

PAPA SAYS I may use
his REEL when I am a big man



IT'S A MEEK

ESTABLISHED 1835.

INCORPORATED 1898.

THE MEEK



REEL.

Its Origin, Its Evolution, and Its Present Position in the Angling World.

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY

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HISTORICAL

ITS ORIGIN.



IT would be superfluous to dwell upon introductory words with such a subject as the Meek reel, for in every part of the world where the English language is spoken, anglers are familiar with its reputation. A brief history of its career of sixty-six years, however, may not be amiss. The making of fishing reels as a business was first begun at Frankfort, Kentucky, in the year 1835, by the firm of J. F. & B. F. Meek, brothers, who were widely known for their mechanical ability. From their superior skill in watch-making originated the peculiar line of work which has made the name of Meek so dear and so familiar to the followers of Izaak Walton, both in this country and abroad. 'Twas one morning in March, 1835, when the

finny tribe was once again beginning to furnish rare sport for the lovers of the rod and line, Judge Mason Brown, son of John Brown, aide-de-camp to Lafayette, and first Senator from Kentucky, came into the shop where the Meek brothers were busily at work. The

Judge being an enthusiastic angler, the conversation naturally drifted into a discussion of the manifold delights of his favorite pastime, the only drawback to which, in the Judge's opinion, being the lack of a satisfactory reel. This conversation resulted in Mr. Meek agreeing to make a reel himself, and, as he remarked, "it shall leave nothing to be desired by the most exacting fisherman." Thus was the first practical Kentucky reel suggested and produced, the first that was ever made in Frankfort, Ky. It was a revelation in reel construction, and so completely was Mr. Meek's prophesy fulfilled, that even the most exacting angler of the new century who owns a Meek reel, "has nothing left to be desired." It was then that the quadruple multiplying gear was first used, the first application of our method of making the click and drag, the first reel made with the bearings in the caps as we make them, the first reel with the five bar pattern, and the other features so peculiar to the Meek reel.

With his new reel, Judge Brown's cup of happiness was full to overflowing, and he lost no time in telling his friends and neighbors the cause of his joy. In consequence, orders began to come in with such frequency that the brothers found it necessary to build

an addition to their watch and jewelry establishment, for the sole purpose of making reels. They divided the business, and B. F. Meek took control of the reel making, while



his brother took the watch and jewelry business.

It was about this time that a party of New York sportsmen visited Frankfort, and of course went to the shop of Mr. Meek to secure some of his already famous reels. Among the number was an English nobleman, who was so impressed with the good qualities of the reel that he ordered several for his own use, and after his return to the

mother country, many orders were sent to the Meeks by some of the best known sportsmen of England. For seven-

teen years the Meeks were the only firm or persons making reels

in Frankfort, and in this time their reels became widely known and famous. From the location of their factory they became known as

Kentucky reels and as Frankfort reels, as well as Meek reels, and are still so designated to this day. We prefer their being known and called Meek reels, however, to distinguish them from the many cheaper and inferior reels that are being sold as Kentucky and as Frankfort reels. In 1882 our Mr. B. F. Meek removed to Louisville, Ky., and in this city, under the present firm name of B. F. Meek & Sons, has been made the Improved Meek Kentucky Reel, beyond all doubt the finest production of its kind in the world. Not being able to procure tools and instruments suited to his wants, Mr. Meek has himself produced tools of the most precise and accurate construction, throwing into them the marked individuality and perfection that characterizes the reel itself, tools that bear the impress of this man's genius, facilitating the production of the Meek reel in all of its matchless perfection.

Until within the last few years our production has been confined exclusively to the Kentucky German Silver Bait Casting Reel; calls for reels of other sizes, more especially for salt water use, have come to us with such frequency and so urgently that these lines have been added, so that now we are building reels for all waters and all angling, from the light single action click reel for trout, to the powerfully geared Nos. 10 and 11 reels for tarpon and tuna, each in its line being the most perfect of its kind, and our shop noted for its fidelity to quality before all other considerations.

EVOLUTION.

The Meek Kentucky reel was designed primarily for bait casting, and in this field it is and always has been supreme. While the oldest reel on the market, it is withal the most modern, for while retaining the meritorious original features, there

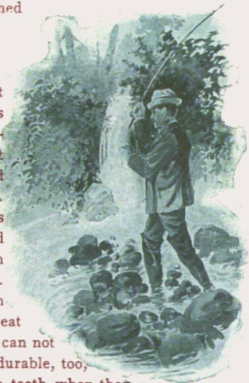
has been gradual evolution in its construction. The frame is shorter than at first made; we use spiral gearing exclusively. We were the first reel makers to jewel the pivot bearings of reels, the first to make a quadruple gear for the more rapid recovery of the line, the first and only ones that we know of to use anti-friction metal bearings, the first to make a reel so perfect that its equal has never been reached by any of its numerous imitators. It has become the standard for excellence in the entire angling world. It is pre-eminently the acme of reel architecture, and its reputation, established and so zealously guarded for near threescore years and ten, will not be permitted to wane.

AS IT IS TO-DAY.

Meek reels are self-explanatory—simple. In their construction we have believed in originality and simplicity. In each and every portion the best material is used that money will buy; each is made by hand, and has as careful attention and care as if there was but one to be made, and that one was to be our masterpiece. The workmanship is as artistic and skillful as that done on the finest astronomical clock. Among the prominent features that go to make up the whole may be mentioned

THE SPIRAL GEAR.

In the year 1882 we made the first spiral gear that was ever used in a fishing reel, an innovation that has proven most valuable. With a reel having spiral gearing as we apply it, the angler can handle an eight pound fish with more ease than he could a four pound one with a reel having the ordinary spur gearing. Place your thumb on the spool arbor or center, press hard, turn the handle, and note the smoothness and power; take any other reel and you will observe an irregular action, with a tendency to direct stopping. You will find a No. 3 Meek reel more powerful than a No. 5 of other makes. The smooth action and great power are secured by our form of spiral gearing, and can not be obtained by the straight gear. It is much more durable, too, than spur gearing, it being more difficult to break the teeth when they are cut at an angle FROM the axis of the wheel, than when cut in a line WITH the axis; and that all possible strength may be given, we cut the teeth of both wheel and pinion round at the bottom. Gear cut in this way is doubly as strong as when cut



square, such as is customary with other reel makers. By reason of the spiral or diagonal cutting of the gearing, two teeth of the gear wheel are acting continuously on two leaves of the pinion. Our gearing runs as smoothly as if the power was transmitted from wheel to pinion by belt, so that in casting or recovery of line this Meek feature is the angler's delight. It acts as if it were a sentient thing.

