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FISHHOOK HOLDER

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Fig. 1

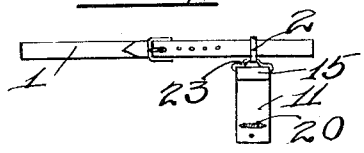


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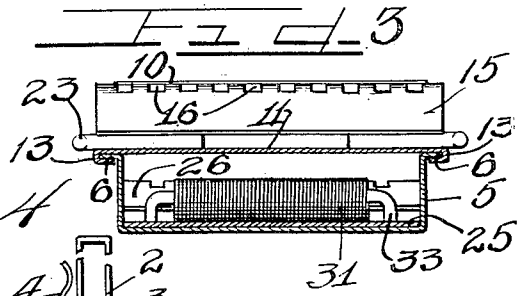


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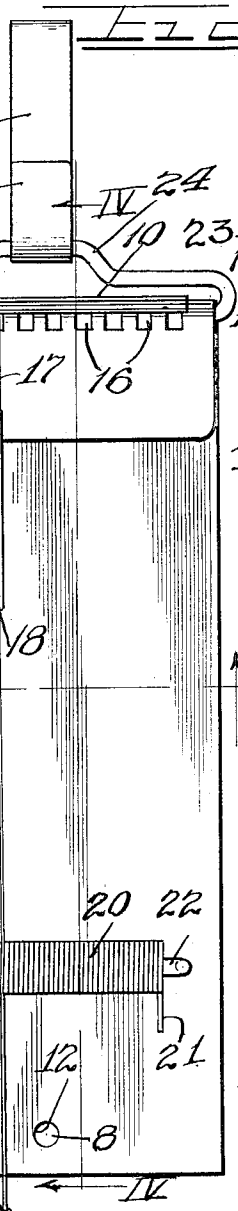


Fig. 4

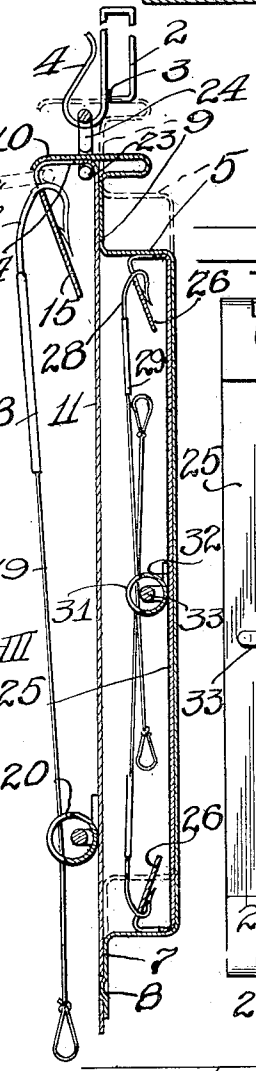
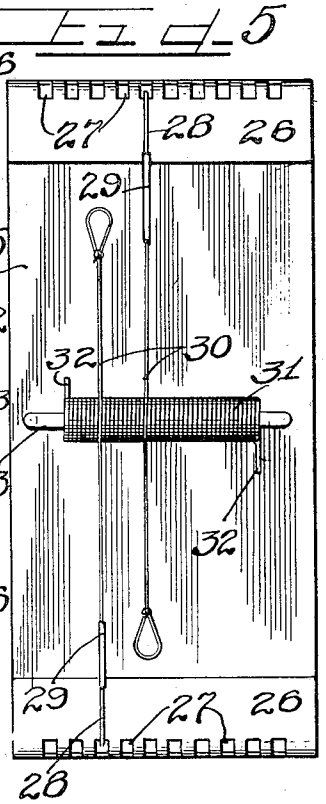


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to an improved fishhook holder in the form of a box or container including a removable inner tray and a removable cover, both of which are formed with apertured fishhook receiving plates or flanges and with shiftably mounted latching springs for removably receiving the gut leaders of snelled fishhooks, said cover adapted to have the hook supporting end thereof moved into locking engagement with a retaining flange or head formed on one end of the box or container which serves to lock the hooks against removal when the cover is in closed position.

The improved fishhook holder also includes a supporting loop or bail which when positioned to serve as a hanger or support for the device acts to lock the cover against being opened and also is adapted to serve as a suspending device for engagement on a belt hook.

