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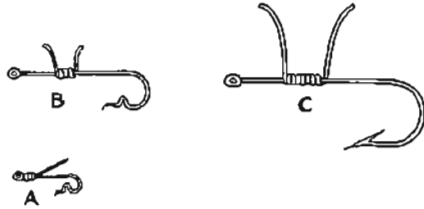
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PORTO RICO SUBSCRIBER OFFERS TROUTING HINTS

Writes Wilbur T. Patterson, Angler reader now in Porto Rico:

"Being isolated in the mountainous section of Porto Rico gives me much time to think about fish and fishing, especially trout fishing in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

"These stray thoughts have led to the accumulation of some information which may be of value to the trout fishermen who plan and make their tackle in the winter months. None of the ideas are original, but I have never seen them illustrated in your magazine. To Ray Bergman belongs credit for the novel hook arrangement.

"Hook style A can be used with grasshoppers and crickets. It is better than inserting the hook directly into the insect as the wire allows the insect to swim and act natural.

"Hook B is merely a larger cousin of A and is used for large brown trout and occasionally black bass. As bait for hook B you cannot beat the large size Sphinx moths which can be found around lights in the summer time. I first learned of the use of moths on the East Fork of the Sinnemahoning in Potter County.

"Hook C can be used with larval forms and caterpillars.

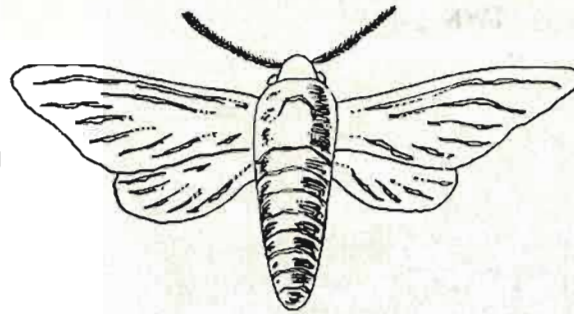
"To make these hooks you need only a spool of very fine wire, the desired size of hook, and some metallic-X or any of the new fangled liquid solders.

"For Hooks A and C, it is a matter of sportsmanship to purchase barbless hooks. These two hooks are made in such a small size, especially C, that the trout very often hook themselves deep in the gullet.

"If you have never tried the moth fishing, I would recommend about eight feet of ten pound test gut or heavier. Why? Because the moth will often lift from the water and fly to shore. Of course, this can be eliminated by using a three-foot leader of six to ten pounds test."

LANDS NICE RAINBOW

Cathers Run, in Jefferson County, yielded a fine 14-inch rainbow trout to George Sprankle, of Rossiter, on the opening day of the season. Other catches in Jefferson streams on the first day were Clayton Smith, 15 trout on Sandy Creek; John Handel, 10 trout, Sandy Creek; Harry Bowser, 4 trout, Maple Creek; and Adam Barnoff, 4 trout on Camp Run.



ALLEGHENY CATCHES

While bass fishing on the upper Allegheny River was rather slack during late July and early August, Warden R. C. Bailey of Youngsville reports that a few nice catches were made. A party from Ford City, S. R. Smeltzer, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mechling and L. J. Mechling, who camped for one week at Dunn's Eddy made a total catch of 20 nice bass and 31 carp. A. W. Bowser of Blawnox, William Hetrick, Vandergrift, and J. L. Thompson of Blawnox each caught a muskie in the river. The muskies caught by Bowser and Hetrick each measured 23 1/2 inches in length while that of Thompson was just legal, measuring 22 1/2 inches. These fish were caught near Tidioute. Conewango Creek in the northwest sector of the fishing front has been furnishing the best bass fishing to date.

FIRST TROUT HATCHERY IN UNITED STATES

About the year 1871 Dr. J. C. F. Schirner, then a prominent physician in Tamaqua, constructed the first hatchery in the United States for the propagation of brook trout.

The hatchery was located on the Owl Creek on the farm of Dr. Schirner in the Owl Creek Valley, Rahn Township, Schuylkill County, about two miles from Tamaqua, which farm is now owned and conducted by his grandson, Asa F. Schirner. The series of small dams were built along the wooded section of the stream east of the present location of the bungalow of S. R. Beard and south of the present site of Tamaqua Rod and Gun Club, and as the

fish grew in size after hatching they were transferred downstream through the series of dams to the largest enclosure. At the end of the dams toward the East was located a stone hatch-house and other small frame buildings used in connection with the hatchery. Calves heads and other meats were suspended in boxes above the water in the dams and allowed to rot and the grubs and worms falling into the water would provide feed for the fish.

Dr. Schirner had arranged for a display of the various sizes of brook trout at the Centennial held in Philadelphia in 1876 and had purchased the glass containers and other apparatus for the display, when shortly before the exhibition was to open some malicious persons, at night time, blew open all of the dams and the entire lot of fish escaped and were lost and this novel exhibition could not be completed. Dr. Schirner's office and residence were located on West Broad Street, Tamaqua, on the same premises now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Annie L. Lineweaver.

(From Bits of Tamaqua History by
S. R. Beard)

TAKES BIG BROOKIE ON DRY FLY

Warden R. C. Bailey of Youngsville reports fine trout fishing in streams of Warren county this year. His report follows:

"Our trout season here has been the best for several years. We haven't found as many anglers on the streams as in previous years but this is no doubt due to the fact that more of them are employed now than heretofore; however the ones that are on the streams are getting some nice catches.

"The Farnsworth has been exceptionally good, also the Four Mile, Six Mile, Cherry Run, Little Brokenstraw and East Branch of Tionesta Creek.

"E. Ross Carlson, Warren, Pa., took an 18 1/2 inch 2 1/2 pound brook trout from Tionesta Creek and Memorial Day we contacted E. A. Keeley of Van, Pa., with a 15-inch brookie taken from Minister Creek. Game Protector L. E. Linder, Warren, took one 17 1/2-inch brownie from Spring Creek.

"Mr. Carlson used a dry fly to lure his 18 1/2-inch brookie, we did not learn the pattern used."



Wardens A. S. Snyder, Anthony Lech and Russell Womelsdorf With Nets
Confiscated This Year on the Susquehanna River