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BAIT DISPENSER

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Fig. 1.

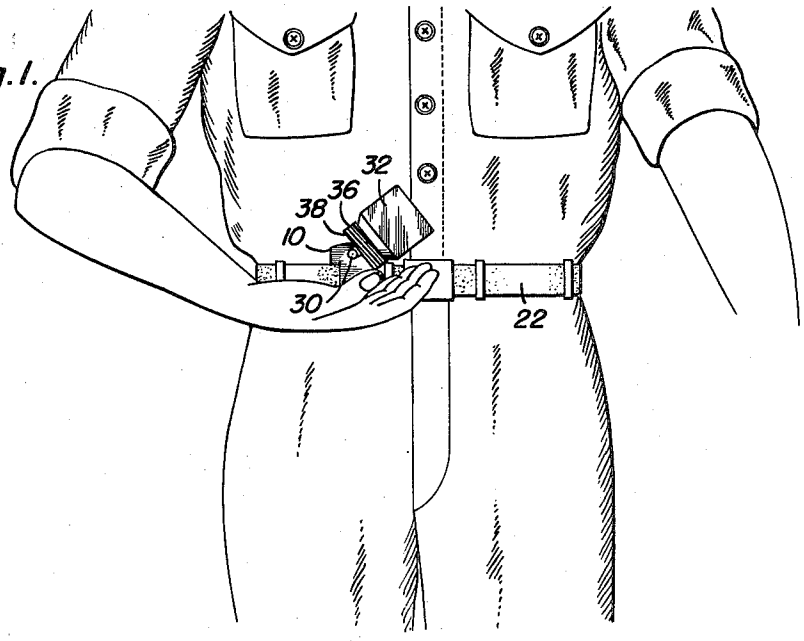


Fig. 2.

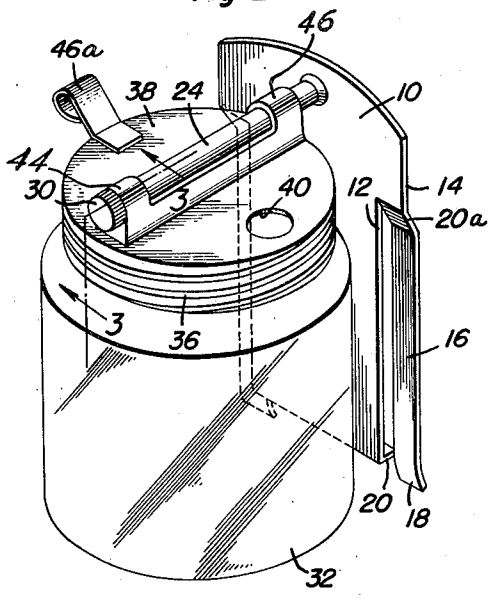
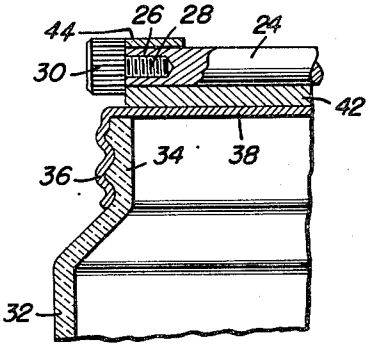


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in fishing devices and the primary object of the present invention is to provide a bait dispenser attachment for belts and the like including a container that is conveniently rotated by one hand of a user to permit bait to be discharged into the same hand employed for rotating the attachment and thereby enabling the other hand of the use to be utilized for holding a pole or such other article.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a bait dispenser that embodies a novel and improved means for quickly and readily applying the same to or removing the same from a belt or garment in a convenient manner.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a bait dispenser of the aforementioned character including a plurality of elements that are readily assembled or disassembled facilitating a convenient storage or packing of the same.

A still further aim of the present invention is to provide a bait dispenser that is simple and practical in construction, strong and reliable in use, neat and attractive in appearance, small and compact in structure, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the present invention applied to a user's belt and with the container rotated for dispensing bait therefrom into the same hand of the user that is employed for rotating the container;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the present invention; and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary longitudinal vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration, there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the numeral 10 represents an elongated substantially rectangular bait member of preferably spring metal having a pair of longitudinal slits 12 adjacent its longitudinal side edges 14 to provide a pair of spring arms or attached clips 16.

The free ends 18 of the clips 16 are flared outwardly and rearwardly, and the fixed ends of the clips 16 are bent, as at 20a, to space the clips 16 rearwardly of the base member 10 and to normally urge the free ends of the clips toward the rear face of the base member 10.

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The lower transverse edge of the base member 10 is turned outwardly and rearwardly to provide a retaining flange 20 that will bear against the lower edge of a belt 22 when the anchor member is in position for use. The rear face of the anchor member 10 will bear against the outer face of the belt 22 and the clip 16 will yieldingly bear against the inner face of the belt 22 to resiliently retain the anchor member relative to the belt 22.

Suitably fixed or removably secured to the base member 10, is an outwardly projecting support or supporting arm 24 the outer end of which is provided with an internally threaded socket 26 that receivably engages the threaded shank 28 of a headed bolt or stop 30.

The numeral 32 represents a suitable container or receptacle having a threaded neck or mouth 34 that receivably engages the threaded flange 36 of a closure or cap 38. The closure 38 is provided with a dispensing opening 40 through which bait is removed.

An anchor member 42 is fixed to or forms an integral part of the closure 38 and a pair of ears, sleeves or bearings 44 and 46 