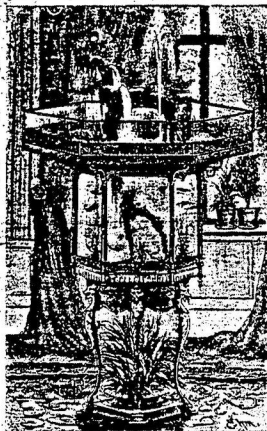
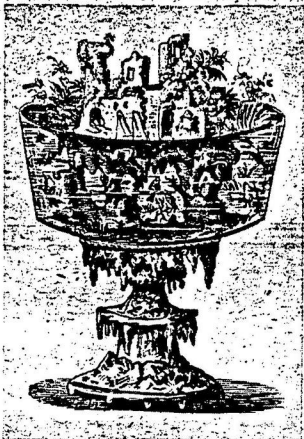
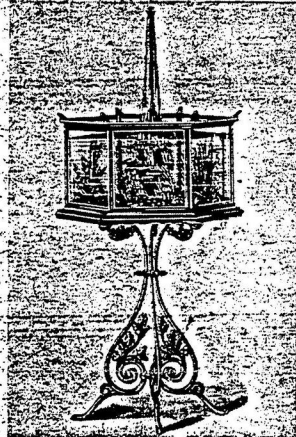
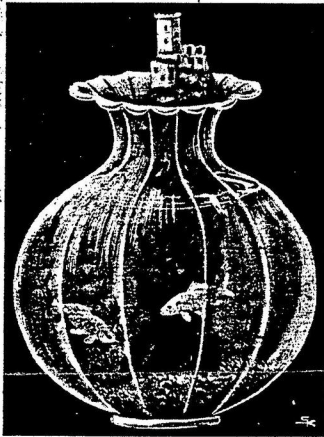


# Collectors of Aquarium Literature

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# THE AQUARIST'S LIBRARY

## The Real Secret To Successful Fish Keeping

By Paul D. Harvey

○ ■ The typical aquarist receives his first advice from his local tropical fish store owner or operator. I remember the many questions patiently answered for me by store owners, Fran and Lloyd Wilson. If they were unable to answer my question, they both advised and loaned me various books and magazines which answered my questions. I really envied the Wilson's library of tropical fish literature. Due to the shortage of funds caused by purchasing twenty tank set-ups, I purchased only one book. However, this situation did not continue for long. My collection now contains over six hundred books and four thousand magazines. Most aquarists might find this collection a bit extreme, but every aquarist should invest in a tropical fish library, regardless of its size. At this point, I want to discuss why the aquarist's library is the real secret of successful fish keeping.

The most comprehensive study of the tropical fish hobby ever carried out was conducted by the Rolf C. Hagen Corporation. According to the Hagen survey, "eighteen percent of all the United States households have previously owned an aquarium and have dropped out" of the hobby<sup>1</sup>. The survey states "these figures indicate that almost two thirds of the former hobbyists would not have dropped out if hobby education, maintenance knowledge, and quality equipment had been available to them."<sup>2</sup> This means that eight million people would still be in the hobby today if they had received an aquarium education. Do you remember how you obtained a formal education? I do. I learned by attending lectures and reading reference books on the subject.

The tropical fish hobby is different than other hobbies. I would like to point out some of these differences

by comparing it to stamp collecting. Stamp collecting, or philately, is the collecting of stamps and imprinted matter.<sup>3</sup> The collector usually buys a stamp album containing pictures of the stamps to be collected. He then decides on the basis of money and interest which ones to purchase for his album. Catalogs are published annually describing the condition and price of the stamps. Books, magazines, and societies are available to aid the stamp collector. In short, the hobby of philately is highly organized with information readily available, easily understood, and actively promoted by the stamp dealers. In the aquarium hobby, keeping and breeding tropical fish is considerably more complex an undertaking to master than collecting stamps because one is dealing with living organisms. The typical aquarist learns about water changes, feeding, and equipment breakdowns by trial and error. This learning by doing, according to the Hagen survey, results in aquarists losing a staggering fifty-one percent of both freshwater and marine fish in one year or less. There is no shortage of books, magazines, or societies available to the aquarist when compared to stamp collecting. The difference is that these sources of education and information are not actively promoted by tropical fish dealers, but they are very actively promoted by philatelic dealers. The aquarium hobby is as well-organized as philately, but the aquarist is not made aware of this organization by the tropical fish dealer who is best placed to fulfill this function as in stamp collecting.

