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Fig. 1.

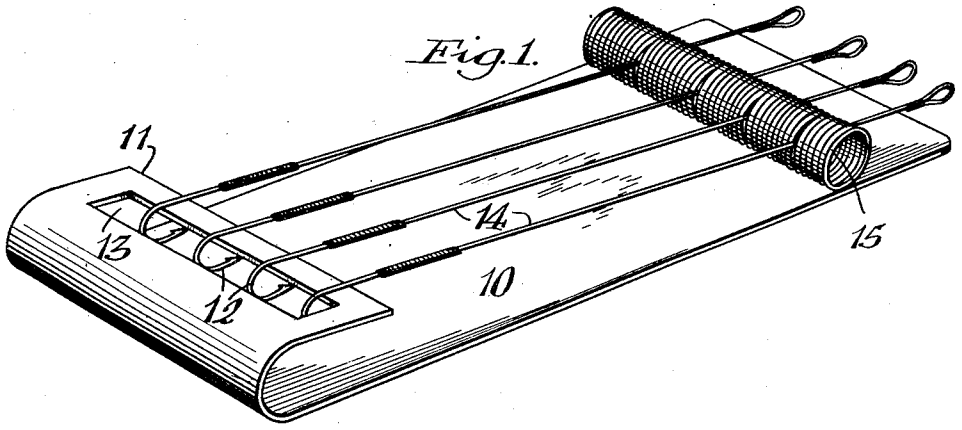


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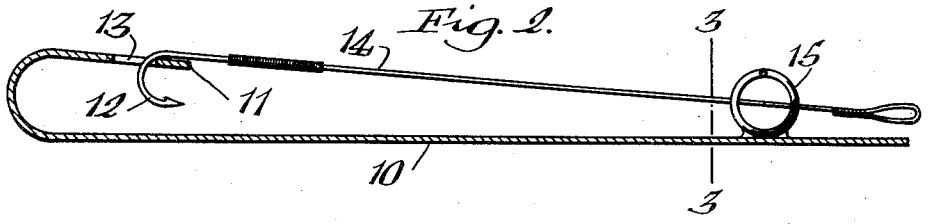
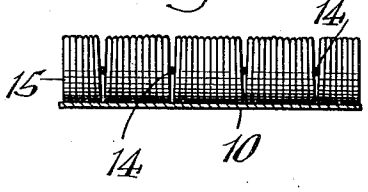


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This invention relates generally to an improved holder but more particularly to a holder designed for storing or supporting fish-hooks.

One of its objects is the provision of a holder of this character which firmly and reliably holds the hooks in place and maintains their gut-strings or snoods smooth and taut.

Another object of the invention is to provide a fish hook holder which is simple, compact and inexpensive in construction and which can be readily carried in one's pocket without danger of the hooks catching onto the clothing or injurying the user's hands.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fish-hook holder embodying my invention. Figure 2 is a longitudinal section thereof. Figure 3 is a cross-section thereof taken on line 3—3, Figure 2.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention illustrated in the drawings, the fish-hook holder consists of a substantially rectangular base member or plate 10 which may be made of metal or rather suitable material and which is provided at its front end with an up-turned flange 11, extending rearwardly and spaced horizontally from the adjoining end of said plate. This flange may be curved upwardly and rearwardly to form a smooth front end and to provide a protective guard for the fish-hooks 12. Spaced a suitable distance from the edge of the flange is a transversely-extending slot or opening 13 with which the hooks are adapted to engage in the manner shown in Figures 1 and 2, the pointed ends of the hooks being disposed in the resultant space between the flange and the adjoining portion of the base-plate with the flange overhanging the hook-points, whereby the hooks are prevented from catching onto the clothing or injuring the hands during handling of the device or when contained in one's pocket.

Means are provided at the other end of the plate 10 to removably receive or anchor the gut-strings or snoods 14 usually attached to the hooks, whereby the strings are snugly held smooth and taut and the hooks are reliably maintained in engagement with the flange 11. To this end I employ an elastic or yieldable member constructed to frictionally grip the gut-strings, the preferred arrangement consisting of a closely wound coil spring 15 disposed transversely at the rear end of the base plate and securely fastened thereto by soldering or otherwise.

In applying a fish-hook to the improved holder it is engaged with the flange-opening 13 in the manner shown in the drawings, after which its gut-string is pulled taut to firmly anchor the hook in place and then forced downwardly between adjoining turns of the coil spring 15, which snugly and positively hold the gut-string in a smooth, taut position. The removal of the hook is effected by merely pulling the gut-string upwardly from frictional engagement with the spring and releasing the hook from its anchoring flange 11.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A fish-hook holder, comprising a base plate having an up-turned flange at its front end terminating in a horizontal portion overhanging and spaced from said base plate, said portion containing an opening for detachably receiving a fish-hook, the curved and pointed end of the hook being disposed in the space between the base plate and the overhanging portion of the flange, and a yieldable retaining device at its other end for frictionally receiving the gut-string of the hook.

2. A fish-hook holder, comprising a base plate having an upwardly and rearwardly bent flange at its front end containing an opening for detachably receiving a plurality

of fish-hooks, the free end portion of said flange overhanging the base plate in spaced relation thereto to form a supporting ledge for the hook-shanks, the curved and pointed ends of the hooks projecting through said opening into the space between the base-plate and flange and the latter constituting a protective guard for the hook-points, and means at the other end of said plate for receiving the gut-strings of the hooks.

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