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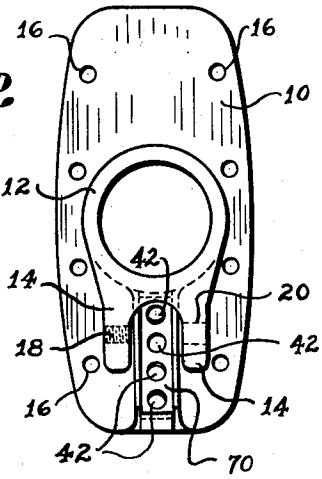


Fig. 2

Fig. 1

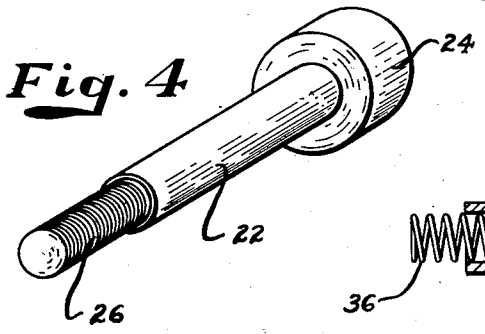


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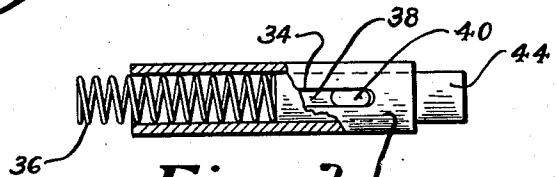


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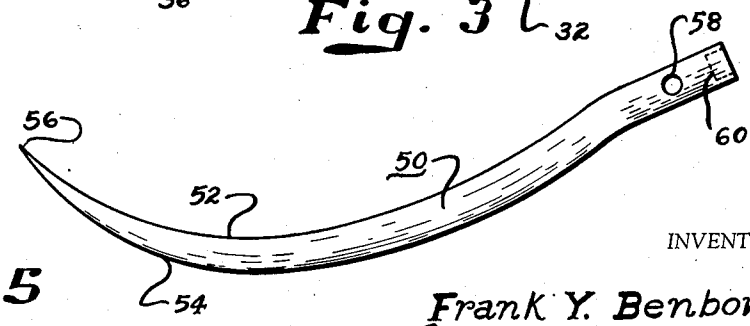


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to a gaff to be applied to the spur of a fighting cock.

An object of the invention is to provide a gaff having a pointed member which is readily replaceable whereby a new pointed member may be substituted for the pointed member on the gaff.

Another object of the invention is to provide means for adjusting the angle of the pointed member without removing the gaff from the fighting cock.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a gaff which consists of a minimum number of parts, and which is not liable to get out of order.

Yet another object is the provision of a gaff having a pivotally mounted pointed member with means for adjusting the pointed member during a rest period of a cock fight.

Other objects will appear hereinafter throughout the specification.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 ilustrates the side elevation of one form of the invention, and showing in dotted lines an adjusted position of the pointed member;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the device shown in Figure 1 with the pointed member removed;

Figure 3 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the sleeve and spring pressed plunger forming part of the pointed member;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the pointed member bearing pin; and

Figure 5 illustrates another form of pointed member.

It has been observed that during the course of a cock fight, one or both of the antagonists becomes gradually less able to strike with the vigor and accuracy as at the beginning of the fight. This is due to exhaustion and possibly loss of blood. When this condition occurs the angle at which the cock directs his spur gradually changes. With the device of this invention it is possible during any rest period of the fight to adjust the angle of the pointed member to compensate for the aforesaid condition. This may be accomplished in the present device without removing the gaff from the spur of the bird.

In the drawings **10** indicates the base of the gaff. Extending substantially at right angles to the base is a substantially cylindrical extension or sleeve which is shaped to surround the spur of the fighting cock, and this sleeve has a pair of bosses **14, 14.**

The gaff is secured to the leg of the fighting bird by means of a leather sleeve, not shown, which is secured around the leg, the sleeve being attached to the gaff by strings, not shown, which engage the spaced apertures **16.**

The numeral **72** in Figure 1, indicates an opening for lacing.

