

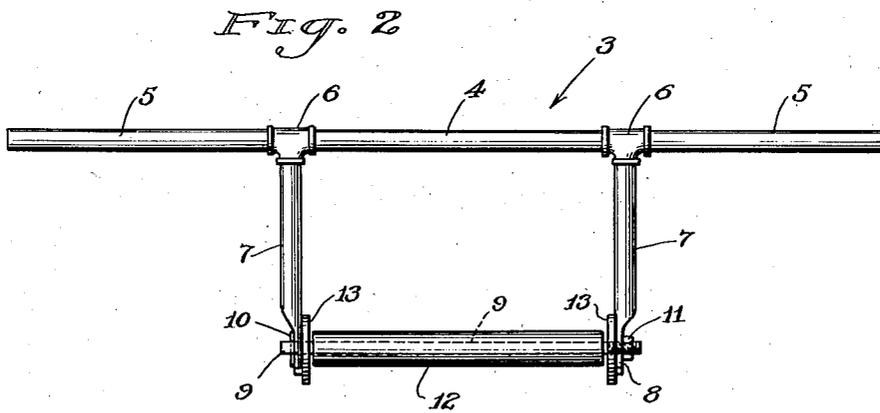
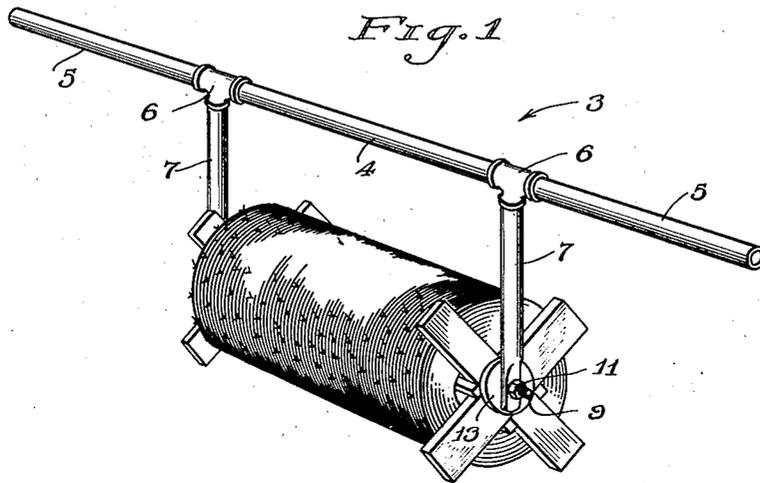
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1 Claim. (Cl. 242-96)

This invention relates to devices for holding and carrying reels of barbwire and the like.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a reel holding device of simple and economic construction, which device in use will present a convenient means for carrying cumbersome and unwieldy reels of material, such as barbwire, the same being particularly adapted for use in the erection of barbwire fences.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character indicated which, when its use is not required may be collapsed to a compact form to occupy a minimum of space in storage.

The invention will be fully and comprehensively understood from a consideration of the following detailed description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing which forms part of the application, with the understanding, however, that the improvement is capable of extended application and is not confined to the exact showing of the drawing nor to the precise construction described and, therefore, such changes and modifications may be made therein as do not affect the spirit of the invention nor exceed the scope thereof as expressed in the appended claim.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my device showing a reel of barbwire in place on same, ready for use; and

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the device.

Referring now to the drawing for a more detailed description thereof, the numeral 3 indicates the handle bar of my device comprised of an intermediate section 4 and opposed handles 5. The handles 5 are detachably coupled in aligned relation to the intermediate section 4 by suitable means, preferably the T-fittings 6. Corresponding ends of the intermediate section 4 and the handles 5 are removably secured to the T-fittings 6 as by threadedly engaging these members.

The fittings 6 may embody a pipe T, each of the openings of which are internally threaded and, similarly, the sections 4 and the handles 5 may be fabricated of standard pipe or tubing externally threaded at their ends for engagement with the fittings 6. The branch openings of the fittings 6 are disposed in coplanar relation into which openings bars or tubes 7 are threadedly engaged.

The members 7 in conjunction with the intermediate section 4 and the fittings 6 form a U-shape frame onto which a barbwire reel may be rotatably supported. The members 7 are of equal length and have their free ends flattened substantially as shown at 8, into which ends

aligned apertures are cut. A spindle 9 is inserted thru the mentioned apertures, being retained in place at one end by suitable means such as the cotter pin 10, the opposite end of the spindle 9 being threaded to receive an adjustment nut 11.

The barbwire reel commonly used is constructed substantially as shown in Fig. 1 and is provided with a central bore extending axially thru the reel. A sleeve 12 is provided of such diameter as to permit its insertion into the bore of the barbwire reel, which sleeve is disposed between the members 7 for rotational support on the spindle 9. The spindle 9 is also provided with suitable thrust washers 13 to be disposed adjacent the members 7.

To install the barbwire reel on my carrying device the nut 11 is removed and the spindle 9 is withdrawn from the device, thus releasing the sleeve 12 and the washers 13. The sleeve 12 is inserted into the bore of the reel and the washers 13 are held in place while the spindle 9 is inserted into the ends of the members 7 and thru the sleeve 12, after which the nut 11 is turned into place. It is to be noted here that the sleeve 12 is preferably somewhat shorter than the length of the barbwire reel so that upon tightening of the nut 11 the washers 12 will be brought into frictional contact with the ends of the reel so as to impart a slight retarding or braking action to the rotation of the reel. The entire device is carried by grasping the handles 5 so that the handle bar 3 is substantially horizontal. In this position the barbwire may be readily unwound from the reel. In the construction of fences the free end of the barbwire may be secured to the first fence post, the reel being carried along the fence line until a suitable amount of the barbwire is unreeled.

It will be apparent that I have provided a barbwire reel holder by which unwieldy reels may be manually transported over rough country with comparative ease, the reel being rotatably suspended on the device so as to facilitate the discharge or unreeling of the barbwire.

What is claimed as new and useful is:

A barbwire reelholder comprising a U-shaped frame, said frame including an intermediate member, T-shaped fittings connected to each end of said member, handle portions extending outwardly from said T-fittings, depending parallel leg members extending from said T-fittings and flattened at their lower ends, a spindle removably supported between said leg members and a rotatable sleeve surrounding said spindle and adapted to support the barbwire reel.

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