d. Inlaid cane and cedar butts, 7s. 6d. extra.

GOLD MEDAL STEEL CENTRED FLY RODS.

Gold Medal awarded at the Great International Fisheries Exhibition, 1883, and gold or highest award at every subsequent exhibition where-ever exhibited.

Steel centred rods were invented by the Author of the "Scientific Angler." They, together with other important improvements in anglers' requisites, emanating from the same source, have been pirated in a very shameless way, even by individuals holding more or less respectable positions in the trade.

This we mention as a proof of the great success of the invention which we introduced so late as 1882. There is almost as much difference between a stiff steel spring cored fly rod and a heavy all-wood weapon, as there is between a modern Colts' six-shooter and an old horse pistol. Steel as a propelling medium gives, at the least expenditure of motive force, the most satisfactory response and results on delivery of the line. Through its agency wrist action largely takes the place of the full arm and elbow motion needful in wielding the more cumbersome and weighty implement. The steel centred rod, as first introduced, was of greenheart. This rod promised so satisfactorily that we have since extended the principle to built cane rods. These are warranted for two years, in common with our other built cane and steeled rods. We append a few extracts from reviews by several important angling writers, that have appeared since our invention has been made public.

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The following appears in "Fishing Tackle: its Materials and Manufacture," by J. Harrington Keene.

"In this recent development in solid wooded rods the inventor's aim has been, first, strength and durability; second, pliancy and lightness; and, lastly, the consequent reduction of length and *condensation of power*. That these objects have been attained . . . there is ample testimony . . . continually accumulating from habitual users. The presence of the steel core in the butt only serves to strengthen a ten or eleven foot rod so as to render it capable of casting an equal distance with an all-wood tool having 18 inches the advantage in length, whilst lightness and precision in the output of line is more marked in the case of the former. With two joints (out of a total of three) steeled, these advantages are the more manifest. The spring derived from the presence of the metal core has an effect difficult verbally to describe—such are the working results of the backbone thus instilled. The easing nature upon the hand and arm incurred by its use is so significant, that anything short of a practical test can only impart an imperfect impression of its appreciable qualities. Wrist action only is all that is called into play in the delivery of an average output of line, and by this motion the perfect swing of the implement pays forward the length equally with ease and precision. There is also another advantage in the build of this rod. The reel is made inside the butt, so to speak, and thus all the nuisance of the line entwining round the reel is entirely avoided."

Extract from the "English Fishing Gazette."

The Editor says, "Foster's patent steel-centred fly rod is an extremely neat little weapon, and throws a fly very nicely indeed. The butt has a fine steel core which gives more spring and elasticity, combined with strength, than one could otherwise get out of a rod of the same size. We are told these rods have been received with great approval. Some are fitted with the new centre-fitting winch, which is the most perfect arrangement of the winch to prevent the line catching.

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It is very neat, and is said to be liked by those who have tried it. It works inside the butt, as it were."—July, 1883.

These rods have been most favourably critized in the "American Angler" (the critic in this instance, of course, endeavours to trace the idea to a Yankee source), *The London Times*, *Evening News*, &c., and "The Naturalist Flyfisher," &c., &c.

Had we space, we might give many more highly favourable extracts from the reviews of our International Exhibits, from the leading London, New York, and other journals; but as we have no wish to weary the reader by needless repetitions, we pass on to a few reports from habitual users, which are fair samples of what are continually arriving from our clients everywhere.

EXTRACTS FROM UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.

"Headingley, Leeds.

"That steel-centred Fly Rod you made for me gives very great satisfaction. I have killed fish this season with it which I know it would have been impossible to secure with an ordinary rod, and everybody who sees and handles it is much pleased.

"Sept. 21st, 1886.

"C. J. BURTOFT."

"Wellgarth House, Armley, Leeds.

"I cannot speak too highly of the steel-centred rod you sent me, it is simply perfection—casting made easy.

"May 10th, 1885.

"FRED HALL."

"83, Old Town Street, Plymouth.

