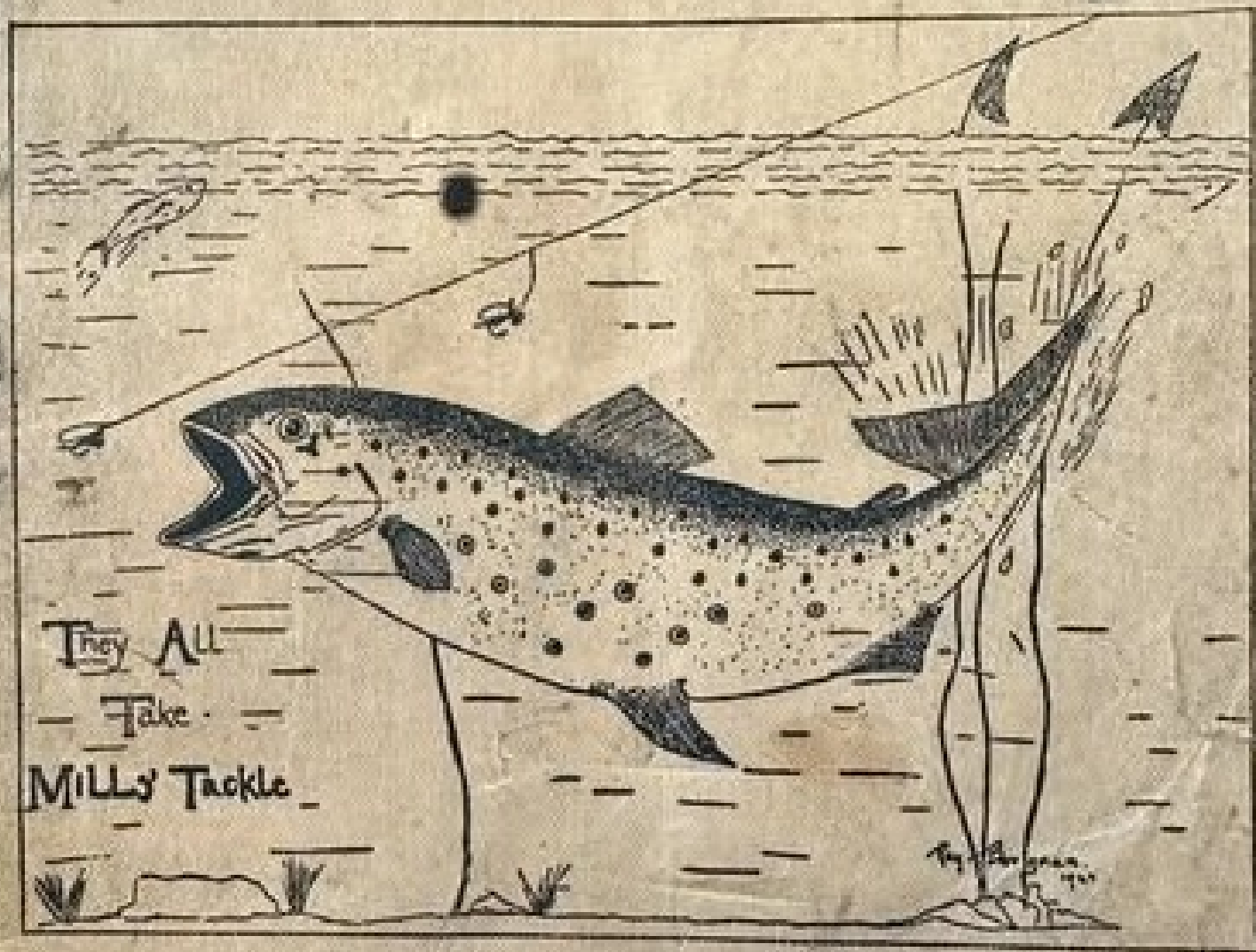


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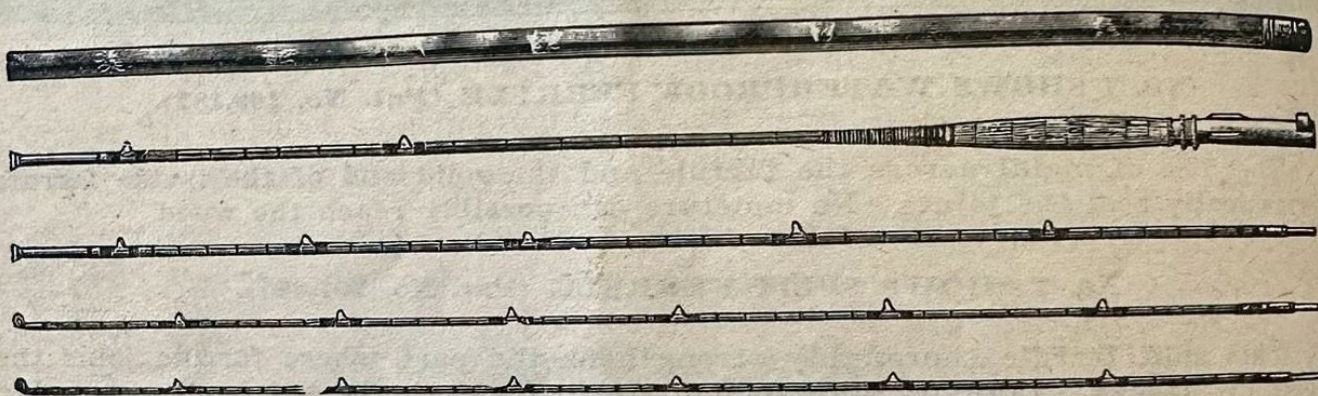
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The H. L. Leonard Trout Ouananiche and Bass Fly Rods

These regular patterns of **H. L. Leonard Split Bamboo Fly Rods** are the rods that have made **Split Bamboo Rods** famous. We describe elsewhere in this catalogue lighter rods and tournament rods at somewhat higher prices, caused by the extra expense of making, **because of their lightness and extra stiffness at a given weight**, but these regular patterns are their equal in quality in every way. The **H. L. Leonard rods are all of one quality**. They are often imitated in style and appearance—but in quality never.

These Fly Rods are all so beautifully flexible, and yet so powerful and strong. They lift a long line off the water, cast it with perfect accuracy and kill the fish quickly. The following patterns are suitable for both Wet and Dry Fly Angling. We furnish a good many rods with windings at guides only; they make a very classy rod and are preferred by many.

