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ON THE SUBJECT OF
ATLANTIC SALMON FISHING
FROM THE COLLECTION OF
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A Note From the Author

I have fished for Atlantic Salmon for forty-three years, always one week a year, sometimes two weeks a year, and occasionally three times a year. It has always given me much pleasure. That pleasure has always been enhanced by reading about it. This book is about the pleasure I have gotten not only from reading but also from collecting.

Collecting is like fishing – the analogy has been made by earlier writers, some better than me. One of the best, which I quote at the end of the introduction, was written by C.F.G.R. Schwerdt in 1928:

> *Collecting one definite subject...requires great patience and a considerable amount of energy. I am not joking when I suggest that it is in itself a kind of chase, comparable to hunting and stalking [and he might have said fishing], and partakes of its pleasures. In some cases rare books were followed through two or three hands. The book was the quarry. What joy when it was obtained in the end! One felt like blowing the horn.*

Some of the stories of my own acquisitions have followed long and twisted paths, and some of these are related in the notes. As in fishing, some of the big ones got away but many were "landed" and you can read about them in this book.

The activity of collecting never stops. After I handed this manuscript into the publisher I have continued to collect and have since acquired about twenty more items worthy of inclusion in *Bibliotheca Salmo Salar* – if ever there should be a supplement or a volume II.

The thrill of the chase never dies. Writing this book has been a labor of love; I have enjoyed it immensely, and I hope the reader will share some of that enjoyment.

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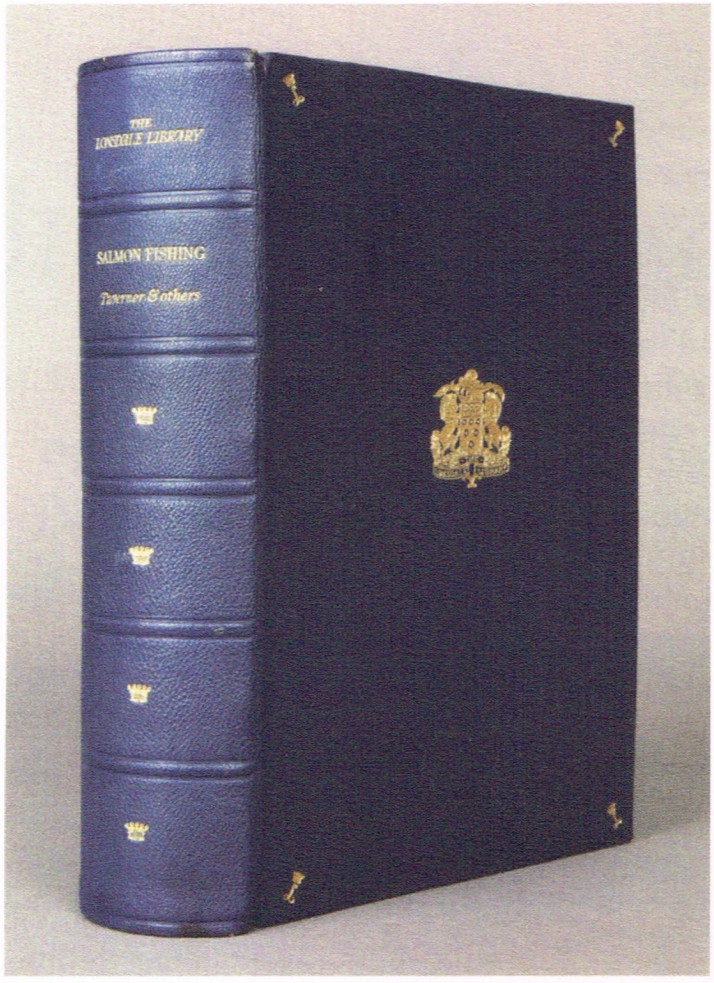
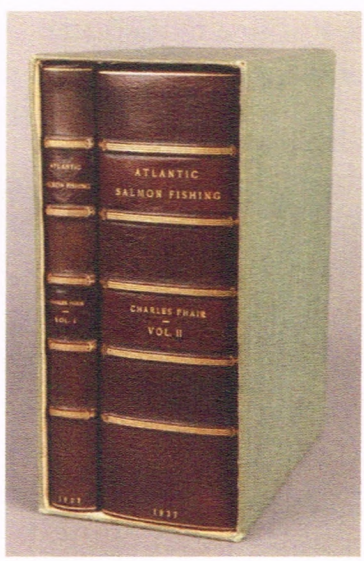


This work was issued in a pale blue dust jacket and a publisher's box; I have never seen a copy thus but there is one illustrated in color in the Bloomsbury Auction catalogue of David Beazley's Angling Books (Sale 456, March 26, 2003, lot 383).

167. PHAIR, CHARLES. *Atlantic Salmon fishing.* New York: Derrydale Press, 1937

One of the American salmon fishing classics, and probably the most famous American salmon fishing book with actual flies. This is the deluxe edition, copy no. 16 of 40. It consists of two volumes bound in matching half dark green morocco by Macdonald, the text in volume one and the flies in a thick case binding housing fourteen display mounts of bevel-cut thick mat board. Twelve of the mats feature a total of fourteen salmon flies and the materials necessary for their tying. The other two mounts present a selection of salmon hooks and gut leaders. The flies are "Nipisiguit Grey,"



SPECIFICATIONS

The book is 248 pages with 215 color illustrations

Two hundred and seventeen items arranged in eight chapters:
1. Salmon Fishing, Norway;
2. Salmon Fishing, England, Scotland, Ireland;
3. Salmon Fishing, Canada;
4. Salmon Clubs;
5. Books with Actual Flies in them;
6. Photograph Albums;
7. Manuscripts, Proofs, Journals;
8. Miscellany.

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