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Fig. 1

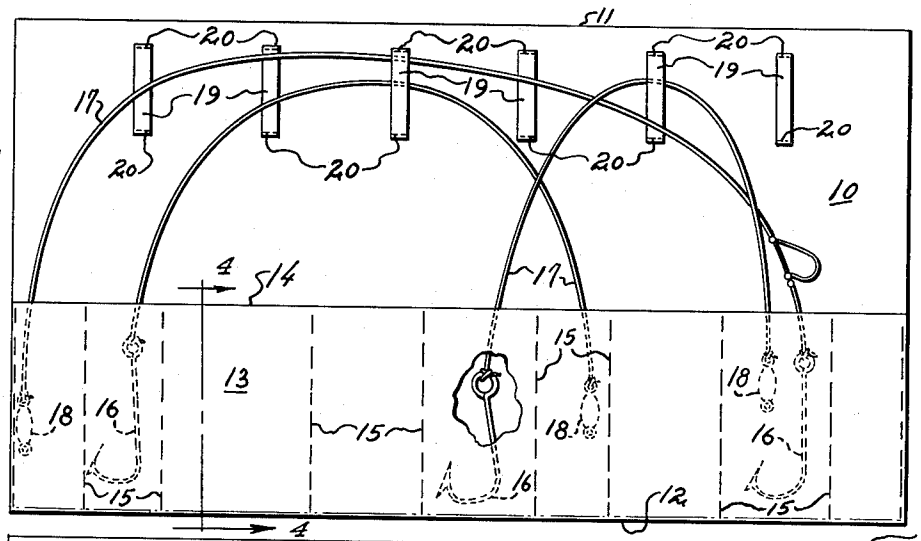


Fig. 3

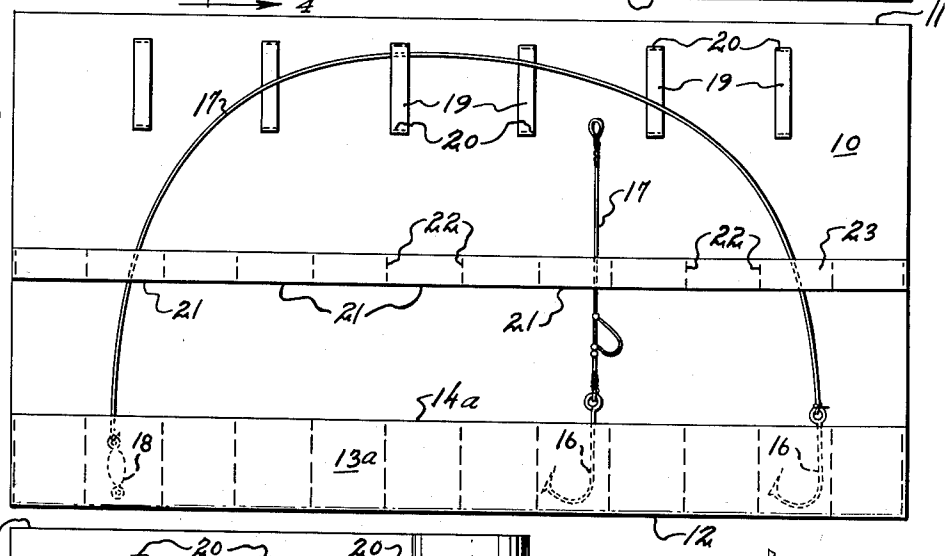


Fig. 2

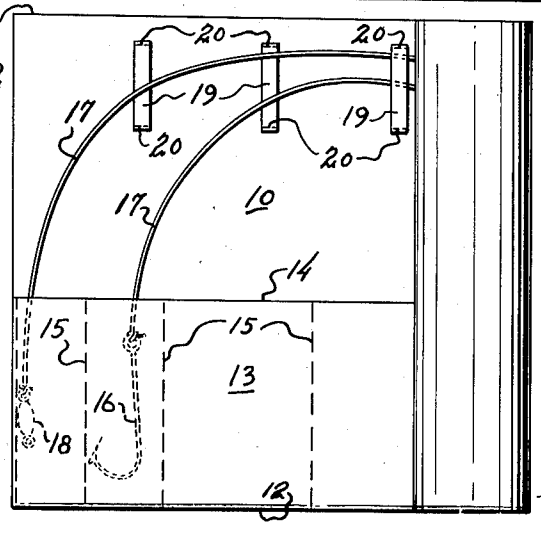
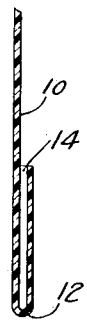


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to fishing accessories and, more particularly, to a case for carrying fish hooks with leaders attached.