Each rod is composed of butt middle and extra tip, the tips are packed in individual partition bag which is packed in strong aluminum tip case. Butt middle and tip case are packed in special heavy bag.



No.

- 23. **Three-Piece Rod, 9 feet**, weight $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces
- 24. **Three-Piece Rod, $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet**, weight 5 to $5\frac{3}{4}$ ounces
- 25. **Three-Piece Rod, $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet**, weight 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ ounces
- 27. **Three-Piece Rod, 10 feet**, weight $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$ ounces
- 28. **Three-Piece Rod, 10 feet**, weight $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$ ounces

Any rods on this page can be supplied wound at guides only; De-Luxe style same as illustration on page 18 if desired.

Price		each	\$45.00
Additional joints.....	Butt, \$16.50; middle, \$11.75; tip,		8.25
Rods with one agate guide and two agate tips.....	additional		3.00
Oxidizing mountings of rods.....	additional		3.00
Staining rods, green.....	additional		3.00

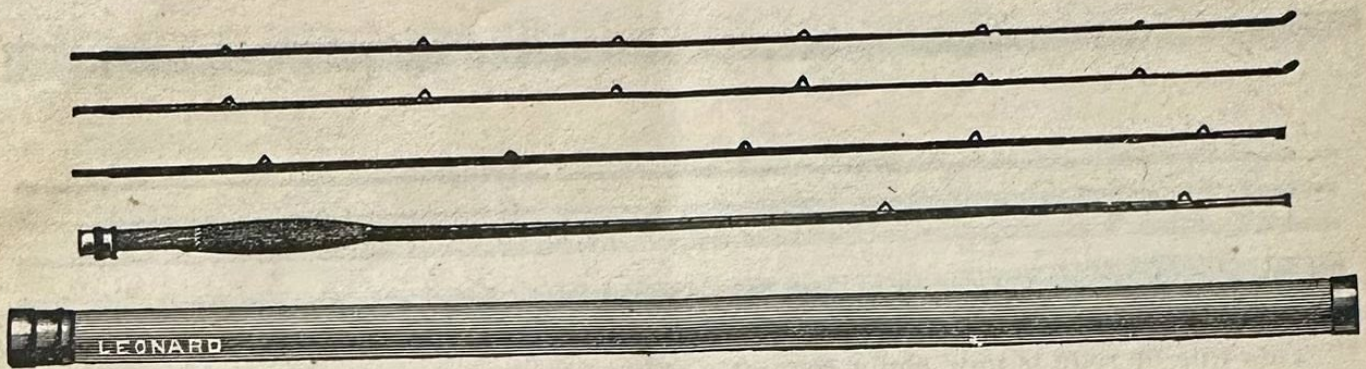
Patterns listed below are not always carried in stock, but we will make them to order promptly.

