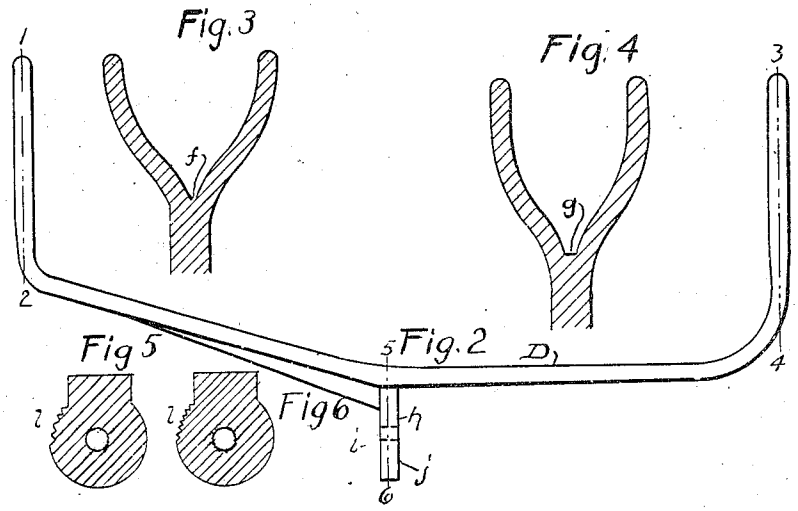
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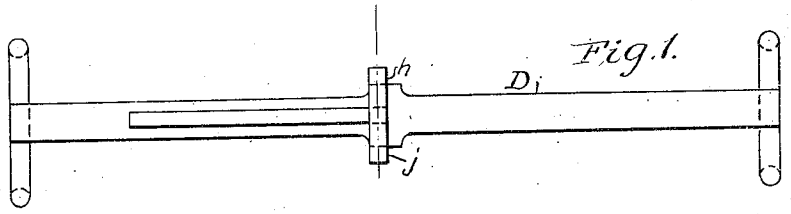
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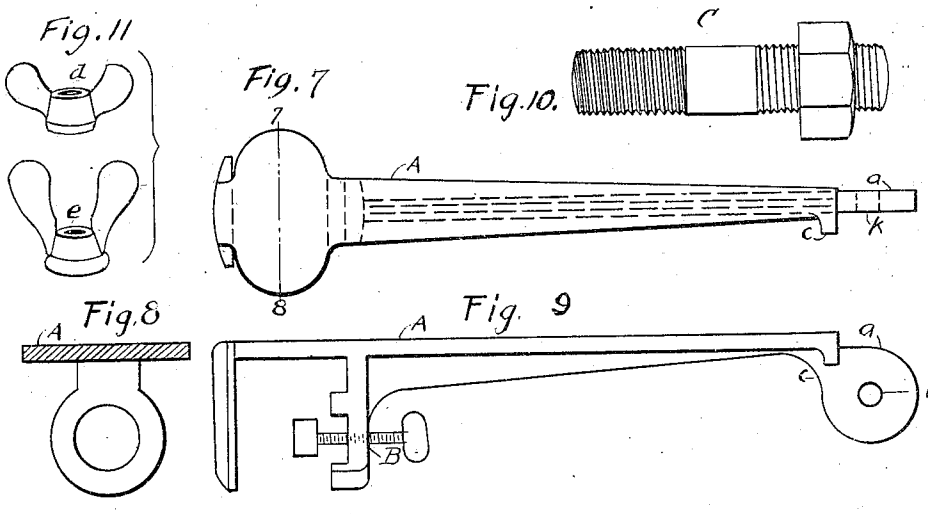
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUDWIG ALFRED BAERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gun-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for supporting a gun although the use of this device is not limited to this specific purpose and the object is to provide a simple support which is easily secured in place and is adaptable to many boat designs and boat-loading conditions. Further objects will become apparent from the following description.

The construction embodies a supporting member having means for quickly and conveniently securing it to the gunwale, coaming or other part of a boat, skiff, canoe, or to a fixture on shore, the supporting member being provided with a means adapted to directly receive and support a gun, rifle or other object. The gun rest is made revoluble so the gun with safety may be easily and quickly placed therein and removed therefrom.