THE PIVOTS AND BEARINGS,

Too, are vital points in a reel's building. In making our pinions, we cut a solid bar of Stubs' steel drill rod, the entire length of the reel from bearing to bearing; this rod runs entirely through the spool arbor, making the pivots and pinion in one solid piece and the spool perfectly rigid. All pivots and studs are tempered in form, then ground and polished to the highest degree. The bearings are made of an anti-friction metal, made especially for us, and the most exacting care is had in their fitting and polishing. From actual experiment we have found the use of tempered steel pivots and our anti-friction metal bearings to run with less oil and less friction, consequently less wear than any other combination of metals.

THE FRAME

Of our reel is substantial and perfectly rigid. It is made entirely of German silver, and is as light as is consistent with the varying requirements it has to meet. There are no compensating screws or so-called adjustments in Meek reels. Such features add multiplicity of parts, they are but an evidence of the lack of close fitting and accuracy, and are used by makers for their own benefit and not for that of the user. Meek reels are correctly adjusted when made and **STAY THERE**; herein is the skill of our close fitting and accuracy of detail, which, lacking in cheap reels, has to be made good by the use of "compensating" devices. Fine timepieces are running day in and day out. Did you ever see or hear of a fine chronometer or clock with compensating devices to take up wear or lost motion? Meek reels

are in use to-day that were adjusted when made, over sixty-six years ago, and they don't need adjusting yet. Perfection of design, simplicity of construction, and conscientious care as to every detail is the secret of our success.



JEWELING.

Our Mr. B. F. Meek was the pioneer in jewelng the pivot bearings of fishing reels in such a manner as to have the pivots run directly on the jewels. This method of jewelng causes the most beautiful action yet produced in reel work, and in combination with our delicately balanced spool and handle, the reel is as sensitive an inanimate object as can be made. As one angler remarked, it is "as smooth as velvet." We set the jewels in such a way that they are not liable to fracture; in fact, out of the hundreds made, we have never had one returned with a broken jewel.

THE HANDLE

On all of our German silver reels is placed at the top, and reels are always so built when not otherwise ordered. We will make them either way, but most anglers prefer the handle at top, for the reason that in this position it is well out of the way of the rod hand when casting. Another reason is that it is not so liable to accidental bending or breaking when the reel is laid down on the ground or in the boat. The reel balances equally well, and we believe that after once using the handle in this position it will be preferred. Another Meek feature is the delightful purr of its click; it has never been successfully copied; its voice is its own.

OILING AND CLEANING.

By reason of their construction, the Meek Kentucky reels require but little oiling. One good oiling lasts quite a while, the bearings being so made as to retain the oil and exclude the dirt and grit. On our line of German silver reels we do not approve of screw-off oil caps; such devices should only be employed on large, heavy reels, where long runs of line are made and where frequent oiling is required. The anti-friction metal used in all of our reels makes smoother bearings, and less friction means less oil and less wear. When a reel is to be cleaned and oiled it is simply necessary to remove the four cap screws, push the drag on (so that it drags); the cap may then be lifted off; a screw into the top bar in the top of the end plate is then to be taken out, and the reel is apart, ready for cleaning with benzine, and when cleaned, oiled with a fine grade of clock oil. We advise against the frequent opening of the reel to see the movement, and the less it is tampered with, the better the results. We are in this respect like the physician who advised his patient to "put nothing in his ear but his elbow," or, in other words,

keep out. Some reel makers criticize our construction, means of adjustment, and facilities for oiling. We say to all such that we are the only makers in the world having reels in practical use to-day that were made sixty-six years ago. Every departure from the Meek models and principles has lacked success, and every imitation is but another admission of its merit. When you make as good reels as the Meek, it will be time for us to consider your criticism.

IMITATION.

As imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so the adoption of our design, our knurling, our finish, the shape of our handle, even our peculiar V-slotted screw heads, indicates the esteem in which our work is held. In the line of reel production the Meek is the height all aim to reach. You often hear "this is as good as a Meek," but rest assured it isn't. An angler loves his reel as a sportsman does his gun; he learns its points, he knows how the spool will run under certain conditions, just what its capacity and peculiarities are. What a disappointment it is, then, if after one or two seasons' use his reel is found unfit for use. Meek reels don't give down or wear out. To know it once is to know it always; it is a source of delight to its owner from the outset, and year after year he finds his Meek with the same responsive touch, the same inspiring click, and under any and all conditions, seems to almost feel the responsibility and confidence bestowed upon it.

IN CONCLUSION,

All we have said and all we could say would not so impress you as would one twirl of the pretty ivory handle of the reel itself. There is that certain something about the Meek reel that fixes it securely in the good opinion of the angler as does none other; there is in its action that sentient touch that characterizes it alone and makes it the fisherman's pride. Meek reels have been handed down from father to son, and are always a prized inheritance. They are economical to own, a pleasure to use, and by far the finest reel that has ever been produced. The reel has never been shown for contest at an exposition or fair; its laurels were awarded by that most unbiased judge, "PUBLIC OPINION."

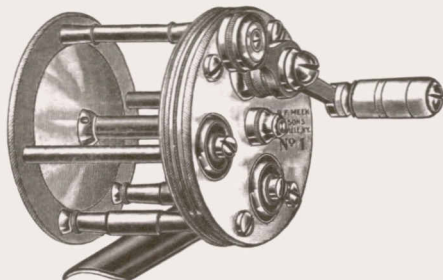
TERMS OF SALE.

All prices in this Catalogue are net. We do not favor one person over another, but make our prices net, and in plain figures, alike to all.