"I had not the opportunity of trying your rods until last evening. At first I felt like the fellow in the "Beggars' Opera." "How happy could I be with either," &c. I liked both, but for different reasons I

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like the winch fittings on the wood rod, and I like the steel core and finish of the above. We have the largest pianoforte saloon in the West of England, so that I could give them a good trial with a line, one against the other. The wood rod would not throw more than 14 or 15 paces, while the other sent the line more than 18, with greater ease and perfectly straight. The question arises, If the steel core in the butt makes this difference, what is it with two joints steeled?

“April, 13th, 1885.”

“E. H. C. PROUT.”

[From Later Letter.]

“The steel centred trout rod I had of you last season does its work very well indeed, and answers very well for spinning with the stiffer top.”

“June 21st, 1886.”

“Newport House, Eardisley, R.S.O.”

“I find your rod with a steel centre very good, and that it throws a good line.”

“March 9th, 1886.”

“W. F. TAYLOR.”

From J. Harrington Keene, Author of the “Practical Fisherman,” &c.

“The rod is a perfect little beauty.”

“July 7th, 1883.”

“Temeside Villas, Ludlow, Salop.”

“The rod came to hand safely yesterday forenoon. I tried its virtues last night, and am exceedingly well pleased with it, as well as with the ‘Acme Line’ and flies. I shall have great pleasure in commending your manufactures to all my angling friends.”

“J. W. HENRY SMYTH.”

“Moor Street, Burton-on-Trent.”

“I am well satisfied with that steel-centred rod you made for me.”

“Feb. 21st, 1887.”

“J. HUNTER.”

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“ Brook House, Newcastle, Staffs.

“ The rod is the best and nicest I have ever handled, and, notwithstanding its lightness, is extremely powerful. I shall always be pleased to recommend your rods.

“ August 11th, 1884.”

“ F. C. B. SAINSBURY.

“ Downham Market, Norfolk.

“ You may remember I purchased a salmon rod of you some two years since, it was one of your new steel-centred rods, *and I have found it everything I could wish.* I should now like to have a single-handed trout rod upon the same principle. Please send me several for selection.

“ Feb. 14th, 1887.”

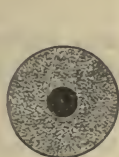
“ CHAS. HAWKINS.

“ Lloyds' Old Bank, Stafford.

“ I was very much pleased with the steeled rod you sent me. I have shown it to many of my friends, who like it very much.

“ W. St. GEORGE COLDWELL.”

PRICE LIST OF STEELED FLY RODS.



Section 1, showing the method of Dovetailing Steel Centre in Greenheart Rods.



Section 2, showing the Treble-built Steel-Centred Cane Salmon Rods.



Section 3, showing Double-built Trout and Salmon Steel-Centred Cane Rods.

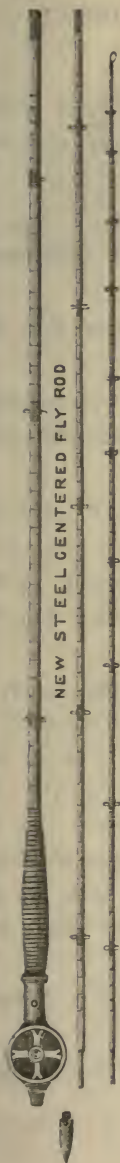
PRICES OF THE ORIGINAL STEEL-CENTRED FLY RODS.

NO.

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|------|--|---------------|
| 717. | Best three-joint Fly Rod, stout steel bar in butt, with side-winch fittings, balance handle, two tops, best bronze mounts and finish, 9, 10½, 11, 11½, and 12 ft. | s. d.
45 0 |
| 718. | Steel bar in butt and middle joints, &c., &c., 9 to 12 ft. | 47 6 |
| 719. | Steeled butt, with centre-fitting winch (patent), as per illustration, two tops, &c., best finish, 9 to 12 ft.... | 53 6 |
| 720. | Steeled butt and middle joints, 9 to 12 ft. | 62 6 |

If double-ringed, as shown on illustration, 3s. extra. If cane-bound handle, 3s. extra. If lock joints are added, 3s. 6d. extra. Patent, or with waterproof joints, 2s. 6d. extra. Steel standing rustless rings 2s. 9d. extra.

Any of the above may be fitted to a rod if required.



STEEL-CENTRED, CANE-BUILT, GOLD MEDAL
FLY RODS.

These rods have been awarded gold and highest awards at the London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and other Exhibitions wherever exhibited.