The invention also consists in the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and specified in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating the preferred embodiments of my invention:

Figure 1 is a bottom plan of the gun rest; Fig. 2, a side view thereof;

Fig. 3, a vertical section of a part of gun rest on the line —1—2, Fig. 2;

Fig. 4, a vertical section of a part of the gun rest on the line —3—4, Fig. 2;

Fig. 5, a vertical section of gun rest on line —5—6, Fig. 2;

Fig. 6, a similar view showing one of several differentiations of the section shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 7, a top view of the supporting bracket as it appears after the removal of the gun rest;

Fig. 8, represents a section on the line —7—8, Fig. 7, looking toward the left;

Fig. 9, a side view of the supporting bracket as it appears after the removal of the gun rest.

Fig. 10, a view of the connecting bolt and Fig. 11 a view of the clamping nuts whereby the rest D and the bracket A are connected together.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A designates the supporting bracket having an attachment clamp B which is so constructed that it may be used on the side rail or other part of a boat or fixture.

The arm part of the bracket terminates at its outer end in a circular ear *a*, as is more specifically represented in Figs. 7 and 9, and said ear has the aperture *b*, therethrough. A lug *c* projects laterally from the end of the bracket arm for a purpose hereinafter explained. D represents the gun rest made in the form of a frame or bar having an upwardly open crotch *f* at its forward end and an additional crotch *g* at the opposite end. The crotch *f* is proportioned to accommodate the barrel of a gun. The rest D is provided with the depending ear *h* which has an aperture *i* therethrough and which rotatively engages the screw stud C, such depending ear *h* preferably of cylindrical form, has a plurality of spaced depressions and has a base portion *j* in contact against the substantially plane base portion *k* of the circular ear which is a part of the supporting bracket A.

A part of the ear *h* is made of notched form, that is the teeth are in gear arrangement as indicated at *l* for engagement with the fixed tooth *c* on the bracket.

When the parts have been adjusted for the proper positioning of the gun to suit the sportsman, the aperture *b* is brought into alinement with the aperture *i*, the screw threaded stud C is slid into the alined apertures *b* and *i*, one of the thumb nuts *d* is securely tightened against the outside base of the circular ear *a* of the bracket A and the thumb nut *e* is brought up tightly on the screw stud against the outer face of the depending ear *h* on the gun rest D, binding the contact base of the ear *a* of the bracket A against the ear *h* of the gun rest.

The tight drawing of the threaded thumb-nuts *d* and *e* on the screw threaded stud, serves the double purpose of preventing rotative movement of the screw stud and any swiveling movement of the gun rest relatively to the bracket. The rotative movement on its horizontal axis of the depending ear *h* is furthermore safeguarded

against, by the lug *c*. All the notches *l* engage the lug *c*. The adjusted relation of the bracket A and the gun rest D is fixed by the notch in the series of notches *l* occupied by the lug *c*. This invention is not limited either by the number or shape of the notches shown.

By loosening one of the thumb nuts *e* to an extent to permit the screw stud to slide through the aperture *b* in the ear *a*, sufficiently far to carry the lug *c* on the bracket quite a distance away from the base of the depending ear *h* on the gun rest, the engaging lug *c* is placed entirely out of mesh with the notched surface *l*.

Without departing from the spirit of the invention, the ear *a* of the bracket A may have the notches *l* and the ear *h* of the gun-rest D may have the lug *c*. Also either the bracket or gun-rest may be provided with a plurality of ears which are not limited by the shape of the ears shown. The shape of either the bracket or the gun rest is distorted and the relative position of the ears is changed when the ears are drawn together in the clamp. This action causes the ears to mutually grip and hold the gun-rest in fixed position relative to the bracket.

I claim:

1. A gun support comprising a supporting bracket provided with an attachment clamp and an arm part which terminates in an ear which has an aperture therethrough, a gun rest supported thereon and provided with a depending ear which has an aperture therethrough and a pivot bearing which has its axis substantially parallel with the barrel of a gun.

2. A gun support comprising a supporting bracket having an attachment means, a gun rest revolubly mounted on said supporting bracket, said gun rest comprising a frame bifurcated at its ends and a depending part adapted to engage an arm part of the supporting bracket and clamping means whereby the gun may be adjusted and retained in various positions substantially at right angles relative to the bracket.

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