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The solution to any problem -work, love, money, whatever -is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be.

~John Gierach

I think I fish, in part, because it's an anti-social, bohemian business that, when gone about properly, puts you forever outside the mainstream culture without actually landing you in an institution.

~John Gierach

Maybe your stature as a fly fisherman isn't determined by how big a trout you can catch, but by how small a trout you can catch without being disappointed.

~John Gierach

Cell phones have changed us from a nation of self-reliant pioneer types into a bunch of men standing alone in supermarkets saying, †Okay, I'm in the tampon aisle, but I don't see it.'

~John Gierach

I used to like fishing because I thought it had some larger significance. Now I like fishing because it's the one thing I can think of that probably doesn't.

~John Gierach

If people don't occasionally walk away from you shaking their heads, you're doing something wrong.

~John Gierach

The best fisherman I know try not to make the same mistakes over and over again; instead they strive to make new and interesting mistakes and to remember what they learned from them.

~John Gierach

I still enjoy the company of most dogs more than that of most people,

because dogs are capable of uncomplicated enthusiasm.

~John Gierach

It's an odd fact of life that whichever side of the stream you're on, two-thirds of the best water is out of reach on the other side.

~John Gierach

Creeps and idiots cannot conceal themselves for long on a fishing trip. ~John Gierach

Fishing in rainy conditions may make fisherman seem crazy to the great mass of unimaginative people, but then few fishermen care what they think

~John Gierach

Something to think about: If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly.

~John Gierach

Really, the only thing a psychiatrist can do that a good (fishing) guide can't is write prescriptions.

~John Gierach

Lawyers are like nuclear weapons. By all rights they shouldn't exist, but if some people have them, then you'd better have one, too, just in case.

~John Gierach

Accurately recalling an entire day of fishing is like trying to push smoke back down a chimney, so you settle on these specific moments.

~John Gierach

I don't really know how to tie a fly until I've tied a hundred dozen of them.

~John Gierach

Fly tackle has improved considerably since 1676, when Charles Cotton advised anglers to 'fish fine and far off,' but no one has ever improved on that statement.

~John Gierach

Successful trout fishing isn't a matter of brute force or even persistence, but something more like infiltration.

~John Gierach

We do have to think seriously about conservation now, although it is chilling to realize there are catch-and-release fishermen alive today who don't know how to clean and fry a fish.

~John Gierach

The things fishermen know about trout aren't facts but articles of faith.

~John Gierach

Sure, it was your idea and your fly, but he caught the big fish. Remember, fairness is a human idea largely unknown in nature.

~John Gierach

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~John Gierach

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