They are guaranteed for two years to the purchaser.

No other cane-built, steel-centred rod in the market is guaranteed to last any specified time.

We know our productions to be reliable, we therefore give the guarantee note that accompanies each of our rods.

Cane-built Fly Rods, three joints, best material and workmanship, steel in butt and middle joints, bronzed metal mounts, with cork or cane covered handles.

721. 10 ft., 79s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 81s. 6d.; 11 ft., 84s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 87s. 6d.; 12 ft., 91s. 6d.
722. Ditto, ditto, with two tops, and steeled throughout, 10 ft., 93s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 95s. 6d.; 11 ft., 98s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 102s.; 12 ft., 105s.
723. Ditto, ditto, very best white metal mounts, spiral cap, screw, or bayonet lock joints, with cedar inlaid, pig skin, morocco, or cork covered or caned handles, weight from 9 to 12 oz., 10 ft., 98s.; 10½ ft., 102s.; 11 ft., 105s.; 11½ ft., 110s.; 12 ft., 117s. Revolving "Bickerdyke" rod tip ring 1s. 6d. extra. Grooved wood cases (in lieu of rod bag), 15s. extra. Name and address engraved on butt, 1s. 9d. extra. Fitted with upright rustless single rings (light and strong), 2s. 6d. extra.
724. Two-joint Built Cane Steel-centred Rods, with short "Prince Albert" Butt, best finished, 10½ and 11 ft., 63s.
725. Three-joint Built Cane ditto, with Greenheart Butt, best finished, 10, 10½, and 11 ft., 64s. 6d.
726. Ditto, with two long tops, 75s. 6d.

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DOUBLE BUILT CANE FLY RODS (SEE DIAGRAM
ON PAGE 15) WITH STEEL CENTRES.

These rods are as near perfection as it is possible to bring them. They are the strongest and stiffest trout rods built, giving a greater casting power for weight over any and every description of rod for fly or surface fishing.

727. Prices, with all latest improvements as above referred to, including steel centre throughout, with the new patent waterproof joint ferrules, 10 ft., 172s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 176s.; 11 ft., 182s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 190s. 6d.; 12 ft., 195s.

SALMON AND SEA TROUT BUILT CANE STEEL-
CENTRED GOLD MEDAL RODS.

728. All the following are warranted with the foregoing for two years. Three joints, best make and finish, with first quality metal mounts, double brazed, with either cork covered, cane, or leather bound handle, rubber butt end button, &c., &c. 13 ft., 91s. 6d.; 14 ft., 102s.; 15 ft., 122s.; 16 ft., 140s.; 17 ft. 149s.; and 18 ft., 160s.

729. Ditto, ditto, with two tops, and bayonet, screw cap, or "Internal Spiral" lock joints. 13 ft. 105s.; 14 ft., 110s.; 15 ft., 125s.; 16 ft., 137s.; 17 ft., 159s.; and 18 ft., 170s.

730. Ditto, first best build and finish, 13 ft. 120s.; 14 ft., 129s.; 15 ft., 140s.; 16 ft., 160s.; 17 ft., 180s.; and 18 ft., 195s. The last named range are fitted with all latest improvements.

731. Double-Built Cane, Steel-Centred Fly Rods. Same as No. 714, but double built, 13 ft., 197s. 6d.; 14 ft., 205s.; 15 ft., 210s.; 16 ft., 218s.; 17 ft., 227s. 6d.; and 18 ft., 237s.

732. Treble-Built ditto, for heavy Salmon and Masheer fishing, £4 per rod extra, with steel centre throughout, and all improvements. The Treble-Splice build of rod is light and excessively stiff, and strong for weight. These qualities are of the

utmost service and utility to the user, seeing that greater strength is given with the least possible increase of weight and length.

STEEL-CENTRED BUILT CANE BEST BOTTOM RODS.