No.

- 29. **Three-Piece Rod, $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet**, weight $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$ ounces
- 30. **Three-Piece Rod, $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet**, weight $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ ounces
- 31. **Three-Piece Rod, 11 feet**, weight $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ ounces
- 32. **Three-Piece Rod, 11 feet**, weight 8 to $8\frac{3}{4}$ ounces
- 33. **Three-Piece Rod, $11\frac{1}{2}$ feet**, weight $8\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 ounces

Price: Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.....		each	\$50.00
Additional joints.....	Butt, \$19.25; middle, \$13.50; tip,		9.50

The H. L. Leonard Celebrated Catskill Fly Rods



The celebrated **Catskill Rods** were first made many years ago and are now more popular than ever. They are light and flexible, but strong and excellent casting rods. There is a growing tendency to use thinner leaders, and lighter gut on flies, and one of these rods is a necessity for the angler who desires to use tackle of that sort successfully. They are also much used, and with perfect success, in Maine and Canada, where light tackle is used for larger fish. All rods are made with reel bands, cork handle, snake ring guides and have extra tip, and are packed in cloth bag and enclosed in hollow aluminum case.

"BABY" CATSKILL ROD.

Lightest Rod Made.

No.	Each
37. Two-Piece Rod; length, 6 feet; weight, 15/16 ounce.....	\$65.00
38. Two-Piece Rod; length, 7 feet; weight, 1 3/4 ounces.....	60.00

A remarkable rod in its power and casting qualities and the lightest rod ever successfully made. Casts of over 70 feet have been made with these rods.

FAIRY CATSKILL RODS

38 1/2. Three-Piece Rod; length, 7 1/2 feet; weight, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 ounces.....	\$50.00
39. Three-Piece Rod; length, 8 feet; weight, 2 to 2 1/8 ounces.....	50.00
40. Three-Piece Rod; length, 8 feet; weight, 2 1/2 to 2 7/8 ounces.....	50.00

These beautiful and delicate products of the rod makers' art are in all ways most excellent fishing and casting rods. In the hands of a skillful angler No. 39 has laid a fly 82 feet.

REGULAR CATSKILL RODS

36. Three-Piece Rod; length, 7 1/2 feet; weight, 2 1/2 to 3 ounces.....	50.00
42. Three-Piece Rod; length, 8 1/2 feet; weight, 3 1/4 to 4 ounces.....	45.00
46. Three-Piece Rod; length, 9 feet; weight, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 ounces.....	47.00

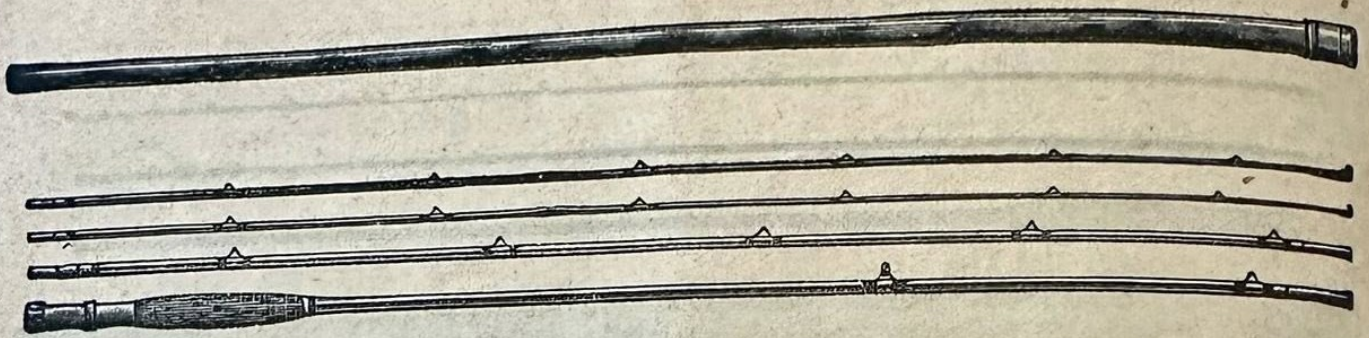
Either of the above rods make very satisfactory rods for light stream angling and are particularly adapted to use in pond fishing.