I would now like to point out the advantages of an aquarium library versus lectures or casual conversations with tropical fish store employees as a means of learning about the aquarium hobby. Often an

aquarist visits a fish store and views a tank labelled "assorted tetras," "assorted African cichlids," or "mixed dwarf cichlids." When he asks an employee to identify the fish, he frequently receives the response that the employee is into other types of fish, birds, or small furry animals. The potential buyer finds himself in a position where he not only lacks the name of the fish but also the necessary information on how to keep the fish alive and healthy and even whether it will live harmoniously in his tank. At this point, the store employee suggests putting the fish in his tank and standing back to see what happens. This approach can be hard on both the aquarist's pocketbook and on the fish themselves. The aquarist who consults his library beforehand will not find himself in this situation.

Alternately, the aquarist may meet the opposite type of employee. This type answers every question he is asked about a particular disease or maintenance by suggesting the aquarist purchase a pre-packaged solution. Remember, the employee is in the store to sell aquarium supplies and equipment. He is, therefore, likely to be subjective with his solution to a customer's problem. A book or magazine, however, is not trying to make an immediate sale. The aquarist is, there, more apt to receive an objective response from his library. Once a genuine solution to his problem has been found in his library, he can ask the tropical fish store employee to suggest the best product that meets his needs. A final advantage to a reference library is that it is always available when information is badly needed. The tropical fish store may be closed or the aquarist's informant may be unavailable. A collection of reference books is always there to aid his owner.



TABLE I

Title	Aquarium Equipment	Aquarium Maintenance	Aquarium Set-up	Fresh-water Species Described	Marine Species Described	Diseases	Foods	Plants	Photographs	Comments
Living Fishes of the World (34); Herald 1962; 304 pages; \$8	-0-	7	-0-	7	7	-0-	5	-0-	8	An adventure in reading worth owning — Beginner.
Love of Tropical Fish (43) Sagar & Swain; 1976; 96 pages; \$7	2	5	5	5	5	4	6	4	7	Nice photographs and text — Beginner.
New York Aquarium Book of the Water World (31) Bridges; 287 pages; \$3	-0-	5	-0-	7	7	-0-	5	-0-	7	Covers aquatic mammals and reptiles — Beginner.
Metaframe Tropical Aquarium Fishes (44) Cust & Cox; 144 pages; \$4	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	2	6	Excellent photos and set-up of a marine tank — Beginner.
Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau (44) 20 Volumes 2,800 pages; \$40	-0-	8	-0-	-0-	9	4	7	7	9	Ask Santa for it. A fascinating work — Beginner.
Pictorial Encyclopedia of Fishes (44) Frank; 1971; 552 pages; \$7	2	9	2	9	9	-0-	4	-0-	9	Entries alphabetized. Photos are worth seeing — Beginner.
Secrets of the Seas (42) 1972; 384 pages; \$7	-0-	5	5	-0-	8	5	5	5	9	Excellent photos of marine life — Beginner.
Tropical Fish Freshwater and Marine Aquaria (57) Dutta; 1976; 176 pages \$8	8	8	8	5	3	7	4	6	8	Worth owning. Complete — Beginner.
Advanced Aquarist Guide (52) Ghadially; 1969; 282 pages; \$7	6	6	6	6	-0-	8	8	5	7	Covers genetics and fish anatomy. Complements Aquarium Guide — Beginner.
All About Tropical Fish (55) McInerney & Girard; 1963; 480 pages; \$8	6	6	7	7	2	7	7	6	7	Covers fish anatomy; breeding and snails — Beginner.
Aquarium Guide (49) Kelly; 1969; 282 pages; \$6	6	6	7	6	-0-	7	7	5	5	Designed for the beginner; covers how to buy fish; genetics; breeding — Beginner.
Aquarium Care (60) Sterba; 1967; 515 pages; \$15	9	9	9	-0-	-0-	9	9	9	6	Covers everything. Complements his other books — Beginner.
Aquarium Life (50) Vesco, et al; 1975; 248 pages; \$15	6	6	6	6	7	1	3	6	9	Great photographs. Covers reptiles, amphibia, marine and fresh-water invertebrates — Beginner.
Aquarium Encyclopedia of Tropical Freshwater Fish (51) Van Ramshorst; 1981; 392 pages; \$30	6	5	7	9	-0-	8	4	3	9	Beautiful pictures; concise; interesting — Beginner.
Illustrated Encyclopedia of Aquarium Fish (31) Frank; 1980; 352 pages; \$10	2	5	2	7	5	-0-	1	1	8	Excellent biology & reproduction sections — Beginner.
Living Aquarium (65) Hunnam; 1981; 240 pages; \$10	9	9	9	5	4	7	7	7	8	Comprehensive; detailed — Beginner.
A Guide to Aquarium Fishes and Plants (40) Schlotz & Dahlstrom; 1972; 233 pages; \$4	5	5	5	6	6	-0-	3	5	5	Excellent material for \$4 — Beginner.
Handbook of Tropical Aquarium Fishes (58) Axelrod & Schultz; 1955 718 pages; \$15	6	6	7	9	2	8	7	6	7	Comprehensive. Excellent biology section — Beginner.
Complete Home Aquarium Handbook (50) Stephens & Dunton; 1976; 212 pages; \$9	6	6	6	5	5	7	6	4	5	Covers collecting fishes and garden pools — Beginner.
Aquarium Handbook (29) Sterba; 1973; 439 pages; \$15	1	9	3	9	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	7	Complements Aquarium care. Covers breeding and biology — Beginner.
Encyclopedia of Tropical Fish (52) Axelrod & Vorderwinkler; 631 pages; \$13	4	8	7	7	-0-	4	8	7	7	Great text and photos on breeding — Advanced.
Exotic Aquarium Fish (48) Innes; 465 pages; \$6	5	7	5	8	2	5	5	5	6	Editions before the 18 are worth having — Beginner.
Exotic Marine Fishes (47) Axelrod, et al; looseleafs & supplements; \$35	5	5	5	-0-	9	6	5	6	6	Covers marine fish well, but other sections need updating — Beginner.