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved fishhook holder of simplified and inexpensive construction constructed to carry hooks in the interior and on the exterior thereof with the exterior hooks adapted to be locked in position against removal by means of a hood flange forming part of the container of the holder and adapted to seat against the hook supporting end of the cover when the cover is in closed position on the body of the device.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a fishhook holder in the form of a container having a slidable cover provided with an apertured hook receiving member at one end and with a resilient gut leader device on the opposite end of the cover, said cover adapted to be moved into closed position to cause the fishhook member to be brought into contact with a retaining hood or flange forming a part of the container and adapted to be locked with the cover by means of a supporting bail which serves as a means for suspending the fishhook holder from a belt hook in addition to acting as a locking means for locking the cover in closed position to the retaining hood or flange of the container.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a fishhook holder in the form of a container having a slidable cover, said container being provided with a fishhook tray which is removably engaged in the container, said tray and cover having one or both ends thereof bent or rolled over and apertured to removably receive fishhooks of the snelled type to permit the gut leaders of the fishhooks to be removably clamped in shiftable retaining springs supported on the tray and on the cover.

It is furthermore an object of this invention to provide an improved fishhook holder comprising a box having a slidable cover, one end of which is formed to provide a fishhook receiver adapted when the cover is in closed position to engage a retaining member formed on the box and serving to prevent removal of the fishhooks when the cover is in closed position.

It is also an object of this invention to provide an improved fishhook holder comprising a box having a removable cover, said cover being constructed for removably supporting a plurality of snelled fishhooks having the gut leaders thereof removably clamped in a spring retaining means formed on the cover, said cover adapted when in closed position to have the fishhook supporting end thereof moved in coacting engagement with a retaining member formed on the box to prevent removal of the fishhooks from the cover when the cover is in closed position and is locked in said position by means of a supporting bail which coacts with the retaining member of the box so that the cover and box cannot be moved with respect to one another.

It is an important object of this invention to provide an improved type of fishhook holder in the form of a box having a slidable cover formed at one end to receive a plurality of fishhooks which are adapted to be locked against removal from the cover when the cover is in closed position and is in coacting engagement with a retaining member formed on the box, said cover and box adapted to be locked against relative movement with respect to one another by means of a bail member adapted to be removably engaged on a carrying hook constructed to be engaged on the belt of a person desiring to carry the fishhook holder.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the specification and the accompanying drawing.

The invention (in a preferred form) is illustrated in the drawing and hereinafter more fully described.

On the drawing:

Figure 1 illustrates a belt having an improved fishhook holder embodying the principles of this invention engaged thereon.

Figure 2 is an enlarged top plan view of the fishhook holder and the supporting hook removed from the belt.

Fig. 3 is a transverse detail section of the fishhook holder taken on line III—III of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the fishhook holder taken on line IV—IV of Figure 2 with parts broken away.

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the fishhook carrying removable tray adapted to be carried in the interior of the box forming a part of the fishhook holder.

As shown on the drawing:

The reference numeral 1 indicates a belt having removably engaged thereon a spring loop 2 which is split or open at 3 by having one end of the loop member contacting the back of a hook 4 which is integrally formed on the other end of the loop member. As clearly illustrated in Figure 4, the hooked loop is adapted to be formed out of a strip of sheet metal bent into shape to provide a supporting loop and a hook as described.

The supporting hook device is provided for the purpose of permitting the improved fish hook holder to be suspended from a fisherman's belt. The improved fishhook holder comprises a container or box 5 having side flanges 6 integrally formed on the longitudinal margins of the open top thereof. One end of the box 5 is bent outwardly at right angles to form a flap or tail piece 7 provided with an upwardly projecting detent or latching nib 8. The opposite end of the box 5 is provided with an integral extension which is bent outwardly to provide a neck plate 9 and a T-head plate 10 which is adapted to serve as a resilient retaining or locking plate or flange for locking fishhooks in position on the cover of the device as hereinafter more fully described.

Slidably mounted on the guide flanges 6 of the box 5 is a closure plate or cover 11 having an aperture or opening 12 provided in the central portion of one end thereof for lockingly receiving the latching detent 8 formed on the tail piece 7 of the box. The side margins of the cover or top plate 11 are bent downwardly and inwardly to provide guide channels 13 the ends of which are open to permit the cover to be slidably engaged on the guide flanges 6 to permit the cover to be slidably moved back and forth as desired.

The end of the cover or plate 11 opposite the end in which the aperture 12 is formed is curled to provide a shoulder 14 and an apron or hook holding flange plate 15 which is positioned above the cover plate and is inclined downwardly toward the same leaving the inner or lower margin of the hook holding apron or flange plate spaced a short distance from the top surface of the cover 11. The corner which joins the apron 15 to the shoulder plate 14 is provided with a plurality of fishhook receiving slots 16 for removably receiving the pointed or tipped ends of a plurality of snelled fishhooks 17 with the tip ends of said hooks engaged through the slots 16 and positioned against the rear surface of the apron or flange plate 15 as clearly illustrated in Figure 4. Attached to the shank 18 of each of the snelled fishhooks 17 is a gut leader 19 which hangs or projects over the top surface of the cover 11 and is adapted to be removably clamped or retained in a taut or stretched position between the clamping loops or convolutions of a coiled retaining spring 20. The ends of the coil spring 20 are bent outwardly to project in opposite directions to form arms or extension members 21 which frictionally seat against the top surface of the cover 11 and hold the spring 20 against rotation. The clamping spring 20 is shiftably mounted on a U-shaped guide rail or bar 22, the ends of which project through openings in the cover 11 and are swaged or riveted to securely hold the guide rail 22 in position.

