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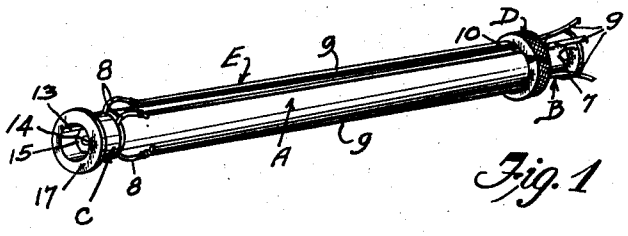


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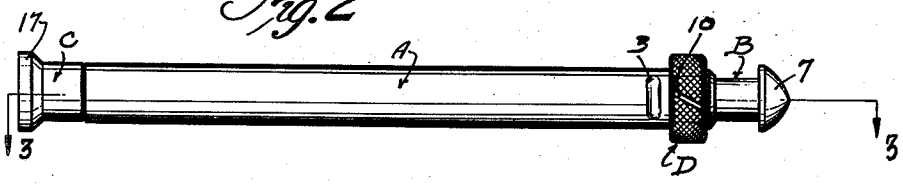
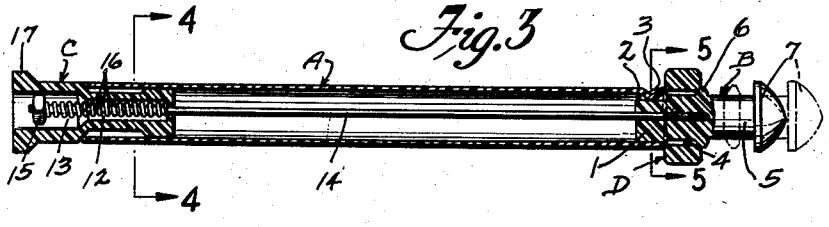


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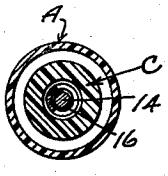


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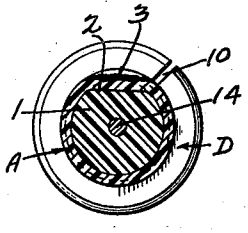


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I contemplate in this invention to provide a novel and efficient holder for a plurality of snells, such as are used by fishermen, and in such a manner that snells of a different size and character may be supported with the hooks concealed and protected against the possibility of snagging the clothing of a fisherman or the container in which they are held.

An object is to provide a snell holder which has adjustable parts adapted to be relatively moved for selectively removing a desired snell without dislodging other snells.

Another object is to provide a novel type of means for irremovably attaching the several snells to the holder except at the will of a fisherman.

A further object is to so tension certain of the parts of the holder so that upon removal of a selected snell said parts will close against dislodgement of other snells as by accidental means. Other objects may appear hereinafter.

In the annexed drawing I have shown a satisfactory snell holder embodying my invention, but it is apparent that I may modify the structure within the limitation of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my holder showing a plurality of snells supported thereon;

Fig. 2 is a side view without snells attached thereto;

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Figs. 4 and 5 are, respectively, sectional views on lines 4—4 and 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Usually I form my holder with a tubular body A of a suitable material preferably of transparent plastic, though not necessarily so, a head B mounted in the forward end of the body, a rear closure C at the rear end of the body, and an adjustable lock D slidable either on the head B or body A for holding a plurality of snells E in position against accidental dislodgement.

Head B has an inner portion 1 held in the end of tube A against rotation as by means of a facet 2 on its periphery which is engaged by a crimp or bead 3 (Fig. 3) but yet longitudinally slidable in the tube for reasons to be hereinafter explained. Head B also has an intermediate portion 4 and an outer portion 5 between which is an annular flange 6, and an outer button or knob 7. Locking member D is adjustable rotatably and longitudinally on portion 4 of the head between flange 6 and the adjacent end of body A when the head is slid forward from the body for the purpose of

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attaching and detaching the snells from the holder, as will appear hereinafter.

It is well known that a snell includes a barbed hook 8 and a line of gut 9 adapted for attachment to a fishing line; also fishermen usually carry a plurality of snells of different size for snaring fish of different size and character. Hence I provide a holder which is adapted to support several snell units for selective attachment to and removal from the holder in accordance with the will of a fisherman.

