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CONTAINER FOR FISHHOOKS

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Fig. 1

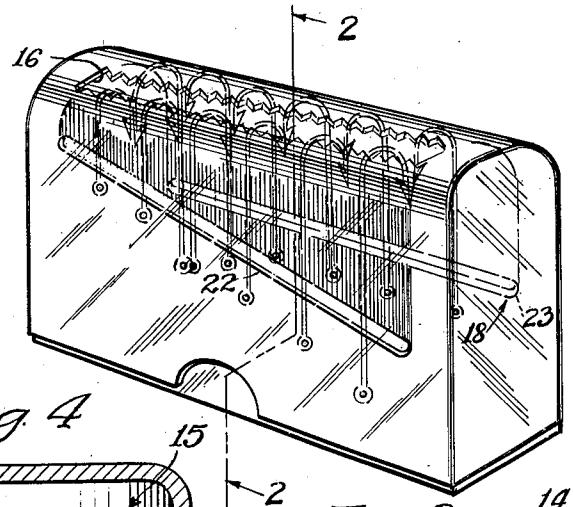


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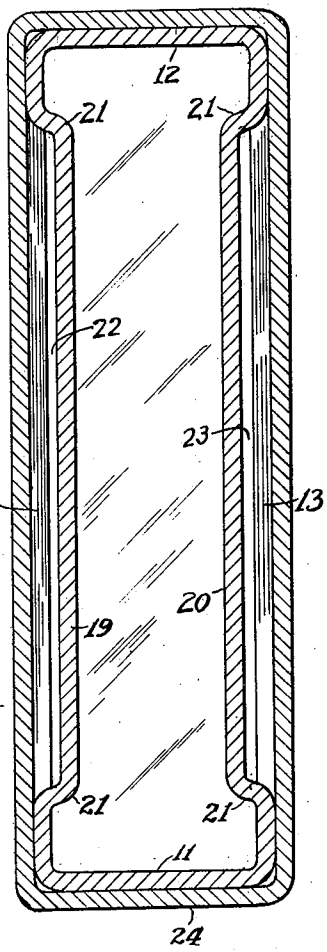


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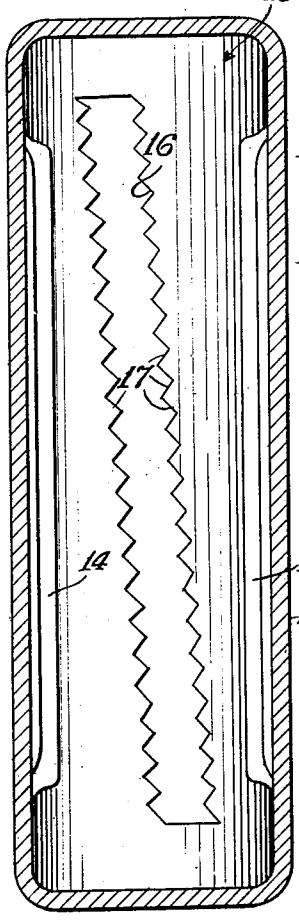
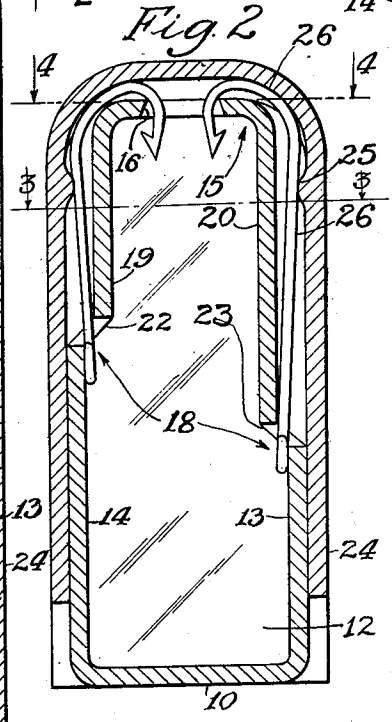


Fig. 2



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This invention relates generally to containers and more particularly to a container for holding and carrying fishhooks or similar objects.

A general object of the invention is to provide a fishhook container of new and improved construction resulting in a compact, safe and economically manufactured container.

A more particular object is to provide a container having a support upon which the hooks are supported and a retaining element retaining the hooks in position without interlocking of the hooks and with the point of the hook in a position wherein it is shielded, and a closure for the container which when removed uncovers all of the hooks for ready removal.

Another object is to provide a container having but a single removable closure, the remainder of the container being integral and formed from a single piece of material.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following detailed description taken in combination with the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a container embodying the features of my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section along lines 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section along lines 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section along lines 4—4 of Figure 2.

While the invention is susceptible of various modifications and alternative constructions, there is herein disclosed and will hereinafter be described, a preferred embodiment. It is not intended, however, that the invention is to be limited thereby to the specific form disclosed. On the contrary, it is intended to cover all modifications and alternative constructions falling within the spirit and scope of this invention as defined in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings, I show a base portion 10 having end walls 11 and 12, and side walls 13 and 14. Extending longitudinally between the upper portions of the end walls is a hook-supporting member 15 having a diagonal slot 16 formed therein, which slot is provided with a plurality of serrations 17. The diagonal slot 16 is adapted to receive the point and barbed portions of a plurality of fishhooks, and the serrations assist in maintaining the fishhooks in order. The distance from the slot to the edge of the member 15 is about equal to the bight of the fishhooks contemplated for use therewith. Means generally designated 18, are provided to receive and retain a

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portion of the shank of a fishhook. In the embodiment shown, the retaining means comprises a pair of slits 22 and 23, formed between side walls 19 and 20, and 13 and 14, the first named side walls extending downwardly from the hook-supporting member and being inwardly spaced from the side walls 13 and 14.

In the preferred embodiment shown, the supporting member and base portion are integral, and the walls 19 and 20 are inwardly disposed from the walls 13 and 14 by portions 21 curving inwardly, as shown. Inserting the shank portion of a hook in the slits 22 or 23 and then positioning the point and barbed portions of the hook in the slot 16 causes a lateral displacement of the side walls 19 and 20, and 13 and 14. The container may be constructed of material possessing a resiliency tending to urge the side walls toward their original position and thereby secure frictionally the hooks in position, such as a vinyl plastic or, if desired, a strip of such resilient material may be provided along the lower outer portion of the walls 19 and 20, or along the upper inner portion of the walls 13 and 14, to enable the retaining element to engage frictionally hooks placed therein. Some particular styles of hook have a short shank. The retaining means 18 may therefore be located nearer the hook-supporting member than is shown in the drawings, or may have a terminal edge extending diagonally upward (as shown in slit 22 in Fig. 1) with its highest point adjacent that portion of the slot 16 which is adapted to receive small sized hooks, and with its lowest portion at the opposite end. As can be seen in the drawings, the diagonal slot 16 is adapted to receive small sized hooks in the upper left hand portion (as seen in Figure 4) and large sized hooks in the upper right hand portion, and hooks of increasing and decreasing size may be spaced along the slot from one end to the other.

A cover 24 is provided, the cover having a cross section substantially in the shape of an inverted U, and is designed to fit snugly over the container and be retained in position by frictional engagement with the walls 13 and 14. On each side of the interior of the cover is a projecting shoulder 25, adapted to press against a portion of the shank of the hook 26, as shown, in order to more firmly retain the hooks in position.

I prefer to construct my container of transparent plastic, so that the size and quantity of the hooks within the container may be determined without the necessity of removing the cover, although other types of construction may be used.

In my improved container, the fishhooks are readily removable, being held by frictional engagement along the shank of the hook, and not by interlocking the point and barb of the hook with any part of the container. The hooks will remain in position even though subject to jarring when the cover is removed, provided, of course, that the intensity of the jarring is not too severe.

I claim:

1. A container for fishhooks and the like comprising: a base portion having end walls and having side walls extending upwardly therefrom, said sidewalls having portions extending from the base portion a lesser distance than said end walls, a hook support attached to said end walls and having side walls extending downwardly towards and inwardly spaced from said portions of said first mentioned side walls, to form a slot, said slot being adapted to receive and engage frictionally therein a portion of the shank of a fishhook, and said hook support having a transverse dimension greater than the bight of a fishhook and being provided with a slot adapted to receive the point and barbed portion of a fishhook.

2. A container for fishhooks and the like comprising: a hook-support member having a transverse dimension greater than the bight of a fishhook and having a diagonal slot formed therein adapted to receive the point and barbed portions of a plurality of fishhooks with the edge of the slot supporting the fishhooks, said hook support having a downwardly extending side wall and having end walls extending downwardly a greater distance than said side wall, an upwardly extending side wall attached to the lower portion of said end walls, said last mentioned side wall having a portion terminating adjacent to and outwardly spaced from said downwardly extending side walls to form a slot, and said slot being adapted to receive and engage frictionally therein a portion of the shank of each of a plurality of fishhooks.

3. A container for fishhooks and the like comprising: a hook support member having a transverse dimension greater than the bight of a fishhook and having a serrated diagonal slot formed therein adapted to receive the points and barbed portions of a plurality of fishhooks on both sides of said slot, said hook support having downwardly extending side walls and having end walls extending downwardly a greater distance than said side walls, upwardly extending side walls attached to the lower portion of said end walls, said upwardly extending side walls being outwardly spaced from said downwardly extending side walls, at least one of said upwardly extending side walls having a terminal edge portion extending diagonally upward, said upwardly and downwardly extending side walls forming a slot adapted to receive and engage frictionally therein a portion of the shank of each of a plurality of fishhooks, and a cover for said container, said cover being provided with an inwardly projecting shoulder adapted to press inwardly against the upper portion of the shanks of said hooks.

4. A container for fishhooks and the like comprising: a base portion having end walls and side walls extending upwardly therefrom, said side walls having a portion extending a lesser distance than said end walls, a hook support attached to said end walls and having a serrated diagonal slot formed therein, said slot being adapted to receive the point and barbed portions of a plurality of fishhooks of various sizes on both sides thereof, said hook support having side walls extending downwardly therefrom towards and inwardly spaced from the portions of the side walls of the base portion, the space between adjacent side walls being adapted to receive and retain frictionally a portion of the shank of each of a plurality of fishhooks, and a cover for said container, said cover being provided with an inwardly projecting shoulder adapted to press inwardly against a portion of the shanks of the fishhooks within said container.

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