

# 1913 Expanding 3-Way Spring Hook

by William Blausen

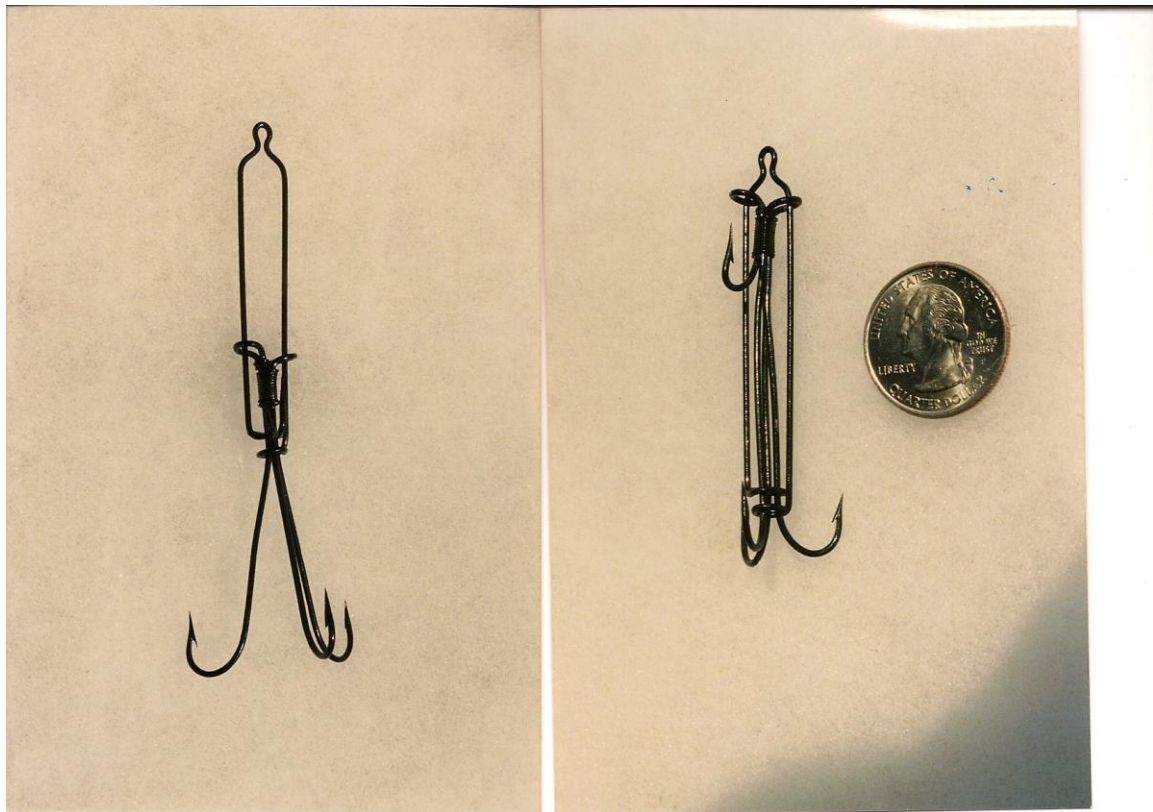
This is a very ingenious spring-loaded fishing hook which is designed so that when taken by a fish, the three lower hooks expand in unison inside of the fish's mouth.

This example retains 110% of its original black japanning, and appears to have never even been close to the water.

The country of origin of this hook is unknown. An advertisement which features drawings of this spring hook appeared in the 1913 Swedish edition of Lundgren's magazine (pictured below), but since that edition also featured advertisements for several purely American made spring hooks, such as the Sockdolger, Payton Guillotine and Spring, Snap and Catch 'Em, and no other information on this hook has of yet been found, no country of origin can be assumed or assigned.

This is obviously a factory piece, and it is possible that it could have been produced in other sizes. This is a very rare spring-hook and is the only example that this collector is aware of....(from the collection of William Blausen).

Shown below side-by-side in the sprung and set position.



Close-up shown below in the set position. Measures 2.75 inches as shown.



Close-up shown below in the sprung position. Measures 5.5 inches as shown.



An other view below in the sprung position.



An ad for this spring-hook in a 1913 edition of Lundgren's Magazine  
which advertised outdoor and sporting equipment.



Priin Landgravi'ske Bygde 1813

pr dusk Nr. 1,20

Spring-Krok

åppen Pansatrod

sluten

Spring-Krok

Stim-Krok

No 1

No 1 med guttafsh pr st. 0,25  
• 1 • gimstaft • 0,25

No 2

No 2 med guttafsh pr st. 0,40  
• 2 • gimstaft • 0,40

No 3

No 3 med guttafsh pr st. 0,60  
• 3 • gimstaft • 0,60

Mek. Fiskrok.

No 1385 pr st. 1,80

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No 1386 pr st. 1,80

Spring-Krok

No 1,0 1,10 pr st.  
• 3,0 1,15 •  
• 5,0 1,25 •

Giltred

5/0

No 2 pr 100 5,80  
pr st. 6 öre

No 3 4,00  
5 öre

No 4 3,00  
4 öre

No 5 2,00  
3 öre

Engelsk Lax o. Torsk-krok

Extra 1 mm Rörres

fästlagen, rak

Höjffild

spontig 1 mm pr dusk. Nr. 1,20 24a pr dusk. 0,20

