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If its outside America, then it doesn't matter how its spelt.

Or, one could surmise from the good folks at Horrocks-Ibbotson, who named their rods the Tonka Queen et al.

Fast/moderate/slow refers to where the rod bends on loading, so a "fast" bamboo rod isn't as strange as it sounds. Things are also relative.

Barbless, if he's the name I'm thinking of, no doubt knows this. Some of the rest of you do not.

Anyways, South Bend had three general tapes. "Dry fly" (a 3xx series), "Trout" (or slow, fuller flexing, wet fly optimum rods, the 1xx series) and the bass/steelhead taper (an xx series model number).

Until the cork disintegrated, I loved using a heavy old 9' 359 6wt rod. Outside of its club like weight, it was a surprisingly fun and capable rod.

If anyone has a "trout" taper rod (1xx model) sitting in a closet they don't want, let me know.