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pelagic, demersal, and offshore fish; and catch by months. Also included are tables on fresh-water fisheries; catch by species and tonnage. Principal species of fresh-water fish caught are trout, carp, catfish, and zander.



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NEW TYPE PLASTIC FLOAT EASILY REPAIRED

A new type of float of Norwegian manufacture can be easily repaired in case of damage in the same manner as a car inner tube. The float is made of heavy-gauge polymer plastic. The boss through which the rope is passed is molded integrally with the float. The float can be easily collapsed by gentle pressure for storage purposes and is available in sizes of 13 inches high, 10 inches across; and 24 inches high, 19 inches across. The smaller of the two has a buoyancy equivalent to 5 smaller metal floats and does not damage the webbing should it be caught between two floats which knock together (World Fishing, June 1957).

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