Where persons are unknown to us we invariably require cash with order, or we will send any reel by express upon receipt of \$5.00, collect on delivery for the remainder, with privilege of examination. When reels are made to order, full amount is required with order.

The prices quoted in this list are NET CASH, and are bottom. All dealers sell our reels at these prices.

We aim to have all first-class dealers handle our reels, but if you can not obtain one at your local sporting goods house, send your order direct to us. When remittance in full accompanies order we prepay express charges. Remember, a Meek reel has never worn out; it is therefore the most economical to buy.



Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 1.

CAPACITY ; Of Nos. 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, or 2 Braided Silk Line, 60 Yards; Of Nos. 3, $3\frac{1}{2}$, or 4, 50 Yards; Of Nos. 5 or $5\frac{1}{2}$, 42 Yards.

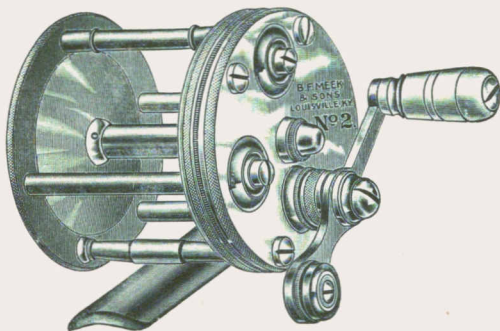
The smallest quadruple multiplying reel we make. A pretty size for light work, but is strong and substantial enough for a good size black bass if he strikes. It is especially adapted for fly fishing, trout, bass, etc. Many gentlemen buy this reel for their wives or daughters.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Length Spool, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Diameter Spool Head, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 1. German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, Crank Handle, each.....	\$22 00
No. 1. German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, Balance Handle, each.....	24 00

This reel is always made with handle at top unless otherwise ordered. Jeweling, add \$6.00. Leaving off drag, deduct \$2.00.



Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 2.

CAPACITY: Of Nos. 1, 1½, or 2 Braided Silk Line, 82 Yards; Of Nos. 3, 3½, or 4, 60 Yards; Of Nos. 5 or 5½, 52 Yards.

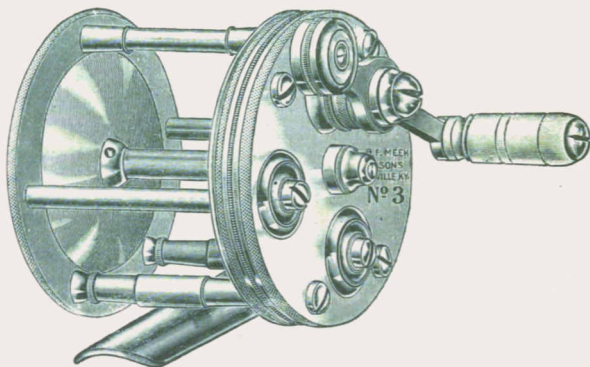
A most excellent size for bait casting; especially is it desirable for small mouth black bass. Has a very light and sensitive spool, and works to perfection for fly casting. The engraving is exact size, and shows handle at bottom. We make them either way, but always send handle at top unless specially ordered to the contrary. This is one of our very salable sizes. An ideal reel for ladies' use.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, 1¾ inches. Length Spool, 1¾ inches. Diameter Spool Head, 1¼ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 2. German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, Crank Handle, each.....	\$24 00
No. 2. German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, Balance Handle, each.....	26 00
Jeweling on either reel, add \$6.00 extra.	
Either reel without drag, deduct \$2.00.	

These reels are always made with handle at top, unless otherwise ordered.



Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 3.

CAPACITY: Of Nos. 1, 1½, or 2 Braided Silk Line, 110 Yards; Of Nos. 3, 3½, or 4, 85 Yards; Of Nos. 5 or 5½, 66 Yards.

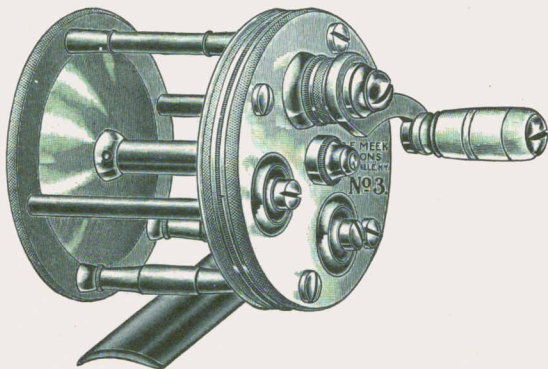
If you can afford but one reel, take this one. It is the most popular reel we make, meeting the views of nine tenths of our patrons. It is a very pretty size for black bass and trout, sheepshead, etc., and quite heavy enough for salmon or pike. This was the size selected by the anglers of Kentucky for presentation to President Arthur when he visited Louisville in 1883. We made for him a sterling silver reel, with gold slides, agate handle, full jeweled, and gold inlaying, probably the most beautiful and costly reel ever produced. The above full size engraving fairly represents this ever popular reel.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, 2 inches. Length Spool, 1½ inches. Diameter Spool Head, 1½ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 3. Balance Handle, German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, each.....\$28 00
 Jewelings on above reel, \$3.00 extra.
 Reel without drag, \$2.00 less.

This reel is always shipped with handle at top (see cut) unless otherwise ordered.



Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 3.

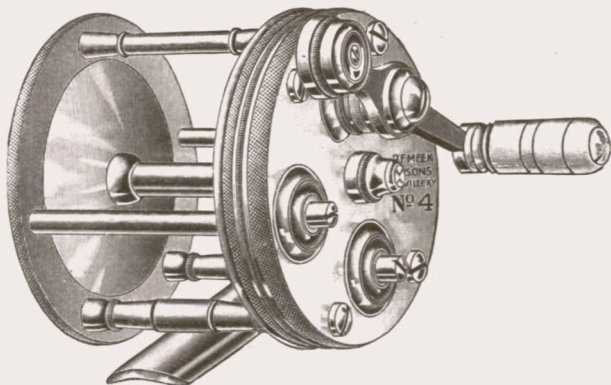
CAPACITY: Of Nos. 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, or 2 Braided Silk Line, 110 Yards; Of Nos. 3, $3\frac{1}{2}$, or 4, 85 Yards; Of Nos. 5 or $5\frac{1}{4}$, 66 Yards.

