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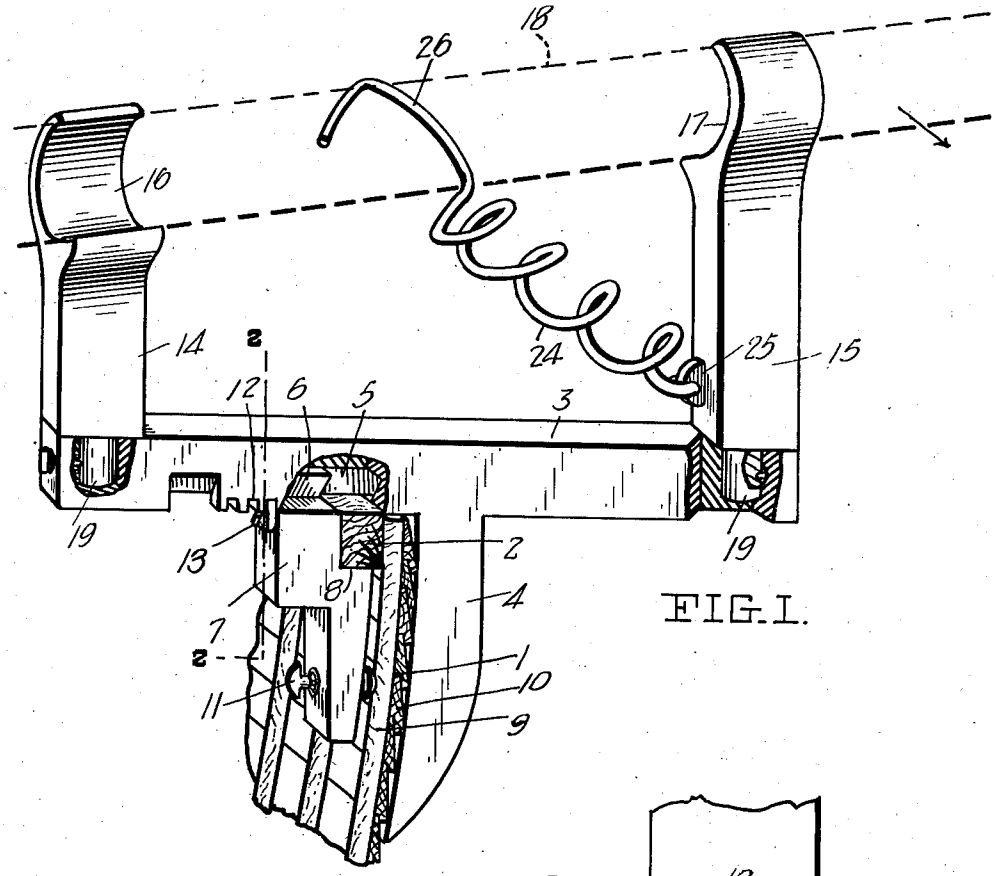


FIG. 1.

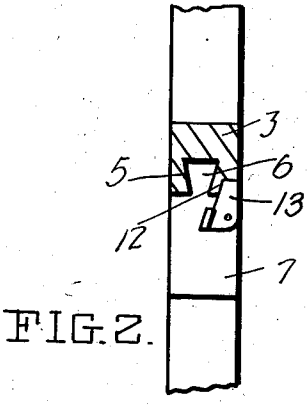
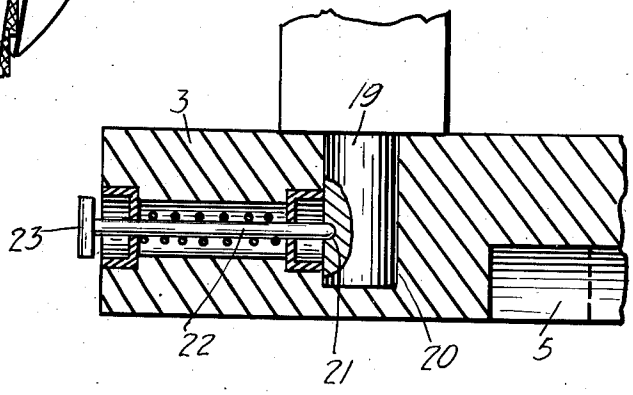


FIG. 2.



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My invention relates to improvements in fishing rod supports and the object of the invention is to devise a support of this type which will be of solid rigid construction, which may be rigidly secured to the gunwale of a boat of any thickness, which is readily adjustable for fishing either from the right or left hand side of the boat, into which the rod may be quickly and easily inserted or from which it may be removed by a quick turning movement of the wrist of the hand grasping the rod, and which may be utilized for resiliently supporting a trolling line and it consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as hereafter more particularly explained.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my support.

Fig. 2 is a sectional detail on line 2—2 Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail through the means for detachably securing the rod holding standards to the main bar of the support.

In the drawing like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

1 indicates a fragmentary portion of a boat having the usual gunwale 2. 3 is a bar which extends at right angles to the gunwale so as to bear on the upper edge of the boat and is provided with a depending arm 4 which is curved to fit the outside of the boat and forms the outboard leg of the support.

The under face of the bar 3 is provided with a longitudinal groove 5 in which slidably fits the dovetail head 6 of the in-board clamp leg 7. The leg 7 is recessed at 8 to receive the gunwale 2 and allow the lower portion of the bar to approach closely to the boat rib 9, or to the sheeting 10.

11 is a clamp screw for clamping the boat between the legs 4 and 7. To hold the leg 7 in place so that the head 6 will not slide in the groove 5 I provide a series of notches 12 into which fits a pivoted catch 13 carried by the leg 7 so as to engage any one of the notches 12 to allow a gunwale of any width fitting between the legs 4 and 7 and allow the clamp screw 11 to operate.

14 and 15 are standards having jawed upper ends 16 and 17 set in opposite directions and through which the lower end of the fishing rod 18 extends as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

The lower ends of the standards 14 and 15 are each provided with depending cylindrical stems 19 turnably fitting into corresponding recesses 20 in the bar 3 and provided with a locking recess 21 into which fits a spring-pressed locking pin 22 operated by the finger holder 23. The standards 14 and 15 vary in height, the outboard standard being the higher so as to hold the rod at the required angle.

24 is a tension spring connected at one end to the lug 25 and provided with a hooked opposite end 26 extending around the rod 18 to hold it down so that it will not disengage from the jaws 16 and 17.

In order to remove the rod all that is necessary to do is to unhook the spring 24 from the rod and by a turning movement of the wrist grasping the rod, the rod is swung horizontally out of engagement with the jaws 16 and 17.

It will be understood that when fishing the pull of the line is in the direction of arrow in Fig. 1, and therefore the greater the pull on the line the more securely will the rod be held in the support.

When trolling the trolling line may be held in the spring 24 which will hold the line resiliently. If it is desired to fish from the opposite side of the boat all that is necessary to do is to interchange the standards 14 and 15 so that the rod will be inclined in the opposite direction over the opposite side of the boat.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A fishing rod support comprising a bar having a recess formed in the upper face at each end, said bar extending at right angles to the face of the boat, means for clamping the bar to the sides of the boat and interchangeable rod carrying standards each having a similarly reduced lower end adapted to fit either recess and means for detachably securing such reduced ends in the recesses.

2. A fishing rod support comprising a bar extending at right angles to the boat, means for clamping the bar to the sides of the boat, a supporting standard at each end of the bar having jaws for holding the rod, the openings of which are set in opposite directions so that when that portion of the rod extending between the standards is grasped by the hand of the user and turned horizontally on a pivot formed by the user's wrist both jaws are disengaged simultaneously.

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