The bosses **14** are provided with aligned apertures **18** and **20.** Each of these apertures may have internal screw threads such as shown at **18,** but I prefer to provide one of these apertures with a smooth or plain surface **20.** These apertures are engaged by the bearing pin **22,** one end of which is provided with a head **24** and the opposite end with threads **26** which engage respectively the plain surfaced aperture **20** and the screw threaded aperture **18.** The central portion of the pin **22** forms a pivot for the pointed member such as a knife **28.** The pointed member may be provided with a sharpened end **30.** The pointed member **28** may be curved as shown in Figure 1 or it may be of any shape, as the invention is not concerned with the shape of the pointed member.

It will be understood that in most instances the pointed member will not be provided with cutting edges such

as those shown in Figure 5, but merely with a sharpened end such as end **30.**

The opposite end of the pointed member is provided with a socket for the reception of one end of the sleeve **32,** which sleeve may be permanently rigidly connected to the pointed member by suitable means, such as welding. The sleeve is provided with a slot **34.** Slidably mounted in the sleeve is a plunger **38** having a head or raised portion **40** which slides in the slot **34** and limits the movement of the plunger. The plunger is biased in a rightward direction as viewed in Fig. 1 by the spring **36,** and its head **44** is adapted to engage in any one of the series of spaced apertures **42** in the base **10.**

The pointed member shown in Figure 5 is similar to that shown in Figure 1 except that a differently shaped pointed member **50** is used, and such blade may be readily substituted for the blade **28.** This pointed member **50** is provided with sharpened side edges **52** and **54** and a sharpened end **56** at one end. The opposite end has an aperture **58** for the reception of the pin **22,** and a socket **60** for the reception of the sleeve **32.**

It will be appreciated that the pointed member **28** is provided with an aperture, not shown, similar to the aperture **58** whereby said pointed member may be pivotally adjusted from the position shown in full lines to that shown in dotted lines in Figure 1, or to other positions of adjustment in accordance with whichever aperture in the base is engaged by the head **44** of the plunger **38.**

It will also be appreciated that other means of adjustment may be provided in place of that shown, within the scope of the present invention. For instance, in place of the apertures **42** a rack may be used to be engaged by a spring pressed plunger mounted on the pointed member. Various other constructions suggest themeselves whereby the angle of the pointed member may be adjusted with regard to its base and particularly with regard to the cylindrical sleeve that engages the spur of the fighting cock.

The pointed member **28,** or **50,** is preferably made of a fine grade of steel. The other parts of the device are of steel, but other suitable materials may be used.

The words "pointed member" in the specification and claims indicate any instrument forming part of the gaff that is used as the striking element thereof.

As noted in Figures 1 and 2 a trough **70** is provided in order to prevent sidewise movement of the pointed member **28** or **50.**

The above description and drawings disclose several embodiments of the invention, as specific language has been employed in describing the several figures. It will, nevertheless, be understood that no limitations of the scope of the invention are thereby contemplated, and that various alterations and modifications may be made such as would occur to one skilled in the art to which the invention relates.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and what is desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A gaff for fighting cocks comprising a base adapted to be fastened to the leg of the cock, said base including an extension having a curved portion adapted to receive the spur of the cock whereby to prevent rotation of said gaff about the leg of said cock, a pointed member pivotally mounted on said extension, and means carried by the base and pointed member to lock said pointed member at various angles whereby the angle of the gaff may be adjusted.

2. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 wherein an edge of the pointed member is sharpened.

3. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 wherein both edges of the pointed member are sharpened.

4. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 wherein the means for holding the pointed member in various positions comprises a series of recesses in the base and the pointed member is provided with a spring pressed plunger to engage the recesses.

5. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 wherein the means for holding the pointed member in various positions comprises a series of recesses in the base and the pointed

member is provided with a movable plunger to engage the recesses.

6. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 wherein the curved portion of said extension comprises a sleeve for receiving the said spur of the cock.

7. A gaff as set forth in claim 1 in which the base is provided with a plurality of spaced apertures for the reception of a suitable lacing for engaging the leg of a cock, and wherein said curved portion of said extension comprises a sleeve adapted to surround the spur of said cock.

8. A gaff for fighting cocks comprising a base adapted to be fastened to the leg of the cock, said base including an extension having a curved portion adapted to receive

the spur of the cock whereby to prevent rotation of said gaff about the leg of said cock, a pointed member pivotally mounted on said extension, and means carried by the base and pointed member to adjustably hold said pointed member at various angles whereby the angle of the gaff may be adjusted.

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