45. Three-Piece Rod; length, 9 feet; weight, 4 to 4 1/4 ounces.....	45.00
44. Three-Piece Rod; length, 9 1/2 feet; weight, 4 1/2 to 5 ounces.....	45.00

Either of the above rods are suitable for general stream angling and also for Maine and Canada angling where the rivers are not too swift.

Any rods on this page can be supplied wound at guides only; De-Luxe style same as illustration on page 18 if desired.

The H. L. Leonard Tournament Fly Rods



This line of rods is now being regularly made for tournament casting. They combine the greatest amount of power for casting in the given weights. They are also greatly esteemed for fishing by anglers because of their powerful casting qualities. Rod consists of butt, middle, two tips, aluminum tip case and cloth bag.

Rods Nos. 50, 51, 52, 52-Special and 53 are the rods in the light tournament classes and are the finest possible fishing rods. They are the most popular rods in England for Dry Fly Angling, and for that purpose we make them with larger shaped handles and somewhat stiffer in the butt.

No.	Each
50. Three-Piece Rod, length 8 feet, weight with metal reel seat $3\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.....	\$50.00
51. Three-Piece Rod, length 9 feet, weight with metal reel seat $4\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.....	50.00
52. Three-Piece Rod, length $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight with metal reel seat $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.....	50.00
52-Special. Three-Piece Rod, length $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight with metal reel seat $5\frac{3}{4}$ ounces	52.00
53. Three-Piece Rod, length 10 feet, weight with metal reel seat $5\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.....	50.00
54. Three-Piece Rod, length 10 feet, weight with metal reel seat $7\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.....	50.00
55. Three-Piece Rod, length $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight with metal reel seat $8\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.....	50.00

DRY FLY RODS.

We make the Nos. 50, $50\frac{1}{2}$ and 51 rods in the Catskill style (wooden reel seat with reelbands), instead of with solid metal reelplate, and pack the entire rod in hollow aluminum case. These two rods are extensively used for Dry Fly Fishing and the No. 50 D. F. is fast becoming the favorite for ordinary stream work.

No.	Each
49 D. F. Three-Piece Rod, length $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.	\$50.00
50 D. F. Three-Piece Rod, length 8 feet, weight $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 4 ounces.....	50.00
$50\frac{1}{2}$ D. F. Three-Piece Rod, length $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet, weight 4 to $4\frac{1}{4}$ ounces... ..	50.00
51 D. F. Three-Piece Rod, length 9 feet, weight $4\frac{3}{4}$ to 5 ounces.....	50.00

We usually have the above rods in stock, with the regulation handle, also with larger, shaped handles.

SPECIAL STEEL HEAD & WESTERN TOURNAMENT RODS.

These rods are especially made bearing in mind the action, power, etc., required on the large western rivers for fly fishing for Steel Head, Rainbows, etc. The patterns are carefully worked out to be the acme of perfection for this angling. They are also very suitable for use with the cork body and small wooden bass lures so much used at the present time. They have handles longer and larger diameter than usually used and are very comfortable to use when fishing for a long while.