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The World You Never See Underwater Life (38) Parks; 1976; 128 pages; \$8	-0-	5	-0-	5	5	5	5	5	8	An unusual aquarium book worth owning — Beginner.
World Encyclopedia of Tropical Fish (62) Sagar; 1978; 192 pages; \$10	8	8	8	6	6	8	6	4	8	A great buy and a great book — Beginner.
Naturalist guide to Freshwater Aquarium Fish (57) Hoedemann; 1152 pages; \$30	7	8	7	9	-0-	5	7	5	9	A great comprehensive reference book — Beginner.
Simon & Schuster's Guide to Freshwater and Marine Aquarium Fishes (60) 1977; 200 pages; \$8	7	7	7	7	7	4	6	7	8	Covers amphibians, reptiles & invertebrates — Beginner.
Exotic Tropical Fishes (58) Axelrod, et al; looseleafs & supplements; \$50	7	8	5	9	-0-	7	8	8	6	A great book, but has some errors and poor photographs — Beginner.
Encyclopedia of Aquarium Fishes (58); Coffee; 1977; 224 pages; \$13	7	7	7	7	7	7	4	4	8	Clear, concise, complete — Beginner.
Home Aquarium (44) Makino; 1970; 104 pages; \$6	5	5	6	5	5	4	4	3	7	Comprehensive but lacks detail — Beginner
How to keep and Breed Tropical Fish (58) Emmens; 1974; 250 pages; \$7	8	8	8	7	2	8	8	3	6	Emphasizes breeding and raising fry — Beginner.
Illustrated Dictionary of Tropical Fishes (59) Frey; 1961; 768 pages; \$13	7	7	7	9	-0-	7	7	8	7	Entries alphabetized Very complete — Advanced.
Illustrated Encyclopedia of Freshwater Fishes (47) Hervey & Hems; 1973; 176 pages; \$6	7	7	7	7	-0-	4	4	4	7	Very readable. Nice photographs — Beginner.
Living Waters (46) Standing & Credland; 1975; 144 pages; \$10	-0-	7	-0-	7	7	5	5	7	8	About aquatic life. Unusual aquarium book — Beginner.
Complete Aquarist's Guide to Freshwater Tropical Fishes (50) Gilbert; 1976; 249 pages; \$18	5	6	6	6	-0-	7	6	6	8	Great photographs and breeding information — Beginner.
Concise Encyclopedia of Tropical Fish (34) Julian; 1974; 190 pages \$7	3	3	3	5	5	4	3	3	5	Entries in alphabetical order — Beginner.
Complete Home Aquarium (51) Mayland; 1976; 223 pages; \$15	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	5	8	Excellent German photos Covers snails and invertebrates — Beginner
Fishes of the World An Illustrated Dictionary (36) Wheeler; 1975; 366 pages; \$17	2	6	2	8	8	-0-	2	-0-	8	Excellent coverage and photos of fishes — Beginner.
Freshwater Fishes I (35) Axelrod; 1974; 320 pages; \$20	-0-	8	5	8	-0-	-0-	6	-0-	8	Excellent photographs and text on freshwater fish — Beginner.