733. Built Cane Steel-Centred General Bottom Rods. Three joints, two tops, well built and finished with new safety upright rings, with either cork, waterproof braid bound, or pig skin handle, 10 ft., 76s.; 10½ ft., 83s.; 11 ft., 87s. 6d.; 11½ ft., 90s.; and 12 ft., 95s. Action either stiff, medium, or pliant.
734. Three-joint ditto, very superior quality, 10 ft., 79s.; 10½ ft., 89s. 6d.; 11 ft., 99s.; 11½ ft., 112s.; and 12 ft., 125s.
735. Ditto, ditto, in four joints, 10 ft., 89s. 6d.; 10½ ft., 104s.; 11 ft., 120s.; 11½ ft., 137s.; and 12 ft., 149s. 6d.
736. Three-joint best quality Spinning and General Built Cane Steel-Centred Rod, with best white metal mounts, steel rustless standing rings, lock joints (of either description previously referred to), two tops, cane, cork, or pig skin covered handle, any action wished, 10 ft., 98s.; 10½ ft., 102s.; 11 ft. 105s.; 11½ ft., 112s. 6d.; and 12 ft. 118s. Ditto for Salmon, Pike, Mahseer, &c., &c.

The following are made in different degrees of strength and consequent weight suitable for the particular kind of work they are intended for. Though a light rod of this kind will stand the heaviest angling test it is possible to subject them to in inland waters, still we like to supply precisely what our clients may wish to order, as when one gets accustomed, after years' habitual use, to a particular "play" of rod, it is difficult to suddenly fall into the handling of a more pliable or stiff tool. Extra lightness with an excess of power, however, always proves acceptable.

737. Three-joint rods, same quality, &c., as No. 711, with steel centre, 13 ft., 98s. 6d.; 14 ft., 102s.; 15 ft., 122s.; 16 ft., 140s.; 17 ft., 149s.; 18 ft., 160s.; and 20 ft., 195s.
738. Ditto in four joints, £1 extra.

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739. Three-joint ditto, with two tops and lock joints (bayonet, internal spiral or screw cap design), 13 ft., 105s. ; 14 ft., 110s. ; 15 ft., 125s. ; 16ft., 137s. ; 17 ft., 159s. ; 18 ft., 170s. ; 19 ft., 181s. ; and 20 ft., 195s.
740. Ditto in four joints, 25s. extra.
741. Ditto, ditto, first best build and finish, 13 ft., 120s. ; 14 ft., 129s. ; 15 ft., 140s. ; 16 ft., 160s. ; 17 ft., 180s. ; 18 ft., 197s. ; 19 ft., 212s. ; and 20 ft., 223s.
742. Double and Treble-Built Steel-Centred Salmon and Masheer Rods, three joints, best quality, same as No. 714, but double built as per section No. 3 on page 15, 13 ft., 157s. 6d. ; 14 ft., 168s. ; 15 ft., 175s. ; 16 ft., 190s. ; 17 ft., 205s. ; 18 ft., 237s. ; 19 ft., 250s. ; and 20 ft., 260s. If treble-built for extra heavy work, with all extra improvements, price £4 extra.
743. Short Two-joint Cane-built Pike and Trolling Rods, steel centres, best build, 9 ft., 59s. 6d. ; 9½ ft., 62s. 6d. ; 10 ft., 65s. ; 10½ ft., 67s. 6d. ; and 11 ft., 70s. If double-built, £2 10s. extra.

The new centre winch is fitted to any cane-built rod at a cost of 14s. 6d. extra, trout size (*i.e.*, up to 2¼ inch reel), and 29s. 6d. salmon size (*i.e.*, up to a 3½ inch diameter reel, with a capacity of 120 yards salmon size of line). These latter are fixed to admit of there being a foot of hand room below the winch. A two handed rod thus has the reel in the middle of the handle, one hand being above and the other below the centre winch in use.

All the above Lake and Salmon Rods are guaranteed for two years.

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OUR BEST ALL WOOD SALMON AND LAKE TROUT FLY RODS.

No.

744. The "Ne Plus Ultra" Salmon Rod, three joints in Greenheart, first-class action and finish, long balanced or swell handle, cane, waterproof braid bound or cork covered. Double brazed, two tops, in case—13 ft., 31s. 6d.; 14 ft., 37s. 6d.; 15 ft., 43s. 6d.; 16 ft., 49s. 6d.; 17 ft., 51s.; and 18 ft., 55s. If name and address is engraved on butt, 1s. 9d. extra.
745. Three-joint Lake and Salmon Rods in Greenheart or Washaba, best built and finished, two tops, single brazed, gradual tapered butt, with rubber button or mushroom, in case—14 ft., 37s. 6d.; 15 ft., 39s. 6d.; 16 ft., 45s.; 17 ft., 49s. 6d.; 18 ft., 54s.; and 20 ft., 61s. 6d.
746. Ditto, double brazed ditto, with best solid winch fits metal lined, strongly built, and elegantly finished—14 ft., 41s. 6d.; 15 ft., 45s.; 16 ft., 49s. 6d.; 17 ft., 54s.; 18 ft., 58s. 6d.; 19 ft., 61s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 65s.
- Butts bound with cork, cane, or leather, 3s. each extra.