This illustration shows the No. 3 reel made with crank handle, a handle preferred in some sections. No. 3 is the most salable size we make, being a reel adapted for almost universal use. It is a medium and pretty size, light weight, and with line capacity equal to the demands of most anglers. Same reel in all respects as reel on page 12, except this has crank instead of balance handle.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, 2 inches. Length Spool, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Diameter Spool Head, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 3. Crank Handle, German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, each.....\$26 00
Jeweling on above reel, \$6.00 extra.
Reel without drag, \$2.00 less.



Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 4.

CAPACITY: Of Nos. 1, 1½, or 2 Braided Silk Line, 140 Yards; Of Nos. 3 or 3½, 98 Yards; Of Nos. 5 or 5½, 75 Yards.

A size well adapted for lake fishing, and probably the most popular size we make, next to the No. 3. It has a very light running spool, and can be used as effectively for black bass as for salmon, red fish, and heavy lake fishing. It is an excellent number, very popular in the northern lake region, and has many friends for its value in gulf and sea coast fishing. It is a very powerful reel.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, 2¼ inches. Length Spool, 1¼ inches. Diameter Spool Head, 1¼ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 4. Crank Handle, German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, each	\$28 00
No. 4. Balance Handle, German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, each	30 00

Always made handle at top unless otherwise ordered. Jeweling \$3.00 extra.

Meek German Silver Kentucky Reel No. 5.

A reel adapted for lake, sea, and gulf fishing, larger and heavier gear than No. 4, and a most popular size for Florida and Gulf Coast Fishing.

DIMENSIONS: Diameter End Plate, 2½ inches. Length Spool, 1¼ inches. Diameter Spool Head, 1¼ inches.

NET PRICE.

No. 5. Balance Handle, German Silver Reel, Click and Drag, each	\$32 00
Jeweling on either of above, \$3.00 extra.	

No. 5 reel is always sent with handle at bottom unless otherwise ordered.

Keep Your Reel Clean.

To obtain perfect results your Reel should be kept clean. It would be well to clean and oil it after each season's use, using only the finest grade of reel oil. You will be well repaid in taking good care of your "Meek." It is the very finest of mechanism, and only requires a little attention on your part to give you perfect service. Remember, it is a good servant to a good master.

We are glad to serve our patrons at all times, and will clean, repolish, and oil our make of reels at a charge of 75 cents to \$1.00, according to the reel's condition. It will pay you to send your reel direct to us for this work. It is our reputation at stake, and we take a pride in maintaining it.

REPAIRING.

If your "Meek" reel has been damaged, it is best to send it direct to us for repairs. We will give it more care and attention and put it in better condition than any one else, and our charges will be moderate. The following price list is a basis for our charges on repair work:

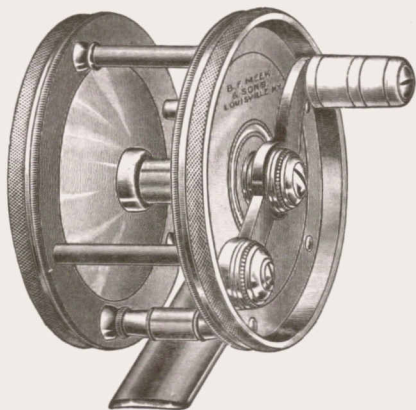
No.		No.		
1.	Balance Handle, complete.	\$2 50	11. Screw for End Plates, to Bars\$0 25	
2.	Crank Handle, complete.	1 75	12. Plain or Side Bars.....	50
3.	Ivory for handle, finished.	50	13. Top Bar.....	60
4.	Screw for Ivory Handle.....	25	14. Bottom Bars, each.....	75
5.	Screw for Crank Shaft.....	25	15. Reel Seat Plate or Strap.....	75
6.	Complete new Gearing.....	5 00	16. New Bushings or Bearings for old Reel.....	1 00
7.	Gear Wheel.....	2 50	17. New Stud.....	75
8.	Pinion.....	2 50	18. New Click Spring.....	25
9.	Disc for Click or Drag.....	35		
10.	Screw for Click or Drag.....	25		

EXTRAS.

Jeweling on any reel adds to cost.....	\$6 00
Pearl handle instead of ivory adds to cost.....	50
Leaving off either click or drag deducts from cost.....	2 00
Engraving name on end plate, 3 cents per letter.	

PRESENTATION REELS.

Special Reels in sterling silver, with gold slides and jeweled, are made to order only. Prices on application.



The "Meek" No. 44 Trout Reel.

The Meek Reel No. 44 is designed for practical trout anglers. It is made entirely of the finest German silver; the pivots and shaft are made of Stubb's steel; after being formed are tempered, ground, and polished. The pivots run in anti-friction metal bearings, thus reducing friction to a minimum, and wear is an imperceptible quantity.

Remembering the theory of the click, as well as its practice, we have made it with a distinct, sharp sound, not too stiff, nor yet too easy, but medium in pull, so that it makes a fish work on the rod and still gives line before the frail rod tip is strained to a breaking point. It is small and light enough to balance well the trout rod. A big reel may do well enough for tournament work, but for actual and practical purposes the Meek Trout Reel will be found just right, holding plenty of line, having the most practicable click, and with weight not excessive for all-day fishing.