In summary, the aquarist should invest in a tropical fish library to minimize the frustration and expense of trial and error learning. A modest investment in a library allows a neophyte hobbyist to educate himself more quickly in the basics of fishkeeping. This will result in longer lived fish, a more satisfying involvement in the hobby, and a longer commitment to it.

Now that I have explained why the aquarist should invest in a library, I would like to explain how to assemble one. There are three types of reference books available to the aquarist. The first type of reference

book tells the beginning aquarist how to set up a tank and maintain it, and how to maintain some of the usually available fish. Such general reference books will be used frequently by the aquarist as he progresses from a single to multiple tank set up. The second type of reference book is the catalog that covers a wide range of fish and plant species. These works provide detailed information on the maintenance and breeding requirements of many species. The catalogs are frequently expensive because of their extensive coverage and liberal use of color photography to illustrate their subjects. The third

type of reference book features highly specialized treatment of a single topic. They can be separated into three overall categories:

(a) Problem oriented books; e.g., "How to recognize and cure diseases," "How to spawn fish," "How to understand water chemistry";

(b) subject oriented books; e.g., fish behavior, fish genetics, fish classification, and;

(c) group oriented books; e.g., killifish, livebearers, African cichlids.

I urge the beginning aquarist to first purchase a general reference



**GENERAL INTEREST MAGAZINES  
TABLE II**

Name	Published	Product Review	Aquarium Maintenance	Freshwater Coverage	Marine Coverage	Aquatic Plants	Photography	Total Score
Aquarium Digest International	Quarterly U.S.A.	1	2.5	1.5	3	4	5	17
Aquarist & Pondkeeper	Monthly England	3.5	2.5	3	1.5	5	1.5	17
Freshwater & Marine Aquarium	Monthly U.S.A.	5	5	5	5	2	3.5	25.5
Practical Fishkeeping	Monthly England	3.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	3	1.5	13.5
Tropical Fish Hobbyist	Monthly U.S.A.	2	2.5	4	4	1	3.5	17

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY CLUBS  
TABLE III**

Club Name	Name of Publication	Publication Schedule	Color Photos Of Fishes	Fish Want Ads	Specialty
ACA	Trading Post, Bunteische Bulletin, Cichlid Index	Monthly	Yes, in Cichlid Index	Yes	Cichlids
ACALA	Catalyst	Bimonthly	No	Yes	Catfish & Loaches
AKA	Jaka, Newsletter, Killie Index	Monthly	Yes, in Killie Index	Yes	Killifish
ALA	Livebearers	Bimonthly	No	Yes	Livebearers
IBC	Flare	Bimonthly	No	Yes	Bettas
IPGA	Bulletin	Monthly	No	Yes	Guppies
IPA	Bulletin	Monthly	No	Yes	Killifish
GSA	Goldfish Report	Monthly	No	Yes	Goldfish
NANFA	Lateral Line	Monthly	No	Yes	Native Fishes of North America

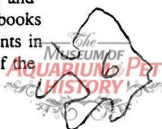
book. The book should contain both fresh-water and marine information. A marine section will not only introduce the aquarist to this fascinating world but also provide the neophyte with an understanding as to why salt-water fish keeping is more exacting and expensive than fresh-water fish keeping. I advise the aquarist to select one of the eleven books from Table I that has a total score of twenty or more points in the three categories of aquarium equipment, maintenance, and set up. Table I rates thirty-nine books in nine reference categories. The higher the number scored in a category, the more information supplied by the book in that category. I also listed the title, the author, year published, number of pages, and the price I paid. The total score for each book is in parenthesis after the title. Finally, the comment section describes the

book and whether it is best suited for the beginning or advanced aquarist. The next move is to visit tropical fish stores, bookstores, and the local library to examine as many of these as possible before making a purchase. The price of these reference books ranges from six to fifty dollars. I recommend that aquarists should shop used book stores first as they have the lowest prices. Shop aggressively to obtain the lowest prices. For example, many tropical fish stores in my area give discounts on items purchased by aquarists who are members of the local aquarium societies.

