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Fig. 1.

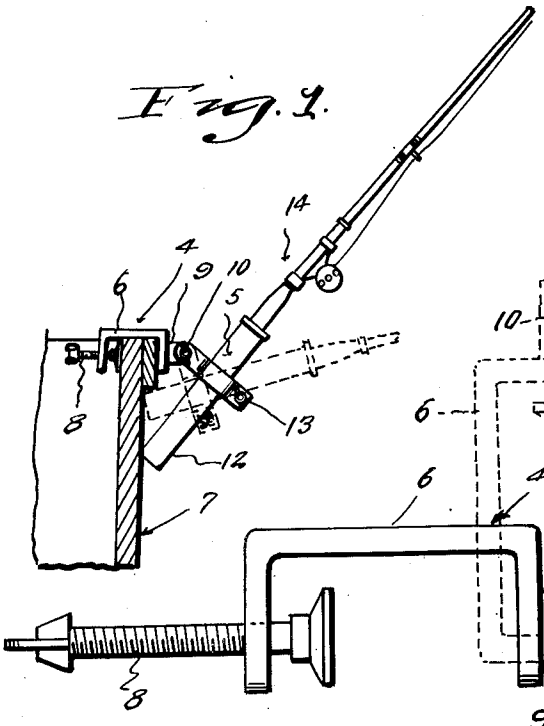


Fig. 3

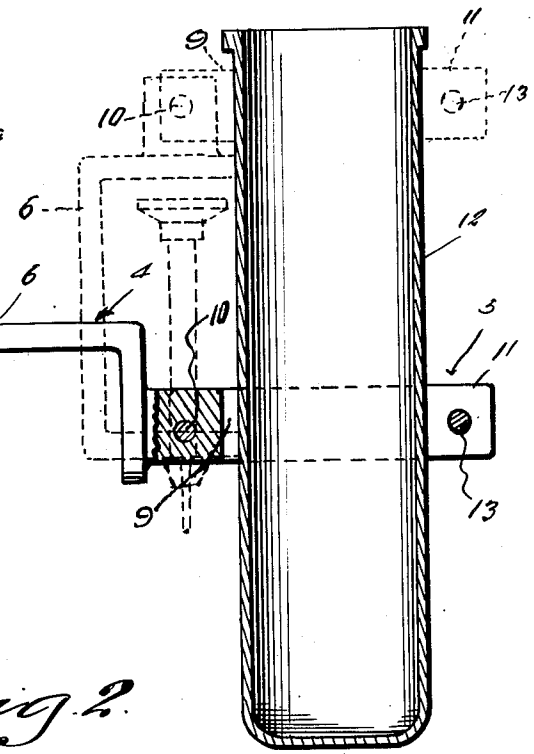
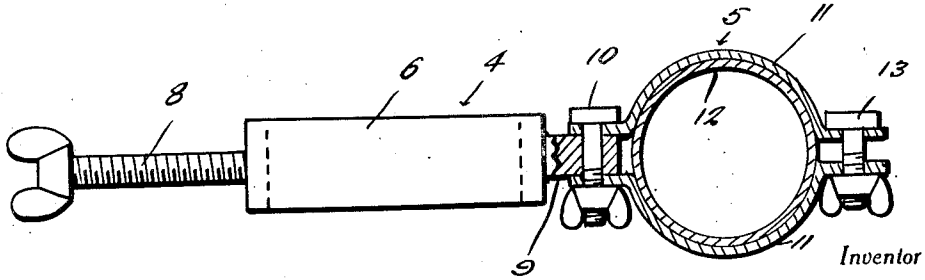


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to that classification of appurtenances and accessories susceptible of diversified uses by anglers and fishermen and has more explicit reference to that sub-division of such equipment as may be referred to specifically as fishing pole and rod holders.

In carrying the principle of this unique inventive idea into practice, I have found it expedient and practicable to utilize a simple duplex clamp assemblage wherein one clamp is separably applicable to the boat for secure anchorage, and the companion clamp fastened for adjustable connection with the first named clamp as well as for adjustable connection with a socket used as the holder or retention means proper.

Visualizing a twin clamp and socket assemblage of this character it will be readily discerned that it provides the user with a readily usable structure for temporarily holding the rod and reel in a predetermined angular position with respect to the boat, whereby to permit said device to serve appropriately either while fishing or while rowing the boat from place to place.

The invention is typical of a type of accessory long needed in this line of endeavor especially in that it appeals to the urge of the orderly individual desiring to hold the fishing rod on the boat in an out-of-the-way position so as to permit him or the other occupants of the boat to have greater freedom of movement in and around the boat to perform other tasks.

The main purpose of the invention however is to provide a dual clamp arrangement wherein the relatively movable or swingable clamp is susceptible of being disposed outwardly of the boat to accommodate a relatively slidable socket in which the handle of the rod is insertable, whereby to permit the rod to be maintained at the desired tilt and to allow the user to throw the line out to land a catch so that it is unnecessary for him to keep the rod in his hand and to allow him to simultaneously perform other work such as may be accomplished with a hand line or trolling line, as the case may be, and still have ready access to the rod and reel whenever occasion demands.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and accompanying illustrative drawing.

