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FIG. 1

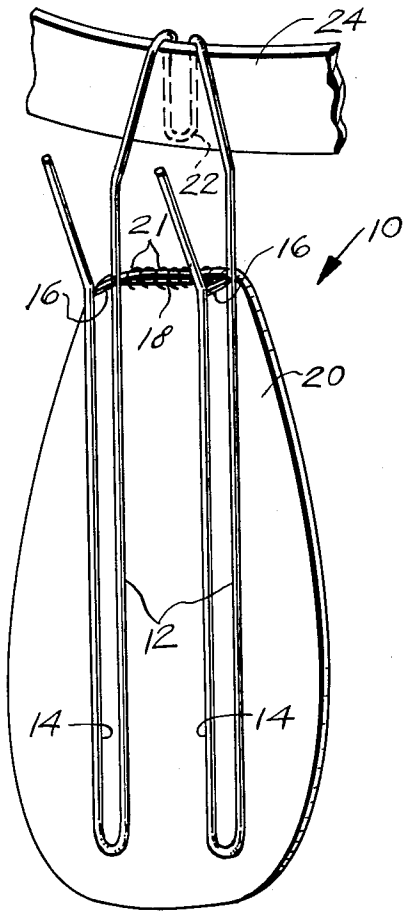
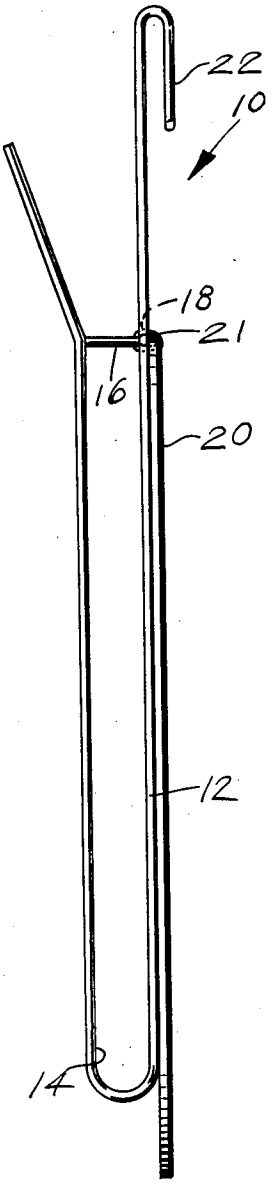


FIG. 2



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This invention relates to game carriers and more particularly to small game carriers for use by hunters.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a small game hanger for hunters that will hang from the hunter's belt without causing discomfort or clumsiness as is common with those available.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a small game hanger for hunters that will receive the heads of the game and the game will depend from the device by its head.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a small game hanger bearing the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, has a minimum number of parts, is inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in operation.

For other objects and for a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a small game hanger for hunters comprising the present invention; and

FIGURE 2 is a side elevational view of FIGURE 1.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, a game hanger 10 made in accordance with the present invention is shown to include a wire frame of double U-shaped configuration having a pair of downwardly extending arms 12 which are bent upwards forming a pair of parallel spaced apart arms 14. A short cross bar 16 is fixedly secured at right angles between parallel arms 12 and 14 and the upper ends of arms 14 above cross bar 16 are partially bent outward from arms 12. A cross bar 18 between the parallel arms 12 is fixedly secured between arms 12 and is in alignment with cross bar 16. An oval shaped leather disc 20 is secured to cross bar 18 by suitable stitching 21 thus providing a protective skin so as to minimize soiling of the hunter's pants. The upper end of game hanger 10 is tapered inward and is bent downward forming a U-shaped hook 22 which freely receives a belt 24 secured around the hunter's waist.

In operation, the small game when caught is grasped by its head by the hunter and he places it between the parallel arms 14 and 12 by spreading them slightly apart. When the head is received by the arms 12 and 14 the neck being smaller in diameter than the head will cause the arms 12 and 14 to retain the game and thus the game depends downward from hanger 10 by its head until the hunter desires to remove them. A plurality of game may be secured in the game hanger 10 in the described manner. When the hunter desires to remove the hanger 10 from his belt 24 he merely grasps the arms 12 and 14 and lifts upward thus freeing hook 22 from belt 24.

It will thus be recognized that there are two sides of the frame of hanger 10 which will secure game.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A game hanger comprising in combination a metal frame of substantially elongated configuration, a substantially U-shaped hook integral of said frame providing a means for securing said hanger to a belt of the hunter, a pair of U-shaped openings carried by said frame for receiving the heads of game, said U-shaped hook being located higher than said U-shaped openings, a substantially oval-shaped leather disc secured to a cross bar secured between the main arms of said frames of said hanger providing protection against soiling of the hunter's clothing.

2. A combination according to claim 1, wherein said leather disc overlaps said frame of said hanger and is secured to said cross bar between said main members of said hanger by a plurality of stitches of cord made of suitable material.

3. A combination according to claim 2, wherein a pair of cross members secured between each U-shaped side of said frame of said game hanger provides positive holding for the outer arms of said hanger when said arms forming a slot receive the heads of a plurality of game.

4. A combination according to claim 3 wherein said hanger has an upper end which is substantially U-shaped and frictionally engages the belt of a hunter and is frictionally and slidably removable from the belt of the hunter when desired.

5. The combination according to claim 4 wherein said frame has a pair of U-shaped sides, said U-shaped sides being parallel to each other for receiving a plurality of game heads therebetween.

6. A combination according to claim 5 wherein said disc engages said rear parallel arm when said game hanger is worn by said hunter and the outer arms forming game-hanging loops of U-shaped configuration are bent outward and parallel to each other above a cross bar in alignment with said cross bar member secured to the upper edge of said disc.

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