The second book purchased for the library should be a catalog reference book. This book should score twenty or more points in the three categories of fresh-water species described, marine species described, and quality of photographs. There are eleven

books listed in Table I that score twenty or more points in these three categories. The price I paid for each of these eleven books varied from three to seventeen dollars. However, I shop very aggressively so use these prices only as a guideline. Again, I urge the examination of as many as possible before the final decision of which one to buy is made. The astute reader will notice that three books meet both requirements for the first and second reference books in the aquarist's library. As my cost of these three books varied from eight to thirteen dollars, the aquarist will find that good reference books are not expensive.

The last three categories to be discussed are diseases, foods, and plants. There are only seven books that score twenty or more points in these three categories. Four of the



seven are also rated among the eleven books I suggested could be purchased as a general reference work. The price I paid for each of these seven books varied from seven to fifty dollars. Examine all of them before making the decision of which to purchase. Please note the total price paid for the four highest scoring reference books in all nine categories was only forty-three dollars. The Hagen survey states the average aquarist spends seven dollars a month on his hobby. The best move an aquarist could make is to set aside part of this monthly sum towards the purchase of the four highest scoring reference books. Only one book achieved a perfect score of twenty seven points in both the general reference categories and the last three categories. This book is *Aquarium Care* by Sterba. I urge you to start an aquarist's library with this wonderful reference book as your first purchase.

I consider aquarium magazines to be complementary to the reference books in a library. The latest information on fish, plants, and maintenance techniques is published in magazines long before it appears in books or tropical fish stores. This allows the reader to stay current about new fishes and aquarium techniques. Articles in magazines usually contain more graphs, illustrations, and photographs than reference books. These visual aids result in an easily understood article. To contrast the two, reference books feature greater breadth of coverage while magazines feature greater depth. Adding magazines to the reference books in a library periodically updates the aquarist's education. This results in a more satisfying involvement in the aquarium hobby.

Magazines can be classified as to being of general interest or of special interest to the aquarist. The general interest publications can be divided into two types. The first are commercial magazines. They cover a wide range of topics for a nation-wide audience. The articles

are usually carefully researched and provided with complete documentation. Such articles tend to concentrate on what is new in the aquarium hobby. They frequently feature color photographs that aid the aquarist in identifying aquarium residents be they fish, invertebrates, or plants. The second type of general interest magazine is published by local aquarium societies. These magazines lack the color photographs, sophisticated format, and complete national coverage of the commercial magazines. However, they typically feature articles on the fish, plants, and techniques that relate to local conditions. Thus, the information is often more immediately useful to the reader. Joining an aquarium society is the usual means of acquiring such publications. However, the magazine is only one of the many benefits a newcomer to the hobby receives when he joins a local aquarium society. Membership in the local society allows the aquarist to meet many knowledgeable people who can often provide the aquarist with additional information about subjects of mutual interest. Other benefits may include the opportunity to attend lectures, access to the club's library, and participation in club shows or auctions.

The second major group of publications concentrate on specific aspects of the hobby. These are published by national specialty clubs and received by members only. Their coverage is thus restricted to a single group of fishes. Articles in the magazines are of interest to only those aquarists who have progressed to the point of specializing in that group of fishes. Such magazines are particularly useful because they often provide information on obtaining these fishes as well as on their identification, maintenance, and breeding. As there are now specialty clubs devoted to cichlids, killifish, livebearers, Bettas, goldfish, catfishes and loaches, and tetras, barbs, and rasboras, there are very few aquarists whose special interests

are not covered at this level. Back issues of national specialty club publications are very valuable to the beginning aquarist because the issues quickly introduce a single group of fishes, immerse the aquarist in maintaining and breeding the fishes, and illuminate methods of obtaining the fishes.

There are five general interest magazines the aquarist should consider collecting. Examine two issues of each before deciding which ones to collect. The best way to collect these five magazines is by subscription rather than purchasing individual issues. A subscription is not only more economical but also makes it easier to obtain them now rather than search for them later. Table II provides the aquarist with the ratings of the five magazines in each of six important categories. Five, four, three, two, and one point are given for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth places respectively. The last column shows the total points earned in the six categories. I would now like to make a few comments about these five general interest magazines.

**Aquarium Digest International** features articles written by aquarists around the world. This magazine scored first for the quality and quantity of its photographs. It also provides excellent information about aquatic plants. Unfortunately, it promotes the products of its publisher, Tetra, throughout the magazine which results in diminishing the objectivity of the information it provides.

**Both Aquarist and Pondkeeper and Practical Fishkeeping** emphasize coverage of coldwater fishkeeping, e.g., goldfish and koi, in outdoor ponds, and answering reader inquiries. Most of their articles are relevant to the aquarium hobby in the United States but some of the information on product reviews may be irrelevant.

