

# HELP YOURSELF

## Fishing Float Flashes Light When You Have a Bite



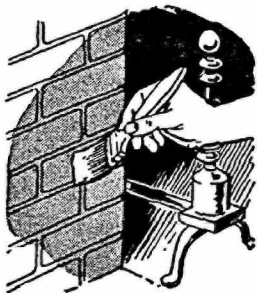
You can fish in the cool of the evening and let the fish tell you, by flashing a light, when it is ready to be caught. A float now available for fishermen has a small electric flashlight which lights up when the fish bites. It uses standard bulb and battery, and can be used as an ordinary flashlight when not attached to your hook and line. The makers claim one battery will produce about 500 flashes.

## Wrench Provides Comfortable Grip for Pail with Wire Bail

When carrying heavy material in a pail that does not have a wooden handgrip, the wire bail can be prevented from "cutting" your fingers if a handle is improvised by placing an alligator-type wrench or a common end wrench under the bail as shown. The wide, flat handle of the wrench provides a comfortable handgrip.



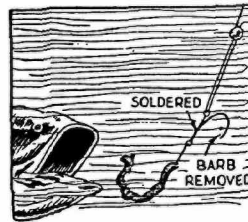
## Keeping Brick Fireplaces Clean



Many of the new homes being built on various Stations have nice brick fireplaces and of course will look nicer if kept clean.

A brick fireplace is easier to keep clean if its front is coated with liquid wax. The wax gives the bricks a slight gloss and a comparatively smooth finish, filling the porous surface in which dust usually accumulates. In this way, soot and dust are less likely to collect and any that does can be wiped off quickly. A small brush makes a handy applicator.

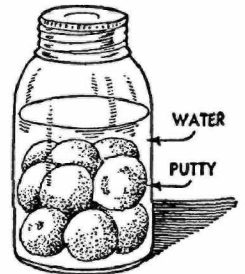
## Fish can't Swallow this Hook



If you have experienced the annoyance of having a fish swallow a hook so that it was almost impossible to remove it, try using a hook made like the one shown. This consists of a regular hook with a smaller one soldered onto it in a reversed position. This will serve as a stop regardless of how the bait is taken.

## Putty kept from Hardening

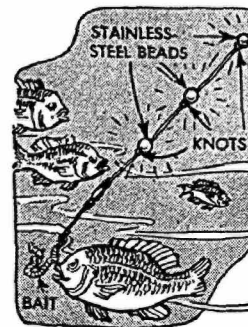
Putty may be kept in workable condition over a period of time by storing it in a water-filled jar. Use a fruit jar with a screw-type lid, and roll the putty into balls small enough to slip through the opening of the jar. The putty should be rolled in the hand until an oily film forms over the entire surface. Fill the jar half full of water, place the balls of putty in it, and add water until it covers the putty at least 1 inch. Then screw the cap on the jar tightly. Shake excess water from the balls of putty before using, or pat dry with a cloth.



## Preserving Natural Fish Bait

When natural fish bait, such as prawns, grasshoppers and other insects, is plentiful, it can be dried and preserved for future use. To do this, just bait a number of hooks, immerse them in collodion and then lift them out and dry. This coating is tough and waterproof and excludes air.

## Steel Beads act as Fish Lure



Fish lure of bright, stainless-steel beads attracts perch, bass, bluegills and similar fish for one fisherman when other ways fail. Beads are about the size of BB shot and are held in place on the line by tying knots under each one. The first bead is fastened about 6 inches above the bait and several others are attached at 4-inch intervals.