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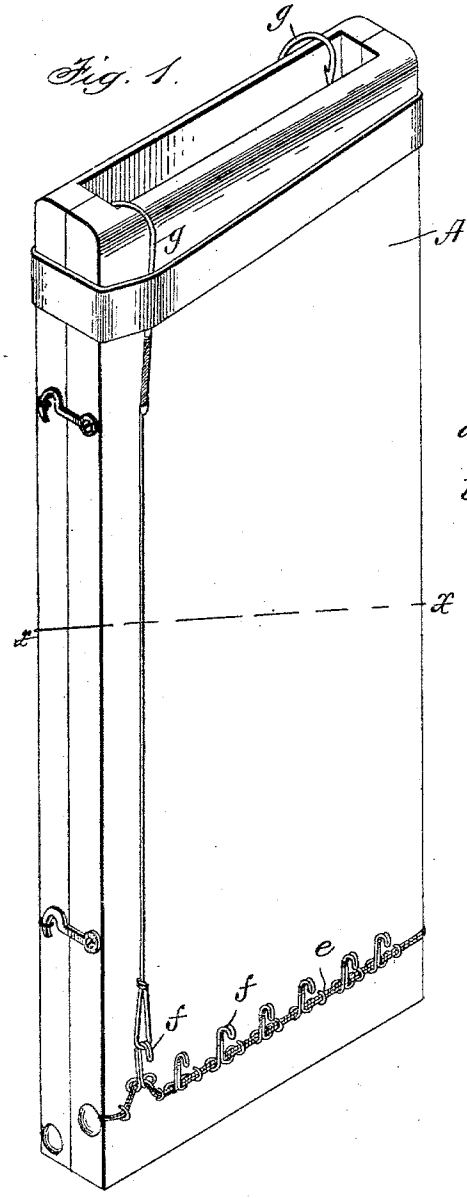

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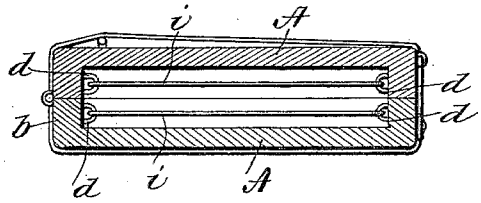

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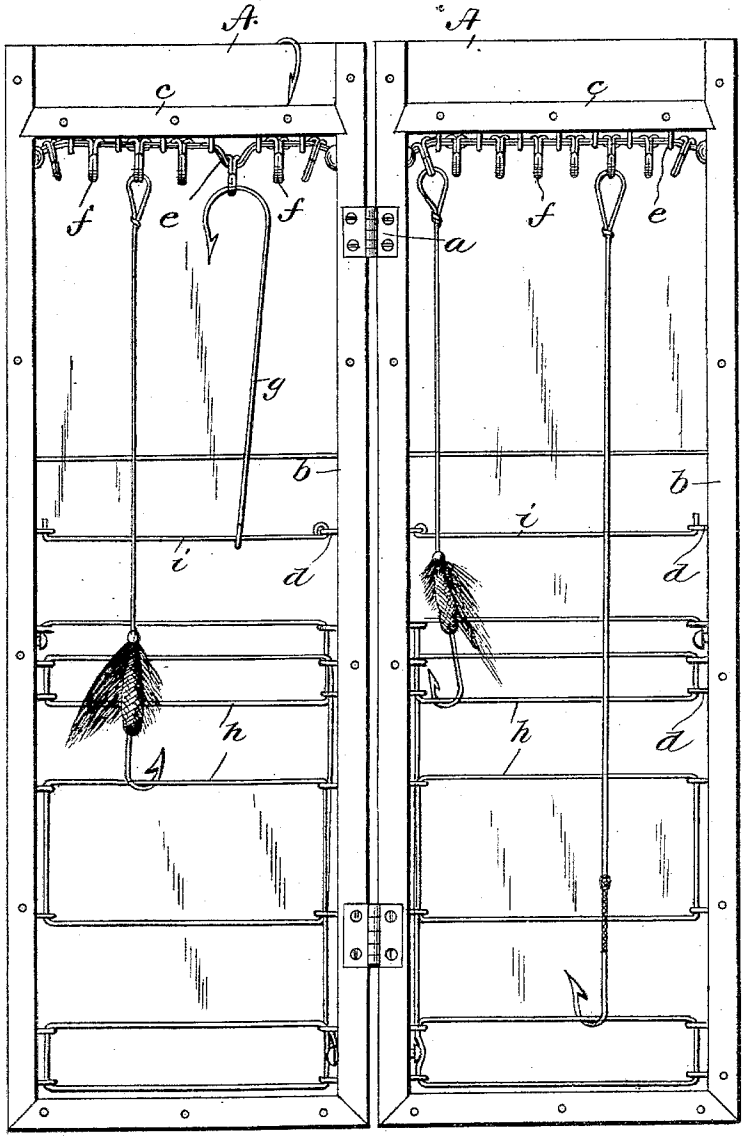