**Tropical Fish Hobbyist** tied for second place with two other magazines. However, it has improved the most by adding two



sections on current events, one on product reviews, and more color photography during the last two years.

**Freshwater and Marine Aquarium** scored the highest of all the magazines with its emphasis on regular specialty columns by knowledgeable aquarists that cover most aspects of the aquarium hobby. This magazine regularly reviews aquarium products in a manner that aids the aquarist in his decision to purchase them.

Table III is designed to provide information on the national specialty clubs and their publications. Although a subscription to these clubs is a must, the aquarist should realize the information is valuable only if you specialize in that particular group of fishes. Back issues of these publications are frequently available to the collector.

Once the decision has been made to collect a certain magazine, the aquarist should take several steps to organize his efforts toward completing his collection of the magazine. Immediately write the publisher to see if back issues of the magazine are available for purchase. At the same time, inquire if it is possible to advertise the need for back issues in a future issue. An alternative, and often superior, method of obtaining back issues of an aquarium magazine is from local aquarium society members at auctions held by the society. Every member will have saved issues containing articles important to him at any one time. One can frequently obtain these issues from members after they have lost interest in that subject. As pointed out earlier, many aquarists leave the hobby after many years of involvement. It is frequently possible to obtain all their magazines and books at a reasonable price. It is worth purchasing bulk lots of material even if it means acquiring material already in the collection.

Duplicate items can be traded to other collectors in exchange for missing items. This is often the most effective and inexpensive way to complete a collection. Other collectors will frequently trade magazines and books, even in cases where they will not sell an item for cash. Also, membership in a national society is often the best way to locate such trading partners.

Work is just beginning once one has obtained a set of magazines. The next step is to examine each issue to see if it is complete. An incomplete issue has a reduced value because some portion of the information it contains is missing. Then, record the volume, number, and date of each issue on a separate master list for each magazine collected. This makes it easier to avoid collecting duplicates, and also identifies which issues must still be found to complete the set. The last step is to list on index cards by subject which issue has that all important article on a favorite fish. If one subscribes to a

magazine, it is also a good idea to similarly list the articles before filing the magazine. This does not take a lot of time, but it really pays off very quickly. After all, the purpose of a tropical fish library is to have the information readily available to read. A library is the best investment an aquarist can make to minimize the loss of fish, the dollars invested in the hobby, and the expense of trial and error learning. And the aquarist's library will result in a more satisfying hobby.

#### Footnotes

1. Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corporation 1978. Speech to Pet Industry Distributors Association.
2. Ibid.
3. Dewey, D. 1980. "The Philatelic Aquarist," FAMA 3(11): 30-31 et seq.



A lucky night for Goldy



## THE AMATEUR AQUARIST BY MARK SAMUELS 1894

I recently read the comments about the different editions of this book by Ross Socolof in Cal #16. His comments led me to examine the two copies of The Amateur Aquarist in my collection.