Slidably mounted on the hook supporting end of the cover 11 is a hanger or bail 23, the ends of which are bent to form hooks which engage beneath the shoulder 14. The middle portion of the bail or hanger 23 is deflected outwardly to provide a loop or handle 24 to permit the bail to be engaged on the hook 4 of the supporting loop 2.

When the cover 11 is in closed position, the hook supporting shoulder end of the cover is moved into contact with the retaining flange 10 of the box, thereby holding the hook 17 locked in position against removal from the cover. To lock the cover with respect to the box, the supporting bail 23 is moved from the dotted line position illustrated in Figure 4 into the full line position thereby causing the bail to act as a latching means for preventing the cover from being slidably moved into open position on the box 5. When the supporting bail 23 is in locking position as illustrated in Figures 2 and 4 the loop portion 24 thereof may be engaged on the belt hook 4 to permit the fishhook holder to be conveniently suspended from a fisherman's belt as clearly illustrated in Figure 1.

If desired, the interior of the box 5 may be equipped with a fishhook carrying tray of the removable type. The removable tray comprises a base plate 25, both ends of which are bent upwardly and then inwardly and downwardly to provide fishhook supporting aprons or plates 26. The looped portion of the fishhook supporting aprons 26 are provided with a plurality of spaced fishhook receiving slots 27 for removably receiving the tip ends of a plurality of small snelled fishhooks or fly hooks 28 each of which is provided with a shank 29 to which a gut leader 30 is attached. The gut leaders 30 extend in opposite directions and are adapted to be removably clamped between the coils or convolutions of a coil spring 31 the ends of which are bent outwardly to provide legs or extensions 32 which rest against the top surface of the base plate 25 to prevent rotation of the coil spring 31. The coil spring 31 is shiftably mounted on a U-shaped bracket or guide bar 33, the ends of which project through openings in the base plate 25 and are secured in place by riveting or swaging over the ends of the bracket. It will thus be noted that in the tray a single shiftable clamping spring 31 is used for removably receiving the gut leaders 30 from both ends of the tray.

The removable fishhook carrying tray is adapted to be seated in the box 5, and when in position may be used as a shield for protecting the fisherman's license card which may be placed in the bottom of the box beneath the base plate 25 of the tray. It will be noted that when a plurality of flyhooks 28 are engaged in the hook receiving slots 27 of the tray aprons or hook supporting plates 26 said hooks may be retained in place by engaging the gut leaders 30 between the convolutions of the retaining spring 31 as clearly illustrated in Figure 5. When the tray is positioned within the box 5 it will be noted that the ends of the box 5 act as a retaining or locking means for preventing removal of the hooks 28 from the slots 27.

The operation of the improved fishhook holder is very simple. When a fly hook carrying tray is used in the box 5, the fly hooks may be engaged in the hook receiving slots 27, and the gut leaders

30 may be pressed downwardly between the convolutions of the retaining or locking spring 31.

The tray holding the hooks is then simply deposited or placed within the box 5. The cover or top plate is adapted to carry hooks on the exterior thereof and the hooks 17 may be engaged in the hook receiving notches 16 of the apron 15 allowing the gut leaders 19 to be engaged between the convolutions of the coiled locking or retaining spring 20. With the hooks in position as described, the cover is slidably pushed into the closed full line position illustrated in Figure 4 with the shoulder 14 contacting or seating beneath the locking flange or hood 10, thereby holding the hooks 17 locked in position against removal. The bail or supporting loop 23 is in the dotted line position illustrated in Figure 4 and may now be moved upwardly into the full line position to engage around the ends of the shoulder 14 and over the hood or retaining flange 10 to lock the cover and box 5 together. The bail 23 on which the fishhook holder is supported may now be engaged on the belt hook 4, the loop 2 of which is adapted to be engaged on a fisherman's belt 1 as indicated in Figure 1. It will thus be noted that the bail 23 not only acts as a supporting member for the fishhook box and cover but also serves as a locking means for holding the cover locked when in closed position so that removal of the hooks 17 from the cover is entirely obviated.

When the cover 11 is moved into closed position, the latching aperture or opening 12 is adapted to be positioned to permit the detent 8 to resiliently snap into the aperture to hold the cover 11 locked in closed position. The detent 8 during the slidable opening and closing of the cover 11 is adapted to frictionally contact the lower surface of the cover thereby acting to prevent the cover from accidentally sliding off of the box in case the locking bail 23 should happen to be positioned in the dotted line position illustrated in Figure 4.

