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This invention relates to hats and particularly to a hat suitable for wear while fishing, with provision for carrying fishing flies.

The object of the invention is to provide a means for safely and conveniently carrying fishing flies, in a readily accessible position without encumbering the user's hands or body. The hat here described consists in general of a hat body of either hat or cap style having a band to which a number of small permanent magnets are attached. The magnets have slots in which the tips of the fish hooks are received, and the poles are disposed to exert a maximum of magnetic force on a hook disposed in the slot so as to hold it securely.

In the drawings illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hat constructed according to the invention.

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the hat band.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the hat band.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-section through one of the magnets, along line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross-section through one of the magnets along line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 1 shows a soft hat body made of cloth or felt.

The band 10, to which the magnets 11 are attached, is passed around the front of the hat. In the case of a soft band, the band is preferably attached by means of elastic tabs 12 and 13 to ensure a firm grip. These tabs are stitched to the ends of band 10 by lines of stitching 12a, and the projecting ends of the tabs are then stitched to the hat by lines of stitching 12b. The magnets are in the form of flat disks. As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, each magnet has a central slot 14 disposed on the side next to the band, and a center hole 15 running from the front face 16 to the slot. The magnets may be attached to the band by any convenient means, for example, by gluing, or by a rivet or eyelet inserted through hole 15. The hooks are placed as exemplified by the hook 17, which has its tip 18 thrust into the slot. Each magnet is preferably magnetized at right angles to the slot, that is, with its poles in the region of sides 19, and 20.

When a fish hook is inserted in one of the magnets, as shown, the barb is completely enclosed so that it cannot catch on the clothing or fingers, the hook is held securely yet is readily available and can be easily slipped off the band.

What is claimed is:

A fisherman's hat comprising a hat body, a hat band mounted on said body, and a number of permanent magnets attached to said band, each of said magnets having a rear face disposed against said band and each having a slot extending entirely across each magnet and opening on said rear face, the wall portions of each slot defining an open-ended pocket of a width, length, and depth suitable for receiving the barb of a fishhook for enclosing the same between the magnet and said hat band, and each magnet being separately attached to said hat band.

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