As is well known to fishermen, it is difficult to store and carry without entanglement a number of leaders, particularly where the leaders are of varying length and some or all of them must be coiled.

It is, therefore, an important object of the invention to provide a case for neatly and compactly holding a plurality of hook and leader combinations.

It is another object of the invention to provide a device of the class described which can hold a variety of lengths and types of hooks with leaders for individual selection and without danger of becoming accidentally tangled.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fisherman's case of the foregoing description which will lend itself to space-saving and easy handling by rolling into a compact form, yet without kinking or tangling the leaders.

These and other objects and advantages of my invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters refer to the same parts and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my hook and leader case in open position showing a number and variety of hooks and leaders disposed therein, the hidden portions thereof being shown in dotted line;

Fig. 2 shows the same case illustrated in Fig. 1 in partially rolled condition preparatory to carrying the same in the tackle box or in the fisherman's pocket; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view of an alternate form of my hook and leader case in which the pockets are shorter and medial retaining means have been added between the pockets and the upper retaining means.

Figure 4 is a vertical cross section of a segment of the leader case taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, Fig. 1 shows my hook and leader case in open position with a variety of types and sizes of hook and leader combinations disposed therein in readiness for removal or for rolling up into storage. The main or body portion of my case comprises a length of flat and flexible sheet material **10** having a top edge **11** and a bottom edge **12**. The sheet is preferably formed of a flexible and tough sheet material having waterproof characteristics. I prefer to use such material as thermoplastic film, for example, polyethylene or polyvinyl material. The film should be of such thickness as will give sufficient strength to prevent tearing or other injury in use and yet should not be so thick as to resist folding and rolling.

Formed on the sheet **10** and adjacent the bottom edge **12** is a series of contiguous open topped pockets **13** which may be formed by looping an extension of the sheet **10** reversely upon itself to form the bottom edge **12** and to define the upper top line **14** of the contiguous pockets **13**. The pockets themselves may be simply formed by stitching in spaced vertical lines as at **15**. The top line **14** thus defines the top edge and upper openings of

each of the pockets **13**. The stitch lines **15** are spaced so as to normally accommodate any hook together with ordinary attachments such as spoons, feathers and the like. Likewise, the pockets must be large enough to accommodate the free ends of conventional leaders having plain looped ends or swivels attached thereto. Characteristic hooks **16** are indicated in dotted line within the pocket members **13**. The attached leaders of various lengths are shown at **17**, the free ends terminating in loops or swivels **18** as shown.

Retaining means such as a series of spaced parallel loop members **19** are fixed to the sheet **10** as shown in Fig. 1. The retaining means **19** provides a plurality of openings which are oriented transversely to the pocket openings as by stitching of the loops at the ends **20** thereof. The loops **19** are so spaced that one of the said loops will lie intermediate and above any preselected pair of pockets **13**.

In the alternate form of the invention as shown in Fig. 3, I have shortened the lengths of the pocket members **13*a*** by dropping the top line **14*a*** and have provided additional retaining means intermediate the top and bottom edges of the sheet **10**. The additional retaining means may comprise medial loops **21** formed by stitching vertically at **22** in spaced intervals along a strip of material **23** running for substantially the length of the sheet **10**. With the hook and leader case shown in the alternate form of Fig. 3 it is possible to inspect the hooks more easily by pulling them out of the short pockets **13*a*** yet without completely releasing them from retaining means. It is preferred that the openings formed by stitching **22** across the band or strip **23** will be in alignment with the open tops respectively of the pockets **13*a*** formed therebelow.

In the use of my hook and leader case, I select a hook and leader combination **16—17** and place the hook **16** in one of the pockets **13**, then bend the free end of the leader **17** bearing the swivel **18** so that the free end points downwardly and the upper looped portion of the leader **17** lies naturally within the border of the sheet **10**. I then note which one of the transverse loops **19** is generally intermediate of the pockets selected and insert the swivel **18** therethrough. I then place the swivel free end **18** of the leader **17** in the preselected pocket and the hook and leader will then be arched naturally and retained cooperatively by the preselected pair of pockets and the intermediate transverse loop. I then repeat the process with a plurality of the hook and leader combinations, each time selecting a suitable pair of spaced pockets **13** with an intermediate transverse loop **19** for maintaining the tackle in position. It will be observed that I may use any one of the pockets or loops for several different hook and leader combinations whenever desired. With all the hook and leaders in position within the case I then roll up one end thereof as shown in Fig. 2. The looped portion of the leader **17** will then merely bend while maintaining its contact against the face of sheet **10**. Even in rolled condition the leaders will not be kinked or bent sharply at any point along their length. The case, when rolled up with the tackle contained therein, will constitute a compact unit which can be easily carried in a fisherman's pocket or placed within his tackle box without allowing tangling of the hooks and leaders.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3, I have shortened the depth of the pockets **13** and provided additional medial retaining means in the form of aligned loops which will tend to hold the hooks and leaders more firmly in position. Since the pockets **13*a*** are not quite so deep, it is possible for me to raise the hook from the pocket for inspection while the remainder of the combination is retained by the several loops and remaining pocket. As in the case of the first named form, the pairs of pockets