FOSTER'S FAMOUS ALL GREEN- HEART SALMON AND LAKE TROUT FLY RODS.

BEST MATERIAL, BUILD, AND FINISH.

747. Three-joint rubber button, two tops, &c., in case—13 ft., 29s. 6d.; 14 ft., 32s.; 15 ft., 34s. 6d.; 16 ft., 37s. 6d.; 17 ft., 39s. 6d.; 18 ft., 44s.; 19 ft., 49s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 55s.
748. Ditto, in four joints, 5s. each rod extra.
749. Castle Connell All Greenheart Rods, made from the most choice wood lengths in three joints, without splices, with solid winch fittings, double brazed, best build and finish, two tops in case

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—13 ft., 35s. 6d.; 14 ft., 38s. 6d.; 15 ft., 41s. 6d.; 16 ft., 45s.; 17 ft., 49s.; 18 ft., 52s. 6d.; 19 ft., 55s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 58s. 6d.

No.

750. Ditto, ditto, with plain winch fits and spliced joints, in lieu of ferrules—13 ft., 34s. 9d.; 14 ft., 37s. 6d.; 15 ft., 39s. 6d.; 16 ft., 44s.; 17 ft., 47s. 6d.; 18 ft., 51s. 6d.; 19 ft., 54s.; and 20 ft., 57s. 6d.

751. Ditto, ditto, single brazed, two tops, ferruled joints, best quality wood and workmanship, and best finish—13 ft., 29s. 6d.; 14 ft., 33s.; 15 ft., 36s. 6d.; 16 ft., 39s. 6d.; 17 ft. 44s.; 18 ft., 47s.; 19 ft., 49s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 53s. 6d.

752. Ditto, ditto, with one top—13 ft., 24s. 6d.; 14 ft., 28s.; 15 ft., 31s. 6d.; 16 ft., 34s. 6d.; 17 ft., 39s. 6d.; 18 ft., 42s.; 19 ft., 44s.; and 20 ft., 48s. 6d.

753. Best Tapered Butt Greenheart Salmon and Lake Trout Rods, two tops, three joints, best picked wood lengths, strongly made, and well finished with best bronzed metal mounts—13 ft., 27s. 6d.; 14 ft., 29s. 6d.; 15 ft., 32s.; 16 ft., 36s. 6d.; 17 ft., 41s. 6d.; 18 ft., 46s. 6d.; 19 ft., 49s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 52s.

754. Ditto, ditto, with one top—13 ft., 25s.; 14 ft., 27s. 6d.; 15 ft., 31s. 6d.; 16 ft., 34s. 6d.; 17 ft., 38s.; 18 ft., 41s. 6d.; 19 ft., 44s.; and 20 ft., 47s. 6d.

If steel standing rings are fitted to above, 2s. 6d. extra.

If lock joints are fitted to ferrule jointed rods, cost is 4s. 6d. extra.

755. Plain Quality Greenheart Salmon and Lake Fly Rods, single brazed, with one top, well made and finished—13 ft., 17s. 6d.; 14 ft., 19s. 6d.; 15 ft., 22s. 6d.; 16 ft., 26s. 6d.; 17 ft., 31s. 6d.; 18 ft., 36s. 6d.; and 19 ft., 39s. 6d.

If in four joints 5s. each rod extra.

756. Best Hickory Salmon and Sea Trout Rods. Well made in detail, carefully balanced, warranted best material and workmanship, three-joint fly rods, brazed metal mounts, best finished, winch fitted with mushroom termination—13 ft., 23s. 6d.; 14 ft.,

25s. 6d.; 15 ft., 28s. 6d.; 16 ft., 31s. 6d.; 17 ft., 34s. 6d.;
18 ft., 39s.; 19 ft., 41s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 43s.