The diameter is $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, with 1 inch bars. The balance handle, fitted with ivory thumb-piece, runs within German silver safety bands. The pivots are cut from a solid bar of Stubb's steel drill rod, and runs entirely through the spool arbor from bearing to

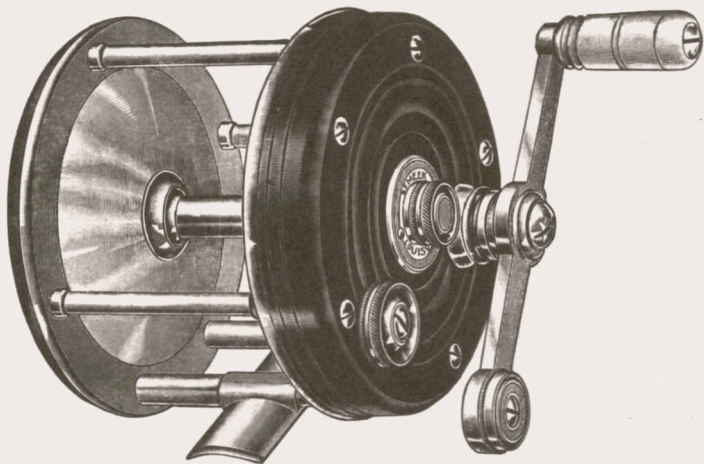
bearing. The design of the reel is exceptionally good; it is graceful, and the finish is of that high character that is seen only on Meek reels. In fact, its entire mechanical detail is of that perfection that characterizes all Meek reels, and has caused their world-wide reputation for action, design, and durability.

NET PRICE LIST.

- No. 44. The Meek Trout Reel, German Silver, Single Action, Back Sliding Click,
Safety Bands, Ivory Handle, 2¼ inches Diameter.....\$15 00
Jeweling, \$3.00 extra.
Crank handle same price, if preferred.

In Praise of Angling.

Fishing is a kind of hunting by water, be it with nets, reels, baits, angling, or otherwise, and yields about as much pleasure to some men as dogs or hawks when they draw their fish upon the bank, saith Nic. Henselius, speaking of that extraordinary delight his countrymen took in fishing and in making of pools. James Dubravius, that Moravian, telleth how, traveling by the wayside in Silesia, he found a nobleman booted up to the groins, wading himself, pulling the nets, and laboring as much as any fisherman of them all: and when some belike objected to him the baseness of his office, he excused himself that if other men might hunt hares, why should not he hunt carpes? Many gentlemen, in like sort, with us will wade up to the arm-holes upon such occasions, and voluntarily undertake that to satisfy their pleasure, which a poor man for a good stipend would scarce be hired to undergo. Plutarch speaks against all fishing as a filthy, base, illiberal employment, having neither wit nor perspicacity in it, nor worth the labor. But he that shall consider the variety of baits for all seasons, and pretty devices which our anglers have invented, peculiar lines, false flies, several sleights, etc., will say that it deserves like commendation, requires as much study and perspicacity as the rest, and is to be preferred before many of them; because hawking and hunting are very laborious, much riding and many dangers accompany them, but this is still and quiet; and if so be the angler catch no fish, yet he hath a wholesome walk to the brookside, pleasant shade by the sweet silver streams. He hath good air and sweet smells of fine fresh meadow flowers; he hears the melodious harmony of birds; he sees the swans, herons, ducks, water-hens, cootes, etc., and many other fow with their brood, which he thinketh better than the noise of hounds or blast of horns and all the sport that they can make.—*Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy, published in 1621.*



The Meek Salt Water Reel.

(Full size cut of No. 6 Reel.)

Skillful workmanship, with conscientious care as to the selection of material and detail of construction, has made the name Meek mean merit when appearing on a fishing reel.

Ever since 1835, when Meek Kentucky Reels were first made, there have been none produced their equal; they are famous for their superior design, their mechanical perfection, and their unequaled durability. A genuine Meek Reel has never been known to wear out.

In our line of Salt Water Reels, Meek principles and Meek construction have been carried out, and we offer in this line a reel for sea and gulf coast fishing the superior of any in the world.

We assure you, as we do in selling all Meek reels, that this is the very best reel of its class in the world; it will last you your lifetime and always prove a source of pleasure and comfort to you. It is the best that it is possible to produce, and money will not buy better. You will never regret buying and using a Meek reel. Meek quality is found only in Meek reels.

Constructural Details.

THE FRAME.

The framework of this reel is made entirely of hard German silver; the bars are so securely fastened in the plates as to make the entire frame perfectly rigid. Unlike other rubber reels, the frame and working parts are in no way dependent upon the hard rubber caps. The strap is made in one piece, with the two bottom bars of such strength as to hold the frame securely and meet the strain made upon them. The design of the reel is especially good—deep spool with ample line capacity.

THE GEARING.

Of course, is of the "Meek" spiral form, a distinctive "Meek" feature, originated and only successfully applied by us. The pivots run through the spool arbor from bearing to bearing, and are made from Stubb's steel. The pinion is the finest Stubb's steel drill rod, cut by hand and tempered. The gear wheel is cut from hard rolled brass rod. Both pinion and gear are cut spirally and round at the bottom, affording a smoothness, power, strength, and durability otherwise unattainable. The teeth being cut spirally or diagonally (at an angle from the axis), two teeth of the gear wheel are acting continuously on two leaves of the pinion. The gearing multiplies two and a half times; it is even, smooth, and noiseless, running as if the power was transmitted by belt instead of gear teeth, and will stand double the strain of ordinary gear.

THE CLICK DRAG.

An essential feature in reels of this class is a click that will withstand the sudden strain and high rate of speed, such as is given them by large sea fish. Our click combines the features of both click and drag, and is so constructed that it can not be thrown off, no matter how sudden the jerk nor rapid the run. We have run it continuously for many days without any evidence of wear. It is an entirely new principle, extremely simple, yet the most effective of any produced.

DETAIL.

The spool of the reel is very strong, with a stiff, hard rolled metal arbor, wide at the shoulder to give the greatest support to the spool heads. The heads are not stamped, but are spun into shape with such thickness as enables them to withstand the lateral strain of a wet line and a strong pull. The pinion shaft runs entirely through the spool arbor. The pivots are tempered, ground, and polished to the highest degree; they run in special anti-friction metal bearings, reducing friction to the greatest possible minimum. The bearings or bushings are made in the metal end plates, and in no way dependent upon the rubber caps. Screw-off oil caps are provided, whereby the pivot bearings may be readily and quickly oiled without the use of tools.

The handle sets well forward, and is of such length as to secure the best leverage, and in such position as to best clear the rod hand. The handle is made of German Silver with select Ivory thumb-piece. We use the very finest quality of hard rubber obtainable. The caps are corrugated, giving the utmost strength with the least weight. The finish of these reels is superb; the German Silver closely resembles Sterling, and this with the rich jet black, highly polished rubber creates a most pleasing contrast.