are preselected to suit the total length of the hook and leader combination with intermediate transverse loops at the upper portion of the case being utilized to maintain the general position of the looped tackle. The alternate form of case may be compacted by rolling in the same manner as described above.

It may thus be seen that I have provided a hook and leader case for sportsmen which will retain in compact and untangled condition a plurality of hook and leader combinations yet render them easily available for use without becoming tangled with one another or with the remaining tackle in a tackle box or in the fisherman's pocket.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A case for holding a variety of types and sizes of hook and leader combinations comprising a length of flat and flexible sheet material, such as plastic film, having a top and a bottom edge, the bottom of the sheet material being bent back on itself and stitched at spaced intervals to the body of the sheet to form a series of contiguous open-topped pockets formed generally vertically with respect to the height of the sheet, the tops of said pockets terminating medially of said bottom and top edges, and loop retaining means secured adjacent the top edge of said sheet and forming openings oriented transversely to the vertical, whereby a hook may be placed in one pocket and the free end of the leader in another pocket, preselected in accordance with the length of the hook and leader, the medial portion of said leader passing through said retaining means at a position intermediate and above said pockets thereby permitting rolling and compacting said case together with the hook and leader combination, disposed therein.

2. A case for holding a variety of types and sizes of leader combinations comprising a length of flat and flexible sheet material, such as plastic film, having a top and bottom edge, the bottom of the sheet material being bent back on itself and stitched at spaced intervals to the body of the sheet to form a series of contiguous open-topped pockets formed generally vertically with respect to the height of the sheet, the tops of said pockets terminating medially of said bottom and top edges, and a series of spaced parallel loop members secured at their ends adjacent the top edge of said sheet and forming openings oriented transversely to the vertical whereby a hook may be placed in one pocket and the free end of said leader in another pocket, preselected in accordance with the length of the hook and leader, the medial portion of said leader passing through and retained by one of said loops located intermediate and above said pockets

thereby permitting rolling and compacting said case together with said hook and leader combination disposed therein.

3. The subject matter of claim 1, and medial retaining means secured to said length of sheet material between said pockets and said transverse retaining means.

4. A case for holding a variety of types and sizes of hook and leader combinations comprising a piece of flat and flexible sheet material, such as plastic film, having a top and bottom edge, a plurality of pairs of pockets formed in spaced relation one with the other, each such of said pockets being vertical with respect to the length of said sheet with the top of each terminating medially of said bottom and top edges, each of said pairs of pockets being adapted to cooperatively hold a hook in one pocket and the free end of a leader attached to said hook in the other of said pockets, and a plurality of loops attached to said sheet above said spaced pockets, one of said loops being adapted to hold a medial part of said leader in cooperation with a pair of said pockets holding respectively the hook and leader end.

5. A case for holding a variety of types and sizes of hook and leader combinations comprising a piece of flat and flexible sheet material, such as plastic film, having a top and bottom edge, the bottom of the sheet material being bent back on itself and stitched at spaced intervals to the body of the sheet to form a plurality of pairs of pockets formed in spaced relation one with the other, each of said pockets being vertical with respect to the length of said sheet with the top of each terminating medially of said bottom and top edges, each of said pairs of pockets being adapted to cooperatively hold a hook in one pocket and the free end of a leader attached to said hook in the other of said pockets, a plurality of loops attached to said sheet above said spaced pockets and defining openings therethrough in a direction transverse to that defined by each of said pockets, and a series of loops formed on said sheet medially of the top and bottom edges with each of said medial loops being aligned with a corresponding pocket whereby one of said transverse loops is adapted to hold said leader at a medial position in cooperation with a pair of said pockets and a pair of said medial loops holding respectively the hook portion and the free end of the leader portion.

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