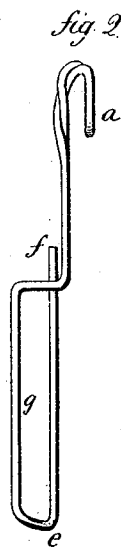
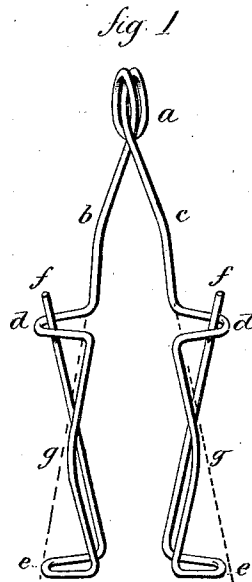


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CUTTLE FISH HOLDER.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CUTTLE-FISH HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. RENTZ, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Cuttle-Fish Holder; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front perspective view, and in Fig. 2 an edge view.

This invention relates to a device for holding cuttle-fish or food for bird-cages; and it consists in an elastic-wire clamp, formed into jaws, to surround the article, and with means for suspending it in the cage, as more fully hereinafter described.

A single piece of wire, of the length required, according to the size of the holder, is doubled at the center and bent into a hook or loop form, *a*. The two branches *b c* are then turned slightly to the right or left for a short distance, and then bent to the right and left, and returned in a plane at right angles to the

parts *b c*, so as to form loops *d d*, and then turned down vertically to form the sides *g*, and, below, each bent to form loops *e*, substantially like the loops *d* above, and the ends *f* turned up and back into the loops *d*, the elasticity of the wire holding the ends *f* in that position. The elasticity of the wire allows the loops to be spread from each other, as indicated in broken lines, and these loops with the sides *g g* and the turned-up ends form a frame or holder, within which the article is placed, and the reaction of the spring grasps the fish or other material with sufficient force to firmly hold it, and thus held it may be suspended at any desired point in the cage.

I claim—

The herein-described cuttle-fish holder, consisting of the securing hook or loop *a*, the side loops *d*, the bottom loops *e*, the said loops forming a grasping device to receive and hold the fish, all substantially as described.

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