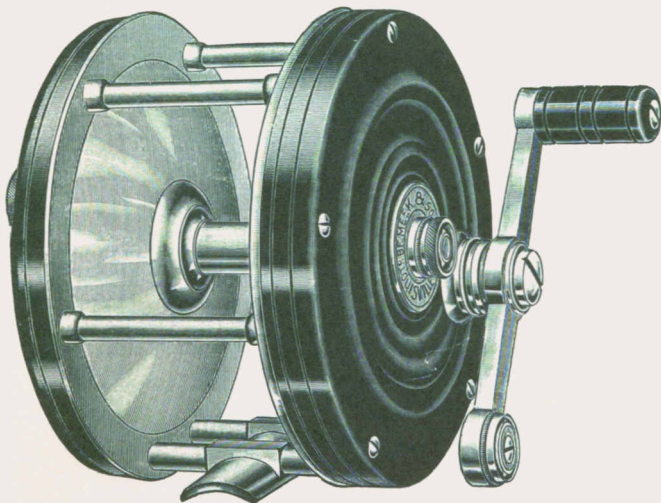
It is a reel that will please you, and one that will serve you faithfully.

NET PRICE LIST.

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| No. 6. Meek Salt Water Reel, German Silver and Rubber, diameter end plate, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter spool head, 2 1-16 inches; length of bars, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; capacity 100 yards No. 15 to 18 thread Linen line, price, each..... | \$30 00 |
| No. 8. Meek Salt Water Reel, German Silver and Rubber, diameter end plate, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter spool head, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; length of bars, 2 inches; capacity 200 yards No. 15 to 18 thread Linen line, price, each..... | 32 00 |
| No. 9. Meek Salt Water Reel, German Silver and Rubber, diameter end plate, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter spool head, 3 inches; length of bars, 2 inches; capacity 200 yards No. 18 to 21 thread Linen line, price, each..... | 34 00 |

Reels multiply 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ times, Ivory handles, positive click, screw-off oil caps.





The Meek Tarpon Reel No. 10.

This is essentially a reel for tarpon and large sea game fish. Realizing the demands such sport requires of a reel, the most scrupulous care has been given its every detail. The constructural features immediately impress the expert angler. Designed as it was by a tarpon taker of the widest experience and constructed by the greatest reel builders the world has ever known, it embodies their united skill and judgment, and fills the exacting eye and wants of the most practical angler. Every detail, from the selection of material, through the stages of building, to the skillful touch of the inspector, the reel is intended to be "the best possible to produce," and when it leaves our workroom it goes out as an "ideal realized." Beautiful in every line, smooth in action, strongest of its class, the perfection of reel building.

THE AUTOMATIC DRAG.

Our automatic drag is a most ingenious device, positive, sensitive, and reliable. By means of a thumb slide the drag is thrown entirely out, leaving the reel free for winding in or casting. We say casting advisedly, for so smoothly does the spool run that the reel will cast beautifully. When it is desired to use the Automatic, a slight motion of the thumb throws the clutch into position. When "on" the reel winds in perfectly free, but when the fish starts off with the line, the drag instantly and automatically clutches. It is extremely simple, and so constructed that there is practically no wear to it. No complicated tension springs, or multiplicity of parts, simply one piece clutching the spool in one direction, running free in the other, and capable of being thrown entirely out of action when such condition is desired. Description does not do this excellent feature justice. Every tarpon angler who has seen it, immediately realizes its advantage, and its introduction has met with the most marked approval.

SPIRAL GEAR.

Spiral gear for fishing reels is a distinctively "Meek" feature, having originated with us. By its use we obtain a strength, power, and smoothness of action otherwise unattainable. The pinion is hand-cut from genuine Stubbs Steel. The gears are cut from solid hard drawn brass rod, and the teeth of both pinion and gear are round at the bottom. It would be impossible to strip the teeth of our gearing, two teeth of the wheel acting continuously on two leaves of the pinion, the action is as smooth as if run by belt instead of gear. The gear is triple multiplying, and being spiral, will stand double the strain of the ordinary straight gear. Can furnish double multiplying gear, if preferred.

RIGID FRAME.

The end plates are made entirely of hard, stiff German silver, in which we place the pivot bearings, and rigidly fasten the bars. No strain whatever is on the rubber caps, so that if by any possible means the rubber should warp or crack, the reel's alignment will remain perfect and the reel be operative. In other words, the entire framework of the reel is German silver, the rubber parts being simply a light but substantial cover for protecting the working parts.

THE SPOOL.

The heads in the spool are spun from hard German silver, and are very stiff and made of a sufficient thickness to withstand the strong lateral pressure exerted by winding in a wet line with a big tarpon at the other end. The spool arbor, as will be seen by reference to the engraving, is made with a wide shoulder. It is cut in one piece out of solid hard drawn brass rod, and gives an unyielding support to the spool heads. Through the entire length of the spool arbor is run the pivot shaft, which is made of the finest Stubbs steel. The spool is deep and of a most rigid build.

IN GENERAL.

The pivots are tempered, ground, and polished to the most perfect finish. They run in anti-friction metal bearings, thus reducing friction to a minimum. The bearings are firmly placed in the metal end plates, and are entirely independent of the rubber caps or

plates. The two bottom bars and reel strap are made in one piece. These bars also are screwed securely into the metal end plates, and not into the rubber. Removable oil caps are provided, whereby the pivot bearings may be readily oiled without taking apart. The design of the reel is especially good; deep spool with easy capacity of 200 yards of No. 24 Cuttyhunk tarpon line. The diameter of end plate is 4 5-16 inches; diameter of spool head, 3 9-16 inches; length of bars, 2 inches. In addition to the Automatic drag, each reel is provided with an auxiliary or detachable thumb drag; this drag is made of raw hide, and is easily removed if so desired.