To such end the lock D has a kerf 10 which is radially and diagonally formed so that when a snell line 9 is threaded therethrough and the member D is rotated, the line 9 may not accidentally be displaced from position between member D and portion 4 of head B while the hooks 8 are irremovably held between the opposite end of tube A and the tail closure C in a manner I will now explain:

Closure C has an enlarged rear end portion 11 adapted to abut the end of tube A and a piston-like portion slidably disposed in said tube, as shown in Fig. 3. Said closure is formed with a bore 12 and a counterbore 13 and is resiliently connected with head B by a rod 14 having a head or nut 15 thereon, and a spring 16 compressed between nut 15 and the bottom of bore 12. Thus, members B, C and D are normally held, as shown in Fig. 3, in closed position for retaining the snells against dislodgement while not in use. Rod 14 also serves to limit the outward movement of the head B and closure C.

Locking member D is loose enough on portion 4 of head B that snell lines may be threaded therebetween and extended as shown in Fig. 1, but when the head is retracted the snell lines will be gripped between the periphery of flange 6 and the mating portion of lock D.

It is apparent that either the head B or closure C may be pulled outwardly from respective ends of tube A against a tension of spring 16, for the purpose of attaching or detaching a snell from the holder. For example, when a snell is attached to a holder the flange 17 of member C is pulled outwardly from the end of tube A and one or more hooks 8 are looped over the tube. When member C is released the spring 16 returns member C to closed position with the barbed hooks concealed and secured against accidental dislodgement.

Thereafter, or coincidentally, the head 7 is pulled outwardly and the member D is rendered capable of slight longitudinal movement on the portion 4 so that the end portions of the lines 9

may be individually inserted through the slot 10. After each line is so inserted the lock D is slightly rotated so as to prevent the inserted line from accidental dislodgement. When any or all lines are thus attached the head is released and the tension of spring 16 retracts the head to a point whereat the rear side of lock D abuts the forward end of body A and its forward side engages flange 6 and thus serves to hold lines 9 in position.

The removal of a snell from the holder is accomplished by pulling member C outwardly from body A, releasing the hook 8 from its confined position and then rotating lock D to an extent which will permit the withdrawal of the associated line 9 through kerf or slot 10.

I claim:

1. A snell holder comprising a tubular body, a head closure for one end of the body, a tail closure for the other end of the body, said closures being resiliently connected through the body whereby one of the closures may be extended outwardly from the adjacent end of the body for positioning a barbed hook over the exposed end of the body, and a gripping member adjustably associated with the other closure for gripping a snell line affixed to said hook, for preventing unintentional removal of the snell, said gripping member being rotatably held on its supporting closure and formed with a slot open at its periphery through which snell lines may be inserted into and removed from gripped positions.

2. A snell holder comprising: an elongated body, a movable hook gripping member on one end of the body, a line gripping member on the other end of the body, and means for adjusting said gripping members for detachably supporting one or more snells against unintentional detachment, said line gripping device including a cylindrical portion and a diagonally slotted locking member rotatable on the cylindrical portion by means of which a line inserted in said slot into contact with said cylindrical portion may be confined when the locking member is slightly rotated.

3. A snell holder comprising: a tubular body, a hook gripping element axially slidable in one end of the body and formed with an abutment between which and the adjacent end of the body a hook may be held against accidental displacement, a line gripping device attached to the other end of the body and including a cylindrical portion coaxial with the body and a ring-shaped gripping element rotatable thereon, said ring-shaped gripping element mounted on the cylindrical portion and being slotted to enable a line

extended from said hook to be positioned between the gripping element and the surface of the cylindrical portion, slight rotation of the ring-like gripping element being effective to hold the line against accidental removal.

4. A snell holder comprising: a tubular body, a hook gripping element axially slidable in one end of the body and formed with an abutment between which and the adjacent end of the body a hook may be held against accidental displacement, a line gripping device attached to the other end of the body and including a cylindrical portion coaxial with the body and a gripping element adjustable thereon, said gripping element being formed to receive a line extended from said hook and adapted to grip the line against said cylindrical portion, said hook and line gripping devices being resiliently connected for attaching and removing a snell.

5. A snell holder comprising: a tubular body, a hook gripping element axially slidable in one end of the body and formed with an abutment between which and the adjacent end of the body a hook may be held against accidental displacement, a line gripping element attached to the other end of the body and including a cylindrical portion coaxial with the body and a ring-shaped gripping element mounted on the cylindrical portion and rotatable thereon, said ring-shaped gripping element being slotted to enable a line extended from said hook to be positioned between the gripping element and the surface of the cylindrical portion, and when slight rotation of the ring-shaped gripping element is effected to hold the line against accidental removal, said hook and line gripping elements being resiliently connected for attaching and removing a snell, and means for limiting the axial movement of at least one of the gripping elements.

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