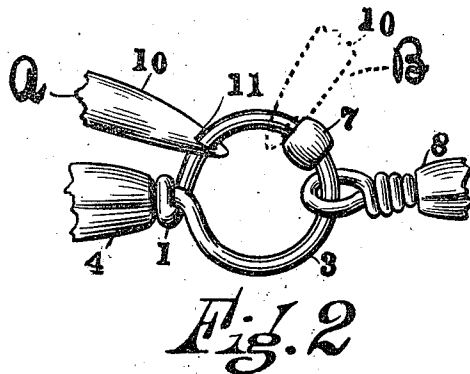
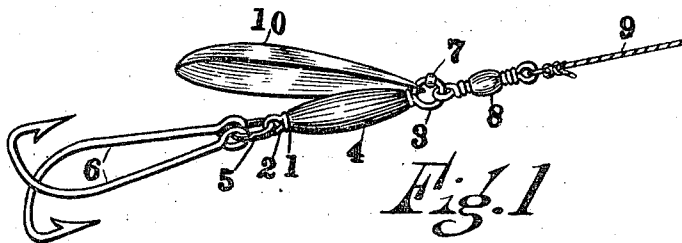


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. PFLUEGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Akron, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful improvements in Artificial Bait, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to artificial bait of the general type known as "spoon hooks" and the object thereof is to provide the mechanism which carries the spoon with means for preventing the same from possibly fouling the line or becoming unintentionally locked in such a position as to prevent the perfect operation thereof.

This invention contemplates providing a bait of the general class described having a link connected with suitable hooks, said link provided with an eye to which the spoon is attached, said eye provided with a stop or abutment for preventing forward movement of the spoon, whereby entanglement of the spoon with the line or swivel is prevented, said link preferably provided with a weight for sinking the bait in the water.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts constituting the invention to be hereinafter specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings, in which similar reference numerals indicate like parts in the different figures: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing the same in operative position; and, Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the front end of a link showing the eye and a portion of the spoon in two positions, together with the rear end of a swivel by which the device is connected to a line.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the reference numeral 1 denotes a link provided with an eye 2 at the rear end and a larger eye 3 at the forward end thereof between which is customarily mounted a member 4 to increase the weight thereof. Connected with the rear eye 2 is a split ring 5 to which are attached hooks 6. The forward eye 3

of the link is provided with an abutment or stop 7 which consists of a collar or drop of solder, or it may be formed integral with the eye itself so long as the same constitutes an abutment or stop thereon. Connected with the eye 3 is a swivel 8 attached to a

The spoon which constitutes an essential feature of this invention is designated in the drawings by the reference numeral 10 and is provided near its forward end with an aperture 11 to receive the eye 3. The spoon will be positioned on the eye 3 rearwardly of the stop or abutment 7 and is permitted free movement thereon during its passage through the water and is capable of sliding forward on the eye as far as the stop 7, but is prevented from moving farther forward and becoming fouled with the line by reason of this stop. By means of this peculiarly constructed eye it is impossible for the spoon to fall forward or toward the swivel sufficiently to become entangled therewith, or to turn on the link sufficiently to lose its proper relative position to the hooks 6, the stop 7 on the eye further operating to prevent to a certain extent excessive rearward sliding of the swivel under service conditions.

It will be noted that while handling the line and hook, either when in use or otherwise, the spoon 10 is prevented from moving forward so as to encounter the line or becoming entangled therewith, and at the same time the eye of the swivel which incloses the eye 3 of the link is to a certain extent prevented from sliding backward sufficiently to encounter the front end of the spoon.

In Fig. 2 the spoon is shown in two positions, the position indicated by the reference letter —A— indicating its operative position which it assumes when being drawn through the water and its inoperative position is indicated by the reference letter —B— when its forward movement is arrested through the medium of the stop 7.

Of course it will be obvious that various changes in the form, proportions, details, etc., of the invention, especially with reference to the manner of constructing the abutment, stop or enlargement 7 on the eye 3 may be resorted to without in any manner departing from the scope of this invention, and this stop or enlargement 7 may be con-

structed in any manner which will best sub-
serve the purposes for which the same is
intended, so long as there is positioned on
the eye 3 a stop of sufficient size to prevent
too free forward movement of the spoon,
which would render the entangling or foul-
ing of the same with the line possible. It
will also be apparent that by placing on the
link 1 a member 4 having a predetermined
weight, the entire bait may be caused to sink
a desired distance in the water and be there
maintained against being drawn to the sur-
face, either by the force, due to the speed of
the passage of the bait through the water or
to the revolutions of the spoon.

What I claim and desire to secure by Let-
ters Patent, is:—

Artificial bait comprising a link provided

with a ring-shaped eye having an enlarge-
ment thereon constituting an abutment, said
eye having a uniform curvature between the
abutment and the link, said enlargement be-
ing positioned at one side of and adjacent to
a line extending axially of the link, a spoon
having an aperture through which said eye
extends, and a swivel positioned on said
eye, said spoon and swivel being located on
opposite sides of the abutment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-
nesses.

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