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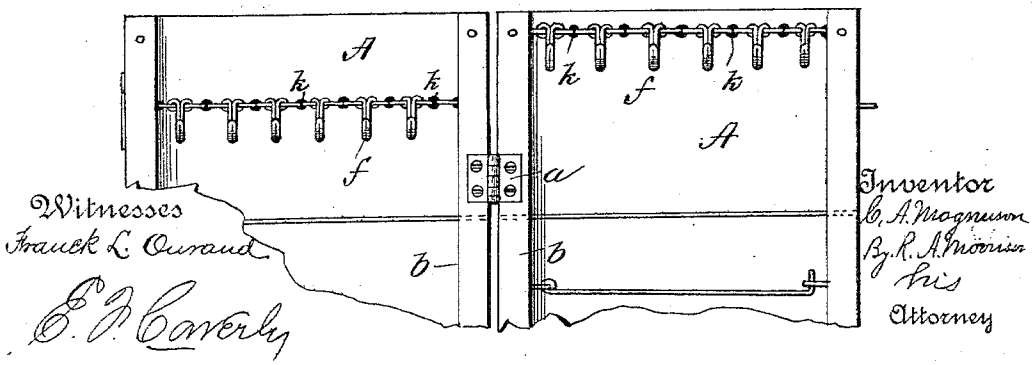

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. MAGNUSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fish-Hook and Snell Protectors; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The design of my invention is to provide a box for fishing-tackle which will afford a convenient and safe means for separately storing any desired number of fish-hooks and other necessary articles; and to this end my invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my box in its closed condition. Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the inside of the box with the fish-hooks, &c., in place. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on line $x\,x$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a broken view of a modified structure in which the end pieces are omitted.

In carrying my invention into practice I employ a box A, constructed of wood or any other suitable material and generally rectangular in form, as shown. This box is formed of duplicate parts connected by hinges *a*, and has longitudinal side strips *b* and lateral end strips *c*, connected as shown, whereby a convenient receptacle is formed for the fishing-tackle. Screw-eyes *d* are inserted in the inner sides of the strips *b* and *c*, and through the eyelets of the lateral strips at one end of the box runs an elastic cord *e*, to which hooks *f* are attached.

It will be observed that the strips *c* are not flush with the end of the box, whereby a recess is formed into which the curved barbed ends of the fish-hooks *g* extend when desired. Lateral wires or cords *h* connect the eyelets on opposite sides of the longitudinal strips. To these wires or cords the ends of the fish-hooks are attached, the snells of the same being connected to the elastic cords *e* by means of hooks *f*. The snells are connected to hooks *f*, and the fish-hooks proper are connected to any one of the lateral wires or cords *h*, according to the length of the snell. There are also hinged bars or wires *i*, which hook into the opposite eyelet, as shown. Any number of fish-hooks may be strung on these wires *i*, and their curved ends engage the hooks *f*, through which runs the elastic cord *e*. By means of this elastic cord the snells are kept in a taut condition and the fish-hooks securely held in place.

If desired, the screw-eyes *d* and the hooks *f*, through which runs the elastic cord *e*, may be located on the outside of the box, and the snells may be attached thereto and the fish-hooks held in place, as seen in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 4 another form of my invention is shown, in which the end strips are dispensed with. In this form perforations *k* are made in one end of the box, and the elastic cord *e* runs therethrough and also through the eyes of the hooks *f*, as seen in Figs. 1 and 4. Also the lateral cords or wires may be directly inserted in the longitudinal strips and fastened in the manner shown, or they may be hinged, as seen in Figs. 2 and 4, or they may be fastened in both forms of my invention in any well-known and suitable manner.

It will be readily seen that a neat, compact, and portable box for fishing-tackle is formed, which can easily be carried in the hand or in the pocket of the angler. A valuable and important feature of my invention is the elastic cord and the parts connected therewith.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A portable box for fishing-tackle, having a transverse elastic cord fastened to one end said cord having devices for attaching the snells of fish-hooks thereto, as set forth.

2. A portable box for fishing-tackle, having a transverse elastic cord fastened to one end and hooks through the eyes of which the said cord runs, as set forth.

3. A portable box for fishing-tackle, having screw-eyelets at one end, and an elastic cord running therethrough and provided with devices for the attachment of fish-hooks thereto, as set forth.

4. A portable box for fishing-tackle, having eyelets and hooks at one end, and an elastic cord running through said eyelets and hooks, as set forth.

5. A portable box for fishing-tackle having a transverse elastic cord provided with hooks

and secured at one end, and having a recess at the other end to receive the shank and barbed end of a fish-hook, as set forth.

6. A portable folding box for fishing-tackle, having transverse bars in its interior, and a transverse elastic cord provided with hooks, secured at one end of the box, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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