

Little Stuff

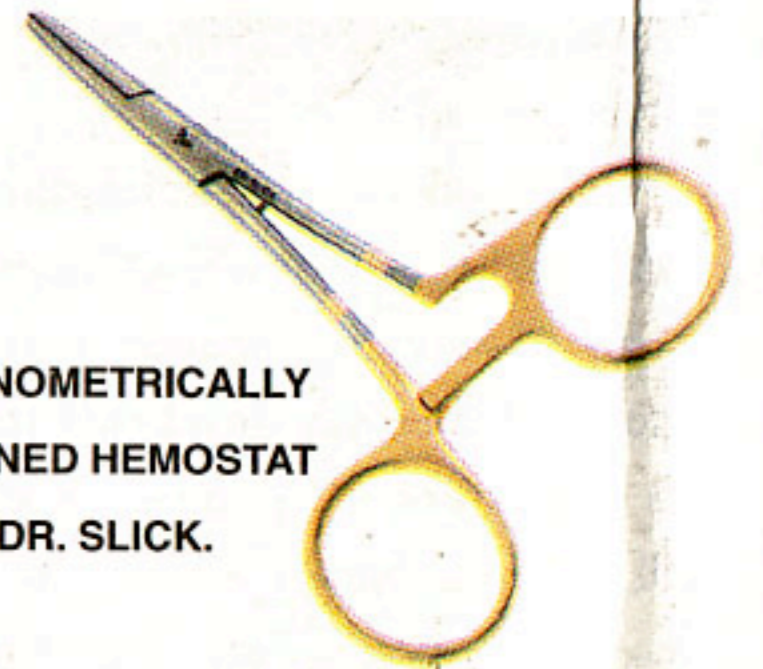
One of the neatest things I saw at last autumn's Fly-Fishing Retailer World Trade Expo was a tiny quarter-ounce tube of Aqua Seal's new UV Cure Adhesive (\$4.99). Apply it to the leak in your waders, spread it around so it overlaps the hole or tear by a quarter of an inch or so, let the sun do its work for a few seconds, and you're back in business. I had a tube in the back pocket of my vest, and when I ended up using it to fix a leak in my old breathables late last year, it worked as described. How it wears remains to be seen,

but a guy at Aqua Seal's parent-company booth told me that if I was worried about durability, to apply some regular Aqua Seal over the area and give it an overnight cure.

Fish Pond came up with a solution for dealing with old leaders and tippet materials. Their Piopod ("P-I-O" as in Pack It Out) trash container is a three-inch-tall plastic garbage can that clips to or can be hung from your vest or wading belt. It has a slotted, soft rubber top, through which you can stuff what you found littering the streambed or have just cut off your leader. At around two inches in diameter by three

inches tall, it's a bit bigger than Grasshopper's MonoMaster trash holder mentioned in "Gearhead" in the July/August 2008 issue of *California Fly Fisher*. That makes it a bit less handy to carry, but the Piopod is large enough to handle things like cigarette butts or plastic leader containers. It comes in four colors and costs \$12.95.

At the Expo, Dr. Slick rolled out a new nipper-nail knot combination tool (\$12), a handful of nippers that have a hook file epoxied onto one side (\$12), and a couple of neat new hemostats (\$16 to \$18). One of the hemostats has a more er-



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gonometrically friendly set to the thumb hole that also lets you apply more pressure, while the other serves double duty as a split-shot clincher/remover. To remove shot that's attached to a leader or tippet, put the split shot into one of the indentations and push the anvil jaw until the split shot spreads open and drops off. Use the tip of the tool to crimp shot. Dentists everywhere are sticking pins in Dr. Slick dolls to get even for all the money this will cost them when anglers stop using their teeth to compress split shot.



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