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phriend, the metal thing at the end of the fly line was a type of line-leader connector- a small barbed shaft with a ring eyelet like a hook eye. They're usually sold in a small packet, like \$.99 for three.

As you have probably figured out, the shaft is pushed into the end of a fly line through its core, and the barbs catch the outer line to hold the ring in place.

The only advantage of those things is that they make leader attachment easy without leaving a lumpy knot. In every other way, they're pretty awful- they're bendable, and breakable; they rust out; the barbs cut and wear the fly line and weaken the connection; the eyelet is typically too small for most leader butt diameters.

Almost any knot is preferable as a line-leader connection, even a big old lumpy double surgeon's knot (not recommended- I use the nail knot, and coat it with Pliobond. You want something that slides through the guides without hanging up.)

In your case, those metal eyelets were put in at both ends of the fly line, and one of them was used to connect the backing. That's better off knotted, too.