Polar Claws provide safety for anglers, people near ice



better mouse trap. Many try, but few succeed. Westland's

we still and we succeed.

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the ice spikes are around your neck.

Storck remembers falling through the ice when he was 10.

I didn't have any spikes, but a biddy was there to pull me out, or I probably wouldn't be here he said. That's been in the back of my mind ever since.

Acting on that memory and a constant urge to build that bet there mouse trap, Storck developed Polar Claws last year.

They work like this: Polar Claws are attached over your

Everyone gloves (or to your bare hand) by two etraps. One goes around petter mouse wants to build a two etraps. One goes around your puper wrist and the other around the lower part of your but few succeed.

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the ice, anyone should be able to.

Retailing for \$24.93 including shipping and handling, sales have been very good so for, according to Storck.

"I think they're really going to take off," he said. "They're semething practical that you can buy for the guy who has everything.
"I've taken orders from throughout Michigan, from North and South Dakota, Nevada and Maine. So far the response has been fantastic."

For more information check out the Polar Claus web site at www.polarclaws.com or call Storck at (734) 525-3062.

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the Internet
The Michigan Department of
Natural Resources recently
unveiled it's e-license program,
which allows outdoor enthusi-

Campers interested in making reservations can do so six months in advance of the date they wish to arrive. Campsites for the Friday preceding the July 4 holiday weekend now are available, and reservations for the Friday before Labor Day weekend may be made beginning March 1. To learn more about the elicensing system check out the DNR web site at www.dnr.us.state.mi.com.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. & Eccentric Newspapers. and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, et o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

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woods like oak were used for these parts.
Golf balls were made from hard wood like hickory before the development of the feathery, a golf ball with a leather case packed with wet goose feathers. Each wood had its specific qualities that made it more suitable for certain functions.
This a good time of the year to look at a weeping willow tree. Without leaves on the branches it is easy to see the rounded shape formed by the arching branches that cascade toward the ground. Most trees exhibit branches that reach for the sun and angle upward. They certainly are not draping down like a weeping willow. It is this quality that is epecial to willow that led people to compare wiry, gracefully flexible people to be called willowy.