In the drawing wherein like numerals are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the views;

Figure 1 is a view showing a fragmentary portion, in section, of a row boat, and disclosing the conventional rod and reel and a special holder therefor as it is generally applied to the boat.

Figure 2 is an enlarged view which may be said to be a horizontal section of the complete assemblage shown in Figure 3, that is if you are looking down on top of the boat clamp.

Figure 3 is a side view showing the boat clamp primarily in elevation and the socket and its embracing clamp in section.

As before implied the attaching means comprises essentially two companion clamps, one may be designated as the boat clamp **4** and the other one as a socket or rod holder clamp **5**. The first clamp comprises a simple U-shaped fixture **6** to engage over the wall of the conventional row boat **7** as shown in Figure 1. A set screw **8** is carried by one arm of the clamp to bind against the wall of the boat. The other arm carries a hinging shank **9** to which the section or two-part clamp **5** is pivotally and adjustably connected as indicated at **10**. A simple bolt and thumb nut may be employed for this connection. The clamp **5** is better shown in Figure **2** comprises a pair of duplicate half-sections **11** of general semi-circular form designed to embrace the socket **12**. These sections are attached at one end to the shank **9**, the opposite ends are joined together by a bolt and nut fastening **13**. The latter fastening **13** constitutes the primary means for adjustably binding the tubular socket in said clamp **5**. Under this arrangement it is evident that the socket can be fastened temporarily to the clamp **5** to be adjusted unitarily therewith. In other words the clamp and socket as a unit can be adjusted toward or from the boat or up and down by way of the connection **10**. It is possible however to loosen the fastening **13** and to adjust the socket axially, that is at right angles to the embracing clamp **5**.

Manifestly in a holder of this particular classification it is desirable to have the conventional rod and reel **14** tiltable to different angles in relation to the boat. For example it can be tilted more to the horizontal as shown in dotted lines in Figure 1 or tipped to a position more toward the vertical and in either position the butt or closed end rests against the boat so that it stays put in any position to which it is adjusted.

It is submitted that an accessory of this type is typical of the style desired to supplement the equipment of the efficient angler, something which will appeal to the thrifty fisherman. It is a tremendous advantage to have handy a convenient holder for the rod and line as indicated in Figure 1 since it is possible for one fisherman to simultaneously utilize two or three baited lines, keeping them all within convenient reach and vision so that he may perform the requisite

vigilant service and land several catches in quick succession. The holder is especially adaptable for use on small crafts whether the side walls are flat or bulged. The adjustable socket 12 is aptly fitted for self-accommodation. No matter how much the boat pitches and tosses the rod will be safely maintained and cannot fall out unless tilted downwardly to an extreme inverted angle. In other words in ordinary use as depicted in Figure 1 the handle of the rod 14 stays put and is not apt to be jolted or otherwise displaced from the socket.

According to tradition the average fishing boat is unkempt and littered with surplus poles, lines and other angler's equipment. With this arrangement the rod may be conveniently maintained in an out-of-the-way easily accessible position either while fishing or while the boat is being moved from place to place. Hence its value and utility in limited quarters, especially where the boat is more or less loaded is self-evident. It is a tremendous advantage to the average fisherman to have among his equipment an ingenious accessory of this character, the same being applicable so that the rod will extend either outwardly from the boat or inwardly so that there need be no fear of accidentally knocking the rod off by striking obstructions coming alongside of the path of movement of the boat. There are numerous other features considered to be of tremendous importance to the average fisherman though these need not be specifically enumerated.

It is though that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawing. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Minor changes in shape, size, and rearrangement of details coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to in actual practice, if desired.

A further feature and advantage of the invention not hereinbefore emphasized is the fact that the article is such as to be foldable into compact form. This is illustrated in dotted lines in Figure 3 of the drawing. Manifestly due to this collapsible feature of the article, as a whole, is susceptible of being conveniently stored and carried in the fisherman's tackle box.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. An attachment for a boat adapted to serve as a fishing rod holder comprising a retaining clamp adapted to be detachably mounted on a predetermined portion of the boat, a longitudinally elongated cup designed to function as a holder for the fishing rod, a grip embracing said cup, said grip including an annulus through which the cup is slidable for adjustment purposes, and means pivotally and detachably connecting said grip with the attaching clamp to permit the grip and cup to be disposed outwardly of the boat so that the bottom of the cup may rest against the boat to function as a self-sustaining prop.

2. An attachment for a boat adapted to serve as a fishing rod holder comprising a boat clamp, an adapter fixture hingedly connected to the clamp to swing vertically on a horizontal axis, and a rod accommodating and receiving cup slidably cooperable with the adapter fixture.

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