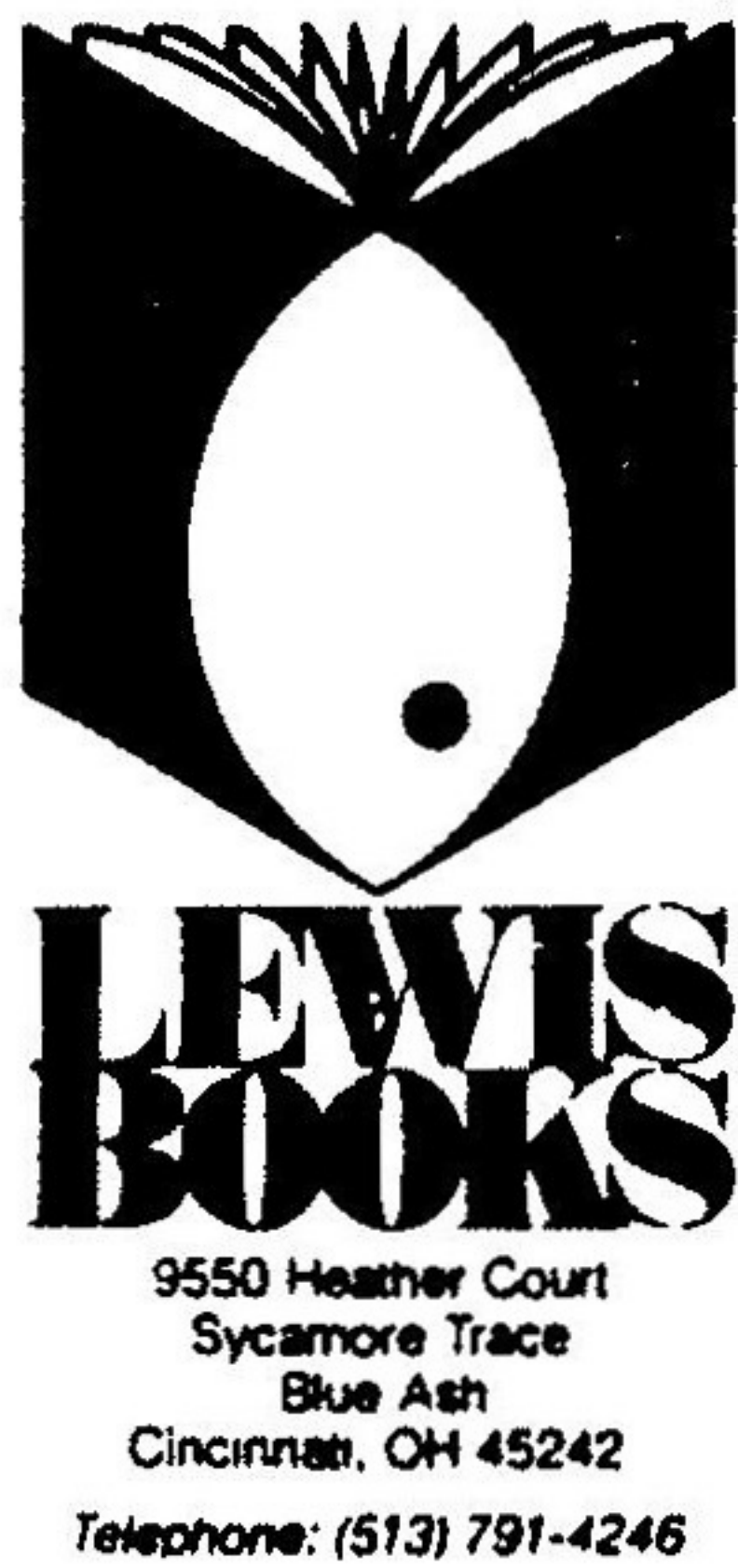
The first is a green to gray covered binding with the words at the bottom of the spine in block letters - "The Baker And Taylor Company." The publisher's address is given as 33-37 East Seventeenth Street. This copy lacks the square with an advertising legend and price on the blank page to the left of the frontpiece just as Ross stated. However, my copy has four pages of advertising, not three as Ross mentions, none of which mentions George H. Schrader. The first page of advertising mentions WM. STOFFREGN while the second page has an advertisement for Amateur Photography. The third page contains another photography book ad for Sunlight and Shadow. The fourth and final page contains an ad for the photography book In Nature's Image. All three books were written by the same author W.I. Lincoln Adams.

The second copy is a brownish olive book that has the words in script at the bottom of the spine "The Baker & Taylor Co." The publisher's name is slightly different than the first copy. Is it like yours Ross? This copy has the square with an advertising legend and price of \$1.00 to the left of the frontpiece just as Ross stated. However, the publisher's address is different. It is listed as 5 and 7 East 16th Street. Finally, it contains four pages of advertising. The first page begins with "Publications of The Baker & Taylor Co." The second page begins "Two Out-Of-Doors Books," one of which is The Amateur Aquarist. The third page begins "Two Books On Art" while the fourth page advertises "Geo. H. Schrader successor to the Aquarist's Company."

In summary, my second copy seems to match the third edition, as described by Ross, except it has a brownish olive binding. However, my first copy has four pages of advertising, lacks the Schrader ad, and has a green to gray binding. It does not seem to fit any of the three editions as described by Ross. I ask anyone reading this article to submit descriptions of The Amateur Aquarist that will help clarify the printings of this book.

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THE TETRA PRESS PUBLICATIONS FEATURED ARE PRICED AS FOLLOWS:-

FISH & PETKEEPERS GUIDES:

Title	Item No.	Price
The Tropical Aquarium	16061	\$7.99
Community Fishes	16062	\$7.99
Marine Fishes	16064	\$7.99
The Healthy Aquarium	16065	\$7.99
Aquarium Plants	16069	\$7.99
Central American Cichlids	16079	\$7.99
Fish Breeding	16066	\$7.99
African & Asian Catfishes	16067	\$7.99
Reptiles & Amphibians	16055	\$7.99

COLLECTORS EDITIONS

Freshwater Tropical Aquarium Fish	16060	\$19.99
Pet Birds for Home & Garden	16085	\$24.99
Aquarium Atlas (Available MAY 1987)	16050	\$24.99 (SPECIAL PRICE normally \$29.95).

