

# SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Ted Trueblood has come up with an interesting theory on flies and leaders. In the past the development of terminal tackle has been based largely upon the assumption that trout don't see particularly well. We use light leaders in hopes that they won't be seen and we tie on bright flies to make sure they will be.

Now I doubt that the reasoning behind this is sound. All of us have seen trout rising to midges—tiny gray flies so small they become invisible to man at a distance of a few feet—yet the trout can see them.

Trueblood was positive that it is impossible to use a leader so fine that trout can't see it. He was wondering what to do with this idea when a friend remarked: "Trout aren't afraid of moss. They're used to it. I've been dyeing my leader the color of moss and it seems to work."

So he bought some ordinary household dye in brown and green and dyed his nylon leaders. He's been using them for three years and he's been taking plenty of trout. He seldom uses a leader finer than 2x.

Assuming that the trout do have incredibly keen eyesight (which the success of the moss-dyed leaders seemed to confirm) the next step was to apply the same reasoning to flies—especially wet flies which run to more vivid colors. When we fail to get strikes, is it because the trout don't see our flies or because they see them hard to see?

A distinct, boldly patterned fly such as a Coachman or a Parmacheene Belle have been poor catchers of trout in waters that are heavily fished. On the other hand, dull-colored, indifferent-looking flies such as the March Brown and Cahill usually do well. They are hard for the trout to see. Yet, being suggestive of food, they are taken into their mouths to taste



## HOW TO WASH BLANKETS

Wash bindings of blankets first by brushing or sponging them with suds, on a table, before wetting the entire blanket. Wash one blanket at a time. Washing time should be from two to three minutes. Never drain off dirty water while the blanket is still in the washer. Support it gently with your hands while lifting it out of the water. Rinse thoroughly in lukewarm water, wringing or spinning between each rinsing. Be sure the wringer is adjusted loosely.

To dry, fold blanket from binding to binding. Hang in the shade over two parallel clothes lines.

When dry, brush blanket gently with a soft brush to raise the nap. Press only the bindings, using a moderately and feel.

So Trueblood tried flies in various shades of blue, gray, tan, cream, buff and brown. Exact imitation was unimportant in testing his theory. The purpose of flies of this type was merely to suggest food. They've been

warm iron, while bindings are still slightly damp.

## HIDE EYES FROM GLARE

Shield your eyes with dark glasses shaped to compliment your face. Keep an inexpensive pair handy—on the back porch, maybe—where you can slip them on before stepping into a dizzying glare. Doctors say the darker lenses are best.

## MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP

Bathing suits and play clothes call for hair-free legs and underarms. Use often an odorless hair-removal cream. It's just a fable that hair grows back heavier!

Use a good deodorant daily—especially under your arms where odor-forming bacteria thrive. Chlorophyll deodorants are excellent.

bringing in some mighty big fish.

You ask is the theory proved? Will it revolutionize your fishing? The answer to both these questions is "no." The idea has been confirmed as sound, not proved. And it wouldn't revolutionize anybody's fishing, even if it were. What it definitely will do is this: It will open up an interesting

new field for experimentation. It will result in the catching of some trout that would not otherwise be taken. Isn't that good enough for any angler?

## Precautions Listed For Infrared Lamps

Millions of infrared heat lamps are now being used for brooding pigs and chickens. The popularity of this new method of electric brooding has been marred by an increasing number of fires and accidents, according to Edwin S. Coates, agricultural engineering specialist for State College Extension Service.

These lamps are often screwed into socket or extension cord available. Frequently they are not suspended safely or protected from poultry and livestock or mechanical injury. These hasty installations become costly with a fire or accident.

The National Safety Council recommends that circuits serving heat lamps be permanently installed and checked by a competent electrical inspector. Limit circuit loads to 80 per

cent of rated capacity or about seven 250-watt lamps on a 30-ampere circuit and five 250-watt lamps on a 15-ampere circuit. Never use a larger fuse to permit the use of extra lamps.

Heat lamps should be used only in a heat-resistant porcelain socket of the switchless type. Ordinary rubber, plastic or brass receptacles deteriorate and develop hazards. The appliance cord insulation should also provide ample heat and moisture protection.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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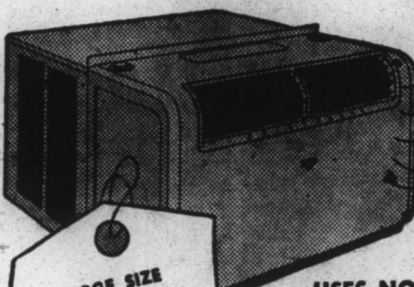


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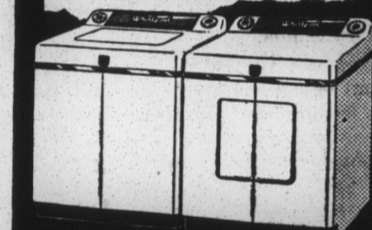
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