

HAND-BUILT  
SPLIT BAMBOO  
FISHING RODS



CROSS ROD & TACKLE COMPANY  
WEST LYNN MASSACHUSETTS



have given the utmost satisfaction. They have ample power in middle joint and tip to pick up a long line.

Our models 171 and 164 are quite extensively used for tournament work. If wanted within tournament weight, please specify this when ordering.

The following Cross dry fly models are made:

- Model 181—10 feet, weight  $6\frac{1}{4}$  to  $6\frac{3}{4}$  ounces. \***  
**Model 171—  $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $5\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.**  
**Model 169—  $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $5\frac{5}{8}$  to  $5\frac{7}{8}$  ounces. Less stiff than model 171.**  
**Model 164— 9 feet, weight  $5\frac{3}{8}$  to  $5\frac{5}{8}$  ounces.**  
**Model 166— 9 feet, weight  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ounces. Less stiff than model 164.**

\*NOTE.—Weights given in this catalogue are approximate, except in models built to comply with tournament or other club rules. Weights include metal reel seats unless otherwise stated.

### CROSS WET OR DRY FLY RODS.

These rods are designed for handling either dry or wet flies. They have a medium stiff action with abundant power in middle joint and tip to handle the larger fish found in our Northern lakes and streams.

- Model 186— $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $5\frac{3}{8}$  ounces.**  
**Model 185—9 feet, weight  $5\frac{1}{4}$  ounces.**  
**Model 152— $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $4\frac{1}{4}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.**  
**Model 144—8 feet, weight 4 to  $4\frac{1}{4}$  ounces.**  
**Model 123— $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight 3 ounces, (cork reel seat).**



CROSS rods are built of extra hard Tonkin cane, twelve strips built into six double sections. CROSS fly rod tips, however, are single-built; their diameter is so small that all pith is eliminated in planing.

CROSS rods are not made in tournament models. They are first, last and all the time **fishing rods**.

### **CROSS FLY RODS**

All Cross fly rods are in three joints with extra tip; furnished with heavy duck case, velvet faced to protect tip tops; and aluminum case of new design for entire rod. American-made agate or Tungsten Perfection hand guides and tip tops are furnished, as desired. Unless otherwise ordered, agate hand guide and Tungsten Perfection tip tops will be furnished in most models. Every CROSS rod is tested **with line and lure**. Our expert's recommendation as to size of line for obtaining best results accompanies each rod.

### **CROSS DRY FLY RODS**

These are especially designed for handling dry flies.

They are powerful, accurate, smooth, of even action and will **easily handle** the heavy lines needed for this work.

The angler will find all of the rods on this list ideal for large fish. They have been extensively used on the Mississippi and St. Lawrence rivers with cork bodied bass bugs, and on the Nipigon with shiners and other live bait, as well as flies, and



## ESSEX RODS

Moderate priced rods of excellent action and appearance. While our ESSEX rod has not the finish and the beauty of windings of our CROSS and FORSYTH, it is a rod of which any angler would be proud. It is the best value in a moderate priced rod ever offered. These rods are furnished in good cloth bag. The fly rods have imported bronze snake guides, nickel silver tip tops. The bait-casting rods have agatine guides and tip tops. All Essex rods have extra tip.

### Essex Dry Fly Rods.

- Model 1820—10 feet, weight  $6\frac{1}{4}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.
- Model 1680— $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $5\frac{5}{8}$  to  $5\frac{7}{8}$  ounces.
- Model 1650—9 feet, weight  $5\frac{1}{4}$  to  $5\frac{5}{8}$  ounces.
- Model 1510— $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $4\frac{5}{8}$  to 5 ounces.

### Essex Wet or Dry Fly Rods.

- Model 1670— $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $5\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.
- Model 1430— $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.
- Model 1620—9 feet, weight  $5\frac{1}{4}$  ounces.
- Model 1220— $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet, weight 3 ounces, (cork reel seat).

### Essex Bait-Casting Rods (two tips as stated above).

- Model 2510— $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.
- Model 2520—5 feet, weight  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.

### Essex Trolling Rod.

- Model 3510—8 feet, weight 8 ounces.

## TOURNAMENT FLY RODS.

The requirements of a tournament fly rod are extreme power and minimum weight. Our CROSS models 171 and 164 are often used for tournament work, but are not built primarily for that purpose. We make other models, in FORSYTH and ESSEX rods, expressly for tournament casting. We experimented long and thoroughly before offering these models to the public. We can say, without fear of contradiction, that in them extreme power in the upper end of the middle joint has been carried to the limit. Everything else has been sacrificed to the accomplishment of one thing — the laying of a long line.

These rods are equipped with special ferrules, agate hand guides and tip tops, extra large snake guides, metal reel seats of special design, all in a cloth bag. The Forsyth grade has also an aluminum outer case for the entire rod.



## FORSYTH RODS.

Superior to all other single-built rods, whether made in England or America. The best cane that grows plus expert workmanship make them so.

In equipment, FORSYTH rods are practically similar to CROSS rods — both are of the highest quality. They have an extra tip, except when otherwise stated; agate or Tungsten Perfection hand guides and tip tops; heavy duck case and aluminum outer case.

Like the CROSS rod, every FORSYTH rod is given an individual test before shipment, and every rod must satisfy an expert before the Forsyth name plate, with the individual number of the rod, is attached.