TETRAS AQUATIC LIBRARY

Tropical Aquarium Fish	16010	\$4.00 (**** SPECIAL normally \$7.99)
Coldwater Fish	16020	\$6.99
Marine Aquarists Manual	16030	\$8.99
Fish & Their Behavior	16075	\$12.99
The Cichlid Aquarium	16077	\$17.50

DIGESTS

Digest for the Successful Aquarium	16080	\$1.69
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AQUARIUM DIGEST INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Discus and Angelfish	16840	\$2.50
Rift Valley Cichlids	16841	\$2.50
Guide to Marine Fish	16842	\$2.50
Koi and Fancy Goldfish	16843	\$2.50
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INDEX to issues 1 through 30		\$2.50

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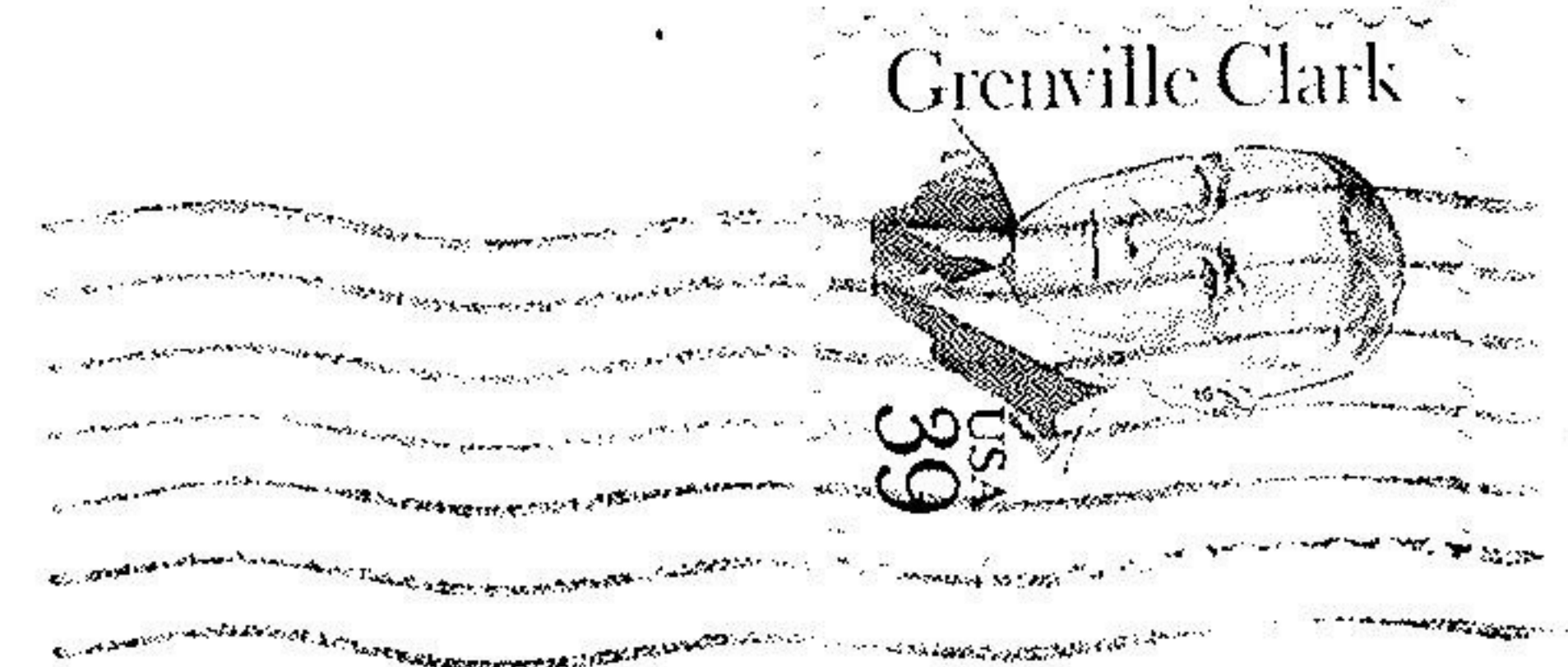
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