The German Silver is made especially for us, and resembles Sterling Silver in color and finish. The position of the handle is most favorable to the handling of monster game fish, setting forward and well away from the rod hand. The whole workmanship of the reel is our very best. Strength to do the required work, excellence of design to facilitate it, and spiral gearing with the greatest of power possible to obtain. It is beyond all question the most powerful and practicable Tarpon reel ever built.

NET PRICE.

No. 10. Tarpon Reel, German Silver and Rubber, each	\$50 00
Leather Reel Case made especially for above reel, each \$3.00.	

The Meek Tuna Special, No. 11.

The most powerful reel produced. Made especially for Tuna angling, after specifications gathered from men experienced in this class of fishing. It is in general design the same as the No. 10 Tarpon reel, made larger and stronger, however, in every way. It has an easy capacity of 300 yards of No. 24 Cuttyhunk line. The diameter of end plate is 4 3/4 inches; width of spool, 2 3/8 inches; diameter spool head, 3 3/8 inches. Double multiplying spiral gear, powerful, smooth, and reliable. It is a reel built for service, and is in every way the very highest class of reel construction. This reel is made with both Click and Drag. The Drag is automatic, same as is used on the No. 10 reel. The Click is made on the same principle as that used on our Nos. 6, 8, and 9 Salt Water Reels. The most positive and absolutely reliable Click ever used on large reels, and the only Click that will stand the terrific strain of a Tuna rush.

NET PRICE.

No. 11. Tuna Reel, German Silver and Rubber, each	\$60 00
Leather Reel Case made especially for above reel, \$3.50.	

Commendatory.

The sincere and genuine expressions of satisfaction on the part of our patrons gratifies us more deeply than we can express. Such letters as these, from such men as these, speak more directly and feelingly to brother anglers than hundreds of pages written by us.

DR. WILLOUGHBY WALLING,

4127 DREXEL BOULEVARD.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29, 1908.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Dear Sirs—I consider the "Meek Kentucky Reel" superior to any reel made, and may add, that in a widespread experience I have got to see a single fisherman who when consulted did not fully acquiesce in this opinion. I ordered two of your reels about a year ago, as a Christmas present for a friend; he is delighted with them.

Yours truly,

WILLOUGHBY WALLING, M. D.

W. N. HALDEMAN, PRESIDENT.

HENRY WATTERSON, EDITOR.

Louisville Courier-Journal Company.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29, 1898.

Gentlemen—I have in my possession several of your famous reels, which I have been using in my fishing excursions for more than twenty-five years. I have found them perfect, and do not hesitate to express my belief that for durability and reliability the "Kentucky Fishing Reels" you make are the best in the world.

Very truly yours,

W. N. HALDEMAN.

A. G. MUNN, PRESIDENT.

W. G. MUNN, SEC'Y AND TREAS.

Office of Brennan & Co.

SOUTHWESTERN AGRICULTURAL WORKS.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28, 1898.

Dear Sirs—For a fishing reel that has a world-wide reputation it is hardly necessary for me to give my testimonial as to its merits.

I have one I have had in use twenty-five years, and it still does good work when I go fishing. I have another larger reel I have owned some twelve or more years, which I have only occasionally used, and it does good work when I tackle larger fish.

Respectfully,

A. G. MUNN.

OFFICE OF
Rome Testing Laboratory,

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL TESTING
OF ALL KINDS.

Rome, Ga., Oct. 12, 1900.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Dear Sirs—Replying to your favor of the 11th inst., just to hand, beg to say that it affords me great pleasure to testify to the merits of the No. 3 reel I purchased of you. Before ordering I investigated thoroughly the leading varieties of reels and secured all the information possible from parties I knew were in position to judge the merits of various makes. Without exception they all advised your reel as, in their opinion, without question, the leading reel made, although some higher in price. Let me say that I agree with their views in toto, after giving your reel a season's thorough trial. It is the acme of workmanship and finish, and its balance and working is faultless. I only wish that every true angler could possess one of your reels, and am confident it will be as great a luxury as he ever enjoyed for the amount invested. I state above, not merely because you have requested, but because it affords me pleasure to do so. I have enjoyed the past season's outing with my rod and No. 3 Meek reel more than any previous one in my life. It gives me pleasure to say what I have, and I will always have a good word for you when it comes to recommending your reels.

Very truly,

S. L. GRAHAM.

AUCHINCLOSS BROTHERS,

61 MARK LANE, LONDON, E. C.

Dec. 31, 1898.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Dear Sirs—I have your favor of the 28th, and in reply would say that I have used your reels now for several years, and I have always found them very satisfactory indeed. I take great pleasure in recommending them.

Yours truly,

JOHN N. AUCHINCLOSS.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18, 1898.

Gentlemen—Some years ago I purchased one of your fishing reels. I consider it the best and finest reel on the market. I have had a number, but for strength, power, and speed in casting and taking up the line, none to equal it.

There are persons who claim what you gain in speed you lose in strength or power. I do not find such to be the case in your reel. I could draw a log from the river if rod and line would not break, and not affect the reel. My reel is in as good condition as the day I received it from you, and I have given it hard usage.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN D. LEMER.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Racine, Wis., Jan. 7, 1899.

Gentlemen—I have used one of your No. 4 reels for seventeen years, and one of your No. 3 for seven years, and both have given entire satisfaction.

Very respectfully,

HORACE WILLISTON.

OFFICE OF

DR. W. P. BOLLES.

No. 466 Warren Street, Boston, Mass., Oct. 19, 1900.

Messrs. B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Gentlemen—I do not claim to be much of a fisherman, and some years my opportunities are as restricted as those of "Simple Simon." But at all times, whether in the country or here in my office, I know a good piece of mechanism when I see it, and the "No. 3 Jeweled" that I bought of you last summer is beyond comparison the finest thing of the kind I have ever seen. Its adjustments are exact, its style and finish beautiful, its voice is the spirit of summer, and it runs like a Howard clock (it costs like one, too). It is a pleasure to see it lying before me on my office table, even in the midst of winter.