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757. Ditto, ditto, plain quality, well made and finished in every particular—13 ft., 16s. 6d.; 14 ft., 18s. 6d.; 15 ft., 21s. 6d.; 16 ft., 23s.; 17 ft., 25s. 6d.; 18 ft., 27s. 6d.; 19 ft., 29s. 6d.; and 20 ft., 33s.

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They are the best value at their respective prices offered.

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759.	Four-joint ditto, three tops, in case	15	6
760.	Ditto, best finish, bronzed mounts, &c.	18	6
761.	Four-joint Hickory, three tops, 14 ft., in case	12	6
762.	Better quality	16	0
763.	Best, in bronzed fittings, and in case	21	6
764.	Five-joint ditto, with three tops	26	6
765.	Four-joint ditto, with four tops	27	6

If fitted with solid upright rings, the above are 2s. 6d. extra.

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Superior Nottingham Style Rods, suitable for both Barbel, Bream, and Chub.

766.	Three-joints, good finish, and with reel fittings and upright rings, in strong case, 11 and 12 ft. long	6s. 6d. and	7	6
767.	Four-joint ditto, either stiff, medium, or pliant, a splendid little rod at the price	...	...		7	6
768.	Best quality Barbel rod, wood and workmanship perfection, with best fittings and case, &c.		10	6
769.	Three-joint ditto, very light, 10 to 12 ft.		9	6

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No.				
770.	Four-joint strong built rods, suitable for heavy work in fresh or salt water, with solid upright rings, best material and finish, from 11 to 14 ft.	17	6	
771.	Four-joint ditto, with three tops	24	6	

BEST ROACH RODS.

The following are of best possible value at the prices quoted, they are very light, durable, and of good balance :—

No.			
772.	Three-joint bamboo, with lance top, ringed and brazed, 10 ft., 2s. 8d., 3s. 6d., 4s. 6d., and 5s.		
773.	Ditto, ditto, 12 ft., in four joints, 3s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 5s. 9d.		
774.	Ditto, ditto, winch fitted, made with Japanese canes, upright rings, 10 ft., 4s. 6d.; 12 ft., 5s.; 14 ft., 5s. 9d.; and 16 ft., 9s.		
775.	Ditto, ditto, superior mounts and finish, 12 feet, 5s. 9d.; 14 ft., 7s.; and 16 ft., 9s. 9d.		
776.	Best Cane Roach Rod, up-rings, brazed and winch fitted, with bronzed metal mounts, in case, 7s.		
777.	Ditto, ditto, four joints, 8s. 6d.		
778.	Ditto, with two tops; three joints 8s. 6d., four joints 10s.		
779.	Best and lightest made Roach Rods, fitted with all latest improvements; steel upright rings, Bickerdyke rod tip ring, &c., &c., 18 to 20 ft., 24s. 6d., 28s. 6d., 31s. 6d., 35s., and 39s. 6d.		
780.	THREE-JOINT NOTTINGHAM PATTERN ROACH ROD, ringed and winch-fitted, 9 ft., 3s. 6d.; 10 ft., 4s. 6d.; 11 ft., 5s.; 12 ft., 5s. 6d.		
781.	Ditto, ditto, superior quality, 11 ft., 6s. 6d.; 12 ft., 7s. 6d.		
782.	Four joint ditto, best quality, 12 ft., 10s. 6d.		
783.	Ditto, ditto, with two tops and upright rings, 14s. 6d.		
783A.	Whole Japanese Canes, 14 to 18 ft., 1s. 9d. each.		
783B.	„ South Carolina Canes, 18 ft., 1s. 6d. and 2s. each.		
783C.	„ East India Mottled ditto, 18 ft., 2s. 3d., 2s. 8d., and 3s. each.		