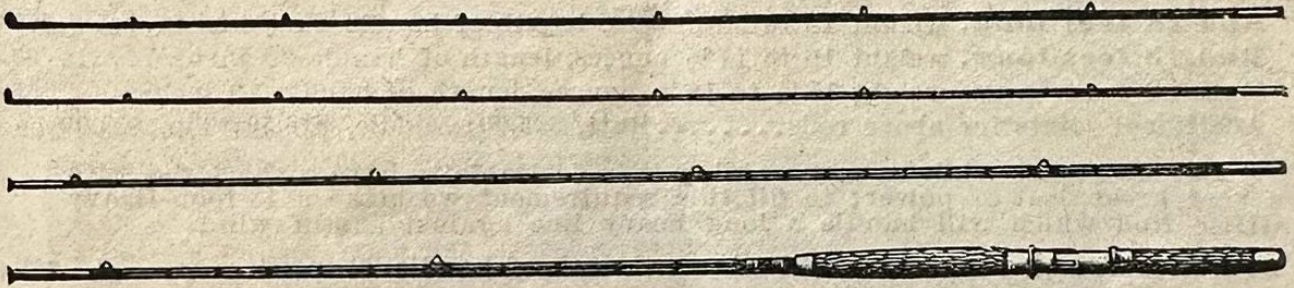
No. 51 H. L. H. Three-Piece Rod, length 9 feet, length of handle $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, diameter $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Weight with metal reel seat $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{3}{4}$ ounces. Each.....	\$50.00
No. 52 H. L. H. Three-Piece Rod, length $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet, length of handle $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches, diameter $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Weight with metal reel seat $6\frac{3}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. Each.....	\$50.00
No. 53 H. L. H. Three-Piece Rod, length 10 feet, length of handle 6 inches, diameter $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Weight with metal reel seat 7 to $7\frac{3}{4}$ ounces. Each.....	\$50.00

The H. L. Leonard Salmon Rods

Split Bamboo is the perfect material to use in the construction of Salmon Rods, as it is for all other rods. A properly made salmon rod of this sort is by far the strongest casting and most durable rod. A rod of this material has the maximum of strength with the minimum of weight.

The care taken in properly balancing the H. L. Leonard Salmon Rods makes the action of these rods very perfect, and no other make of rods, whether made of split bamboo or any other wood, approaches them at all in action or quality. They are very flexible and very strong, and they will cast a long or short line with great accuracy, and should it be necessary to cast a fly a very long distance these rods enable you to do it in a most effective way.

Every angler who desires to cast easily, handle his fish nicely, and get the utmost pleasure out of his angling should use these rods. The rods are all made in three pieces, have an extra tip, and solid metal reel seat, with our patent reel lock and with cork hand grasps. They are furnished with snake ring guides. The tips are packed in individual partition bag, which is packed in strong aluminum tip case, and the entire rod packed in fine quality bag.



No.	Each
A. Rod 18 feet long; weight, 35 to 37 ounces; length of handle, 26 inches; length of lower grasp, 8 inches; upper grasp, 11½ inches.....	\$100.00
B. Rod 17 feet long; weight, 32 to 34 ounces; length of handle, 25 inches; length of lower grasp, 7½ inches; upper grasp, 11 inches.....	85.00
The above 17 and 18 feet rods are made for European angling, where it is claimed that long rods are necessary. We do not always have them in stock, but finish them with any style of guides and tips required.	
Additional Joints for 18 feet rods.....	Butt, \$39.50; Middle, 23.50; Tip, \$18.25 each
Additional Joints for 17 feet rods.....	Butt, 31.50; Middle, 21.00; Tip, 15.75 each
C. Rod 16 feet long; weight, 26 to 27 ounces; length of handle, 23 inches; length of lower grasp, 7 inches; upper grasp, 9½ inches.....	\$75.00
D. Rod 15½ feet long; weight, 23 to 24 ounces; length of handle, 24 inches.....	70.00
E. Rod 15 feet long; weight, 22 to 23 ounces; length of handle, 23 inches.....	65.00
F. Rod 14½ feet long; weight, 21 to 22 ounces; length of handle, 22½ inches.....	65.00
Additional Joints for 14½ and 15 feet rods...Butt, \$25.00; Middle, \$18.50; Tip, \$12.00 each	
Additional Joints for 15½ and 16 feet rods...Butt, \$29.25; Middle, \$22.00; Tip, \$14.50 each	

EXTRA STIFF AND HEAVY SALMON ROD

EHT. Rod 15 feet long; weight, 26 to 28 ounces, with special tournament handle and reel seat.....	\$70.00
BH. Rod 15 feet long; weight, 26 to 28 ounces; length of handle, 23 inches.....	65.00



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