## FORSYTH FLY RODS.

The Forsyth fly rods have earned an enviable reputation as the finest single-built rod ever made. They challenge comparison with any rod made by any other manufacturer in the world.

### FORSYTH DRY FLY RODS

Especially designed to give maximum power and stiffness. Many anglers use these rods for wet fly fishing also, where the fish are large, the winds strong or the waters swift. We make the following dry fly models:

- Model 184—10½ feet, weight 6¾ to 7 ounces.
- Model 182—10 feet, weight 6¼ to 6½ ounces.
- Model 168—9½ feet, weight 5⅝ to 5⅞ ounces.
- Model 165—9 feet, weight 5½ ounces.
- Model 151—8½ feet, weight 4¼ to 4¾ ounces.

### FORSYTH WET OR DRY FLY RODS

Not quite so stiff as the dry fly models, but have abundant power to please the angler who visits our Northern country where large trout abound. Both our models 112 and 122 have been used for taking landlocked salmon and have answered every demand. You will be surprised at the power and casting ability of our little model 112.

- Model 167—9½ feet, weight 5¾ ounces.
- Model 160—9 feet, weight 5 ounces.
- Model 143—8½ feet, weight 4¼ ounces.
- Model 145—8 feet, weight 3¾ ounces.
- Model 122—7½ feet, weight 3 ounces, (cork reel seat).
- Model 112—7 feet, weight 2 to 2⅛ ounces, (cork reel seat).

### FORSYTH WET FLY RODS

These rods are typical wet fly rods—smooth, soft action. They have plenty of power to handle all the line necessary for this class of fishing. For those desiring an easy smooth-action rod, they will be found very satisfactory.

For wet fly work we offer

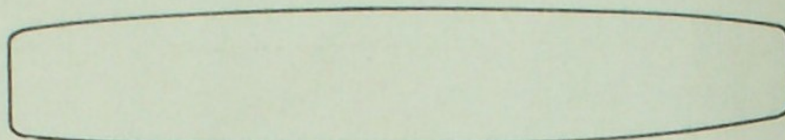
- Model 161—9½ feet, weight 5¼ ounces.
- Model 162—9 feet, weight 5¼ ounces.
- Model 141—8½ feet, weight 4½ ounces.
- Model 121—7½ feet, weight 3 ounces.



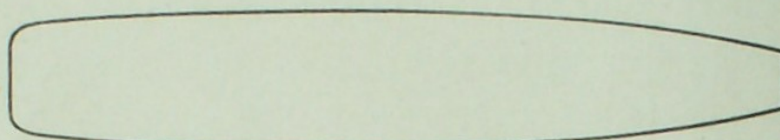
## FLY ROD HANDLES

Below are shown standard shapes and sizes of fly rod grips (A, B, C, D, E and F) and bait rod grips (R, S, T). The figures show the length and greatest diameter of the grip, in inches.

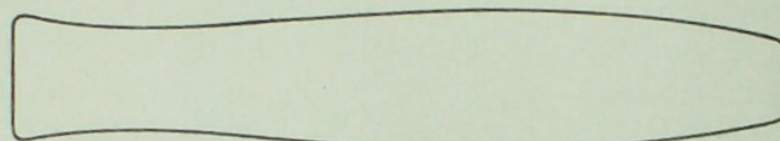
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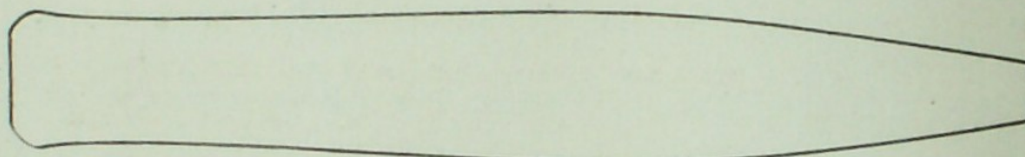
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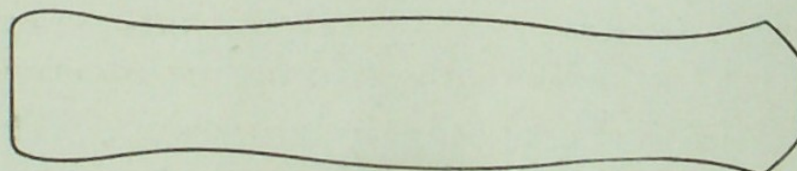
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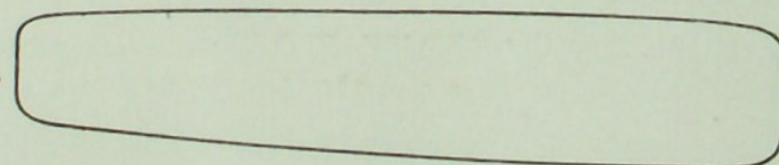
D.

 $6\frac{3}{4}'' \times 1''$ 

E.

 $5\frac{1}{4}'' \times 1''$ 

F.

 $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 1''$

## CROSS, FORSYTH AND ESSEX RODS

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The FORSYTH tournament rod is supreme among tournament fly rods, without an equal. The ESSEX tournament fly rod has very similar action to the FORSYTH, and is a very satisfactory tournament rod at a lower price.

### Forsyth Tournament Fly Rods.

Model 170—9½ feet, weight 5¾ ounces.

Model 159—9 feet, weight 4¾ ounces.

### Essex Tournament Fly Rods.

Model 172—9½ feet, weight 5¾ ounces.

Model 173—9 feet, weight 4¾ ounces.