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774.	Ditto, ditto, winch fitted, made with Japanese canes, upright rings, 10 ft., 4s. 6d.; 12 ft., 5s.; 14 ft., 5s. 9d.; and 16 ft., 9s.
775.	Ditto, ditto, superior mounts and finish, 12 feet, 5s. 9d.; 14 ft., 7s.; and 16 ft., 9s. 9d.
776.	Best Cane Roach Rod, up-rings, brazed and winch fitted, with bronzed metal mounts, in case, 7s.
777.	Ditto, ditto, four joints, 8s. 6d.
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780.	THREE-JOINT NOTTINGHAM PATTERN ROACH ROD, ringed and winch-fitted, 9 ft., 3s. 6d.; 10 ft., 4s. 6d.; 11 ft., 5s.; 12 ft., 5s. 6d.
781.	Ditto, ditto, superior quality, 11 ft., 6s. 6d.; 12 ft., 7s. 6d.
782.	Four joint ditto, best quality, 12 ft., 10s. 6d.
783.	Ditto, ditto, with two tops and upright rings, 14s. 6d.
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PIKE TROLLING AND SHORT BOAT RODS, IN
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No.					s.	d.
784.	Two-joint Jack Rod, upright rings, brazed, well made and finished, 9 ft.	5	6
785.	Three-joint, ditto, 10 ft.	...	...	...	6	9
786.	Two-joint ditto, winch-fitted, 9 ft.	...	...	...	7	6
787.	Three-joint ditto	...	...	...	8	6
788.	Two-joint ditto, best finished, in case	...	...	...	10	6
789.	Three-joint ditto	...	...	...	11	9
790.	Four-joint ditto, 10, 11, and 12 ft.	...	...	...	13	0
791.	Three-joint ditto, East Indian Cane, 12 ft.	...	...	...	11	6
792.	Four-joint ditto	...	...	...	14	6
793.	Four-joint ditto, with two tops	...	...	..	15	6
794.	Three-joint ditto, fitted with solid upright or rustless steel up-rings, with rubber button at butt, and elegantly finished in detail, 10 to 12 ft.	26	6
795.	Four-joint ditto	29	6

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		2 ft.	3 ft. 6 in.	3 ft. 8 in.	3 ft. 10 in.	4 ft. 6 in. 5 ft. & over.	
796.	Best Lance.....	1/- & 1/6	2/4	2/8	3/-	3/6	4/-
797.	Greenheart.....	1/9	3/-	3/6	3/9	4/6	5/0
798.	Do. double brazed	2/3	3/9	4/6	4/9	5/0	5/6
799.	Washaba.....	2/-	3/3	3/6	3/9	5/8	6/6
800.	Do. double brazed	2/-	3/10	4/8	4/10	6/3	6/9
801.	Built Cane ditto...	7/6	11/6	13/-	14/0	16/6	17/6
802.	Best quality ditto	8/6	12/6	14/-	15/3	19/6	21/6

If made with rustless steel upright rings 6d. extra.

A FEW HINTS RE RODS.

The following golden rules we commend to the notice of possessors of built and other best rods :—

1. Never leave a wet case upon a rod after use.
2. Keep the rod in a dry place.

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3. Grasp the joints near the ferrules when fixing or unfixing same.
 4. If the joints or parts stick obstinately together after having been used wet, hold a light under the fast ferrules until steam issues therefrom, when they may be parted with ease.
 5. Lastly, when the season is over, see to the rods having ragged wrappings and missing rings replaced, and a good protecting coat of water-repelling varnish being given if at all needed.
- A moderately careful adhering to above simple rules will enable a good rod to withstand wear and tear almost everlastingly.

ON THE CHOICE OF A ROD.

From the *Scientific Angler*.

The Rod forms the first subject for attention; the winch, or reel and line being next chosen, with a view to the harmonious working of the whole, the reel to balance, and the line to suit the "play" of the tool. This is of the most vital importance. The Rod, Reel, and Line should be well adapted to act perfectly and in concert with each other. We have already pointed out the inconvenience and disaster arising from the common practice of employing implements totally incapable of working together evenly. The length of a rod, as is now well-known, has very little to do with the distance it can be made to cast the fly; the casting powers entirely depend on the pliancy and strength.

The result of our investigations is, that a combination of the best metal and the best wood, would, if arranged correctly, and in right proportions, be an advance in a desirable direction. We therefore had a rod made of the very best of strong woods, with a *fine bevilled steel centre*, and this proved when, after some alterations, it was completed, to bear out the hopes conceived in respect to it. We had been enamoured of this idea theoretically, practically it gives every promise of ultimately meriting the pains and researches we bestowed upon it.

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