Sincerely,

W. P. BOLLES.

DR. DUDLEY S. REYNOLDS,

304 W. CHESTNUT ST.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16, 1898.

B. F. Meek & Sons, City:

My Dear Sirs—I have enjoyed the use of the No. 3 reel, which you made for me many years ago, more than I am able to tell you. It is a luxury of which many anglers are ignorant. It is just the proper thing for bass fishing. The No. 5 reel I have used for muscallonge in the Northern lakes and rivers, and for mackerel, trout, channel bass, etc., on the coast of Florida.

I have never seen a reel comparable to yours. Neither of mine have ever required any sort of repair or other attention beyond the application of a little oil every spring. Grateful for your contribution to the luxuries of the angler's outfit, and wishing you health, prosperity, and happiness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

DUDLEY S. REYNOLDS, M. D.

OFFICE OF

D. L. GILLISPIE & CO.,

BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 1, 1900.

Mr. William S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Dear Sir—On my return home from the East I find your personal letter asking what I think of B. F. Meek & Sons' reels. I am pleased to state that my reel has been very satisfactory in every respect, and it is undoubtedly the best one I have ever used.

Yours very truly,

D. L. GILLISPIE.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

St. Louis, Jan. 9, 1899.

Gentlemen—Yours of the 3d, inquiring as to whether the Meek Reels you have made for me have been entirely satisfactory, to hand. I can only say to you what I have said to every sportsman with whom I have ever had a "reel argument," and that is, that I consider the "Meek Reel" practically perfect. I have tested them thoroughly for all kinds of work for seventeen years, and have never seen any other reel I consider as good.

Yours truly,

H. G. BROOKINGS.

DR. McMURTRY'S INFIRMARY,
1912 SIXTH STREET.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16, 1898.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Gentlemen I have a beautiful fishing reel, which you made for me five years ago, and which has been in use regularly. Its action is perfect, and it is as good now as it was the day you delivered it to me. I can not speak too highly of its workmanship, as it could not be surpassed. While fishing in Canada this season, I found the "Kentucky Reels" were known and recognized there as superior to all others.

Yours very truly,

DR. L. S. McMURTRY.

OFFICE OF
ALLEGHENY NATURALISTS' CLUB,
JOHN S. MCINTOSH, Secy.

Allegheny, Pa., Nov. 12, 1900.

W. S. Brown, Esq., Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Dear Sir—The "Meek" reel I purchased of you last July gave me a great deal of pleasure. It is the finest working reel I ever used, and is certainly a great acquisition to any sportsman's outfit.

Yours truly,

JOHN S. MCINTOSH.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30, 1898.

Dear Sirs—Answering your inquiry, would say that fishing reel I bought of you some years ago has not only proven satisfactory in every respect, but highly so. It is the finest piece of mechanism in the shape of a fishing reel that could be made, and very much finer than any other I have ever been able to find. It never fails to respond to the most delicate touch, and is made sufficiently strong in every part that it has never been out of repair, though I have used it a great deal, and on work much heavier than it was designed to do.

It will afford me much pleasure if you will refer any contemplating purchaser to me.

Respectfully,

J. A. PERKINS.

OFFICE OF
CHAS. A. MILLER,
AGENT FOR
CLYDES.

DeLand, Fla., Oct. 24, 1900.

B. F. Meeks & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Gentlemen—I have been using the best of reels in the past that money could buy, and thought I was having great sport with them. But when I got your No. 8 Salt Water reel and made use of it in the surf at Coronado Beach, Atlantic Ocean, I found I could cast further and wind in better than with any other reel I had used before. In fact, I never knew what real good fishing was until I came in possession of my No. 8 Meek. It is just perfect. It is easy to clean and oil, and is as sand proof as a reel could be made, with the edges so smooth that in casting there is nothing to catch the line. No back lash like other reels. In fact, the reel is as quick as one could wish for. I wish you success, and can recommend your reel to all.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. A. MILLER.

DAYTON MALLEABLE IRON CO.

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1899.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Gentlemen—Reply to your favor of the 17th has been unavoidably delayed, but I now take pleasure in testifying to the merits of your fishing reels. I have, from time to time, used various makes, but never obtained satisfactory results until I became possessed of a "Meek." Although the first cost may appear excessive, yet in the long run your reels are economical, to say nothing of the satisfaction of having a perfect article.

Very truly yours,

W. B. EARNSHAW.

J. W. BUTLER PAPER COMPANY,

212, 214, 216, 218 MONROE STREET.

Chicago, Dec. 16, 1898.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Gentlemen—The use of the fishing reel which you made for me a few years ago has afforded me much pleasure. It is a beauty, and works to a charm, and is much admired by all fishermen who have seen it.

Yours truly,

J. W. BUTLER.

Messrs. B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

New York, Nov. 3, 1900.

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of your favor asking how the No. 1 reel you made for me has served me. I have tested it thoroughly, using it almost daily during the past three months, and I take pleasure in assuring you that it has exceeded my expectations. It has been used entirely in bait casting, and, although this is probably a greater strain on a reel than any other style of fishing, yet the action of my reel is as smooth and perfect as when I received it. I believe my reel is the smallest size you make, yet I have had no difficulty in landing with it black bass up to four pounds in weight, and much heavier fish of other kinds. I have used reels of many different makes and prices, including those by two other Kentucky manufacturers, but have found none equal to yours in beauty of finish and excellence of action.

Very truly yours,

WALTER W. EDSALL.

LAW OFFICES

BENNETT H. YOUNG.

Louisville, Dec. 17, 1898.

B. F. Meek & Sons, City:

Gentlemen—I have used, for the past thirteen years, one of your No. 8 reels for tarpon fishing. It is still in perfect order, and gives me entire satisfaction. The long use to which I have subjected this reel in the Gulf of Mexico, where it has been subjected to the action of salt water, is the highest evidence of the splendid character of the material and method of its construction.

Yours truly,

BENNETT H. YOUNG.

B. F. Meek & Sons, Louisville, Ky.:

Cynthiana, Ky., Dec. 16, 1898.

Gentlemen—The Meek reel has no superior. I am the owner of one, and it has given perfect satisfaction. I have seen several J. F. & B. F. Meek reels in this county that must have been forty or fifty years old, and they run as perfectly as new ones.

Very truly,

T. H. HOOD, M. D.