



A delicate rim of ice had formed around the pond, but it didn't hamper Dave Hanselman and me as we cast into the open water. Dave was flyfishing a weighted muddler along the bottom, and I was spinning. Traces of snow were on the ground, and the chill air seemed typical of the first day of trout season.

But this was Thanksgiving week — trout season has been CLOSED for nearly two months. While deer hunters were booming around Sullivan County's Catskill Mountains, Dave and I enjoyed some of the sure-fire trout fishing offered by the Eldred Preserve.

Dave scored first with a rainbow, after missing two or three strikes. I wasn't having any action at all — apparently I couldn't get my small spinner to work properly at ultra-slow speeds. The cold water had the trout sowed down and they were not feeding actively.

"A worm will probably warm 'em up," advised Bill Ruppel, the friendly manager of Eldred Preserve.

I considered changing to fly-fishing, but the sun had slipped beyond the trees and we had little time left. "You've sold me," I called to Bill, as I tied on a hook.

Within five minutes I had a large brook trout bull dogging at the end of my line, as he floated to the surface. Bill netted him just to keep me guessing, the next

fish was a brown trout and the third a brilliant rainbow. With that kind of fishing action, a guy hates to see it get dark.

Warming up over a cup of coffee in the snack bar, Bill told me he had been running Eldred Preserve since it was purchased by Adirondack Fisheries, Inc., a little over two years ago. The 65-acre tract is located on Route 55 just north of Eldred N. Y. It offers trout fishing in three ponds, where there are no seasons, creel limits and no fishing license required. It costs 50 cents to fish the ponds, and you pay \$2 a pound for the trout you catch.

Eldred offers something new in preserve fishing, in that a mountain brook has been enhanced with dams and pools and stocked with lunker trout. Fishermen must comply with State regulations on this water.

"This is a family place," Bill said, "where you can bring a picnic, teach the kids how to fish, or just enjoy nature." Eldred is a Cortland Pro Shop, which means that beginning fishermen are assured balanced outfits, and given free casting lessons.

Eldred is unusual, in that all the fish there have been raised at the adjoining hatchery. The new hatch house and races produce about 75,000 pounds of trout a year, according to Ruppel. Trout are sold to other preserves, fishing pools at sports shows, restaur-

rants, and individuals who want to stock their own waters. Nearly any size the customer wants is available.

Dave stomped in from the pond he was fishing, with three more beauties. As he restored circulation in hands and feet, he allowed as how this would about wrap it up for the year.

"No," said Bill, "you're wrong. Come back later on and do some ice fishing. The trout season is open the year around here!"

Women Rank Fabrics In 5-State Survey

The durability of draperies, slippers, and upholstery fabrics — how well they wear, hold colors, and keep from shrinking — was considered most essential for consumer satisfaction and participants in a five-state textile survey.

Textiles and clothing specialist in the N.Y. State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University are participating in the research, which will continue until June 1971.

According to Miss Evelyn E.

Stout, professor of design and environmental analysis at the college, consumer satisfaction was ranked according to durability, ease of care, and appearance.

After durability, the 329 women interviewed in the survey considered ease of care — soiling tendency and how easy fabrics were to clean and iron — most important.

Ranked as less important was appearance — style and shape, color and print, and texture.

Many of the same fabrics rated by the women in their homes were subjected to extended tests in the laboratory.

Samples of 22 fabrics were exposed for a year at southern windows at experiment stations in the five participating states to determine the effects of sunlight on color and strength.

Glass and acetate fabrics were least subject to color change while cotton, linen, and rayon-cotton fabrics were most susceptible.

With the exception of glass fabrics, exposure to light caused considerable loss in strength, particularly in fabrics made of nylon and linen.

Rubbing quickly destroyed glass and acetate fabrics and least affected the rayons and rayon-cotton blends, Prof. Stout reports.

It was found that all fabrics tested shrank after laundering, from barely measurable amounts in glass fabrics to excessive amounts in some cottons and rayons.

Researchers found that satisfaction with drapery, slipcover, and upholstery fabrics was not related to income levels, age, or education of the consumers — most participants held similar views on satisfaction no matter where they stood on the socioeconomic scale.

Researchers concluded that many consumers want — and need — permanently attached labels that list not only fiber content, but also the type and degree of colorfastness they may expect, and recommended care.

In addition to Cornell, the University of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania State, and Rhode Island are participating in the study. State and federal funds are financing the research.

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