It will of course be understood that various details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention and it is therefore not the purpose to limit the patent granted hereon otherwise than necessitated by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a removable cover therefor, means on the exterior of said cover for holding fishhooks stretched in position thereon, and cover stop means formed on one end of the box for locking the fishhooks in position against removal from the cover.

2. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover therefor, means on said cover for supporting a plurality of fishhooks in spaced order thereon, and a retaining member forming a part of the box to coact with said means when the cover is in closed position to lock the fishhooks against removal from said cover.

3. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover mounted thereon, a fishhook receiving member on said cover, means on said cover for removably receiving the gut leaders of fishhooks engaged on said member, retaining means on said box for coaction with said fishhook supporting member when the cover is in closed position to hold the fishhooks locked in position against removal from the member, and a supporting device for the fishhook holder adjustably engaged on the cover and coacting with said retaining means to hold the cover locked in closed position on said box.

4. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover mounted thereon, means on said cover for removably receiving and supporting fishhooks in predetermined positions thereon, a retaining means on said box to be contacted by the cover when the cover is in closed position to cause the fishhooks to be locked against removal from said cover, and a supporting member for the fishhook holder acting when moved into a supporting position to the cover on the box.

5. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover movably mounted thereon, a slotted fishhook holder formed on one end of said cover for receiving a plurality of snelled fishhooks engaged therein, retaining means on said cover for removably receiving the gut leaders of the fishhooks, a hood member formed on one end of said box contactable by the fishhook supporting means of the cover when the cover is in closed position to hold the fishhooks locked against removal, and a supporting means for carrying the fishhook holder, said supporting means also serving as a locking means to hold the cover locked in closed position against movement with respect to the box.

6. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover mounted on said box and formed to removably support a plurality of snelled fishhooks in stretched position on the exterior thereof, and means formed on the box to be engaged by the cover when the cover is in closed position to lock the fishhooks against removal from said cover.

7. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover mounted thereon and having one end thereof looped over the exterior of the cover and slotted to receive the tip ends of snelled fishhooks removably engaged therein, a coiled member shiftably supported on the cover for receiving the gut leaders of the snelled fishhooks removably engaged therein, a hood member formed on one end of the box and positioned to be contacted by the rolled end of the cover when the cover is in closed position, said hood member acting as a locking means for holding the fishhooks locked in position against removal from the cover when the cover is in closed position.

8. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a fishhook carrying means removably engaged with said box, and means forming a part of said box to coact with the fishhook carrying means for holding the fishhooks locked against removal from said carrying means.

9. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a fishhook carrier forming a part thereof, means on said fishhook carrier for removably receiving the gut leaders of the fishhooks, means on said box to coact with the fishhook carrier for holding the fishhooks locked in position against removal, a supporting device, and a bail member removably engaged on the supporting device and coacting with the fishhook carrier and said retaining means for holding the fishhook carrier and said retaining means locked with respect to one another.

10. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a fishhook carrier removably engaged therewith, means on said box for locking the fishhooks against removal from said carrier and a second locking means serving as a supporting means for the fishhook holder and also serving as a means for locking the fishhook carrier against movement with respect to the box.

11. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a fishhook carrier removably engaged with said box,

means on said carrier for removably holding a plurality of snelled fishhooks engaged thereon in stretched separated relation with respect to one another, means on said box for holding the fishhooks locked against removal, and a supporting bail for the fishhook holder adjustably engaged with said carrier for locking the fishhook carrier against movement with respect to the box and also serving to hold the fishhook retaining means locked in position.

12. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a removable tray therein for holding fishhooks stretched in spaced relation with respect to one another, a removable cover for said box, means on said cover for holding a plurality of fishhooks stretched in spaced relation with respect to one another, means forming a part of the box coacting with the tray and with said cover to hold the fishhooks locked against removal from said tray and from said cover, and a supporting member for the fishhook holder also serving as a means for locking the cover when in closed position against removal from said box.

13. A fishhook holder comprising a fishhook carrying box, a cover removably engaged thereon, means on said cover for removably holding a plurality of snelled fishhooks stretched in spaced relation with respect to one another, means on the box for locking the fishhooks against removal from said cover when the cover is in closed position, and a plurality of locking means for holding the cover locked with respect to the box, one of said locking means also serving as a support for carrying the fishhook holder.

14. A fishhook holder comprising a box, a cover for said box for removably carrying a plurality of fishhooks, means on said box for holding the fishhooks locked in place against removal when the cover is in closed position, and a latching device for holding the cover locked in engagement with said means.

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