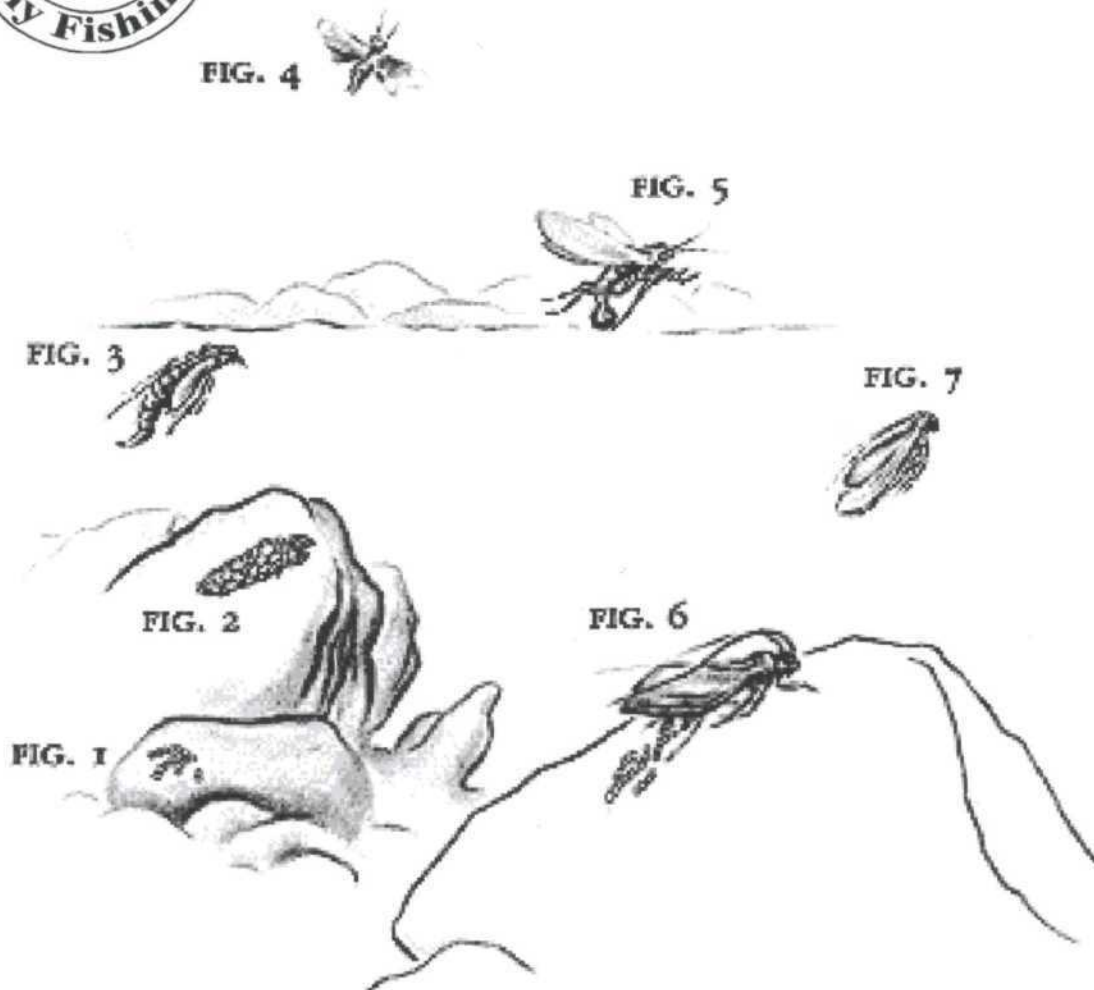




Caddisfly Life Cycle



Like the mayfly, the caddis fly begins its life in an egg (fig.1).

After the egg stage the caddis spends most of its life as a larva, encased in a protective shell it manufactures either of small sticks or pieces of gravel (fig.2).

When its ready to hatch the caddis swims up as a pupa (fig.3) and rides on the flow where it may be taken by a trout if it doesn't escape to a nearby shore as an adult (fig.4).

When adults have mated, some deposit their eggs on the surface of the river (fig.5), while others swim to the bottom (fig.6), deposit them and then swim up again (fig.7). It is these diving ovipositors that anglers frequently confuse with hatching caddis, because both are usually spotted after swimming up from the bottom.