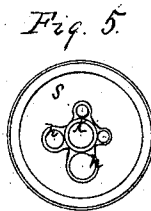
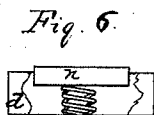
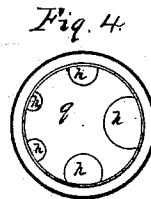
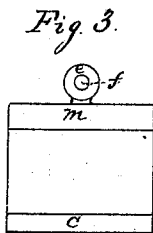
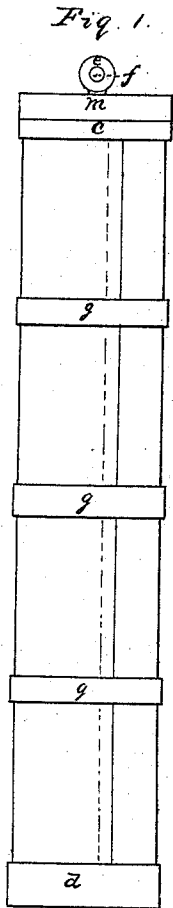


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FISHING-ROD CASE.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FISHING-ROD CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES PERRY, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fishing-Rod Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 gives a side view of my improved case. Fig. 2 represents a section of the case; Fig. 3, a side view of the cap, with a compartment for the reception of a reel; Fig. 4, a device to be placed inside the case to keep the parts of the rod from contact and motion. Fig. 5 shows another device for the same purpose; and Fig. 6 shows the spring-bottom.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a compact, convenient, and easily portable case for fishing-rods.

Cases for fishing-rods now in use are generally made of leather, cloth, or other material of a flexible nature. Such cases are neither water-proof, nor do they furnish any protection from breakage on the long and rough journeys to which they are exposed.

My device is constructed as follows: For the walls of the case I prefer to use some light wood. In two pieces of the required length, having each a plane flat surface, are made two semicircular grooves of the same diameter. These pieces are then glued together, so as to form a circular tube throughout the length, and the exterior is then turned in a lathe to the form shown in Fig. 2, leaving the walls of the proper thickness—*i. e.*, from one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch, according to the size of the case to be made. This tube is then covered with canvas or rubber cloth, or other suitable material, the same being secured by water-proof cement or glue, while the ends of the covering are kept in place by means of the caps *c* and *d* at either end, which may be screwed upon or cemented to the ends of the case. The cap on the upper end has a

lid or cover, *m*, which may be screwed on or off, a hole, *f*, being made in the knob *e* through which a lever may be introduced to assist in the removal. The case is further strengthened by metallic rings placed around the case at the proper intervals. (See Fig. 1.) The case is lined within with some suitable cloth or material to keep the joints of the rod from being scratched or chafed. A yielding bottom, *n*, is placed upon the bottom of the lower cap, upon a spring, (see Fig. 6,) to prevent motion by pressing the upper ends of the joints of the rod against the lid.

Figs. 4 and 5 show separating devices *q* *s*, which may be placed in the case, if desired, to further prevent the motion of or any injury to the parts of the rod while in the case. Each consists of a form of wood, india-rubber, or other light material—that shown in Fig. 4, *q*, having openings *h* *h* in its outer surface, which, with the walls of the case, form separate receptacles for all the parts of the rod, while in the other, *s*, the opening in the center, which is filled with a rubber tube, *K*, connects with other openings, in which the parts of the rod are placed and held apart by the pressure of the elastic tube.

The compartment for the reel (shown in Fig. 3) may be placed either at the top or bottom of the case.

The case thus constructed is capable of bearing very hard usage, is water-proof, and very portable. The case may be made of suitable size to receive a number of rods and of various lengths.

A sponge may be substituted for the spring-bottom and spring shown in Fig. 6.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The fishing-rod case consisting of a tube of wood or other light material, covered and lined as described, having the rings *g*, the caps *c* and *d*, with cover *m* and spring-bottom *n*, constructed, combined, and arranged as herein set forth.

2. The fishing-rod case, lined and covered as set forth, having the rings *g*, caps *c* and *d*, the cover *m*, and device *q*, the whole com-

bined and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The fishing-rod case, lined and covered as set forth, having the rings *g*, caps *c* and *d*, the cover *m*, and device *s*, the whole combined and arranged, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of May, 1875.

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