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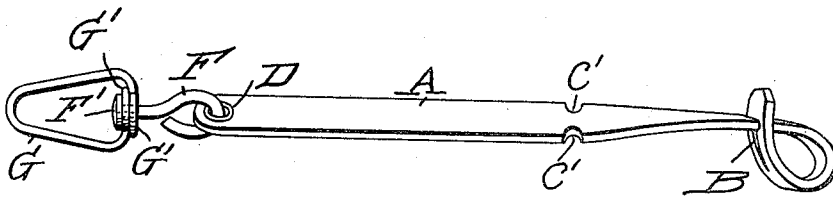


Fig. 1

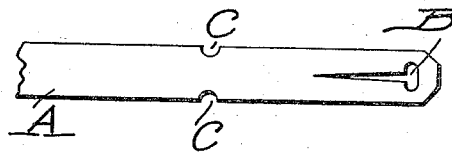


Fig. 2

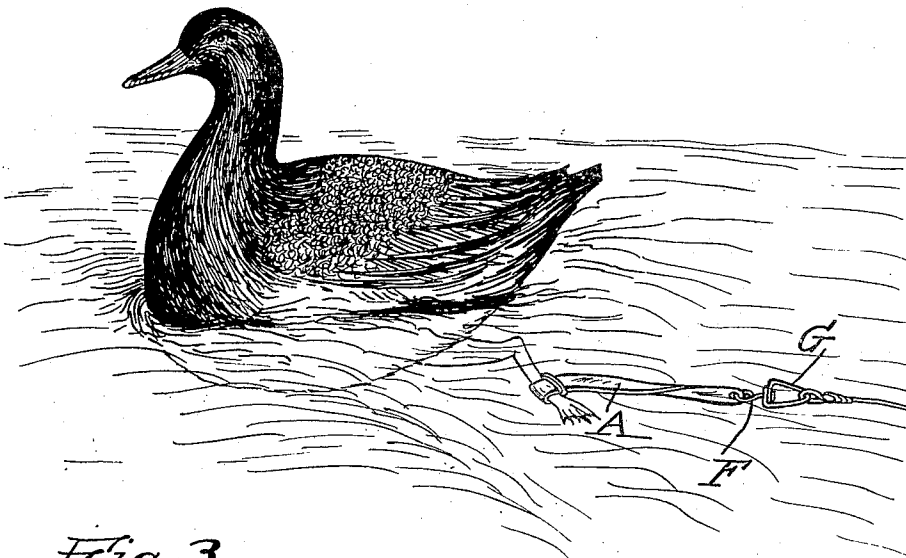


Fig. 3

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DECOY STRAP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES NEWTON PROUTY and WILLARD B. DARTON, citizens of the United States, said PROUTY residing at Spencer, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, said DARTON residing at Portland, county of Cumberland, State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Decoy Strap, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved decoy strap by which a decoy such as a duck can be comfortably kept in check. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation thereof;

Fig. 2 is a plan illustrating one end of the strap, and

Fig. 3 is a view showing the strap in use.

The strap consists of a strip of flexible material such as leather A having a button hole slot B near one end. The strap is provided with suitable notch or notches C—C whereby the other end of the strap can be passed through the button hole slot so that the notches will engage said slot and form a locked loop as shown. An eyelet D is inserted near the other end of the strap and engaging the same is a hook F having a

headed end F'. G designates a loop, the ends G'—G' of which are coiled into eyes which engage the hook under its headed end F'. These parts thus form a swivel joint.

The loop formed in the flexible strap is applied to the leg of the decoy as illustrated in Fig. 3 and when thus applied it forms a comfortable locked holding device which will not annoy the decoy. The swivel keeps the device from snarling.

Additional notches C'—C' may be added so that if desired the device may be applied to the neck of the decoy.

The details and arrangements herein shown may be varied by a skilled mechanic without departing from the scope of our invention as expressed in the claim.

Having thus fully described our invention what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A decoy strap consisting of a strip of flexible material having a button hole slot near one end, a cooperating notch or notches, and a swivel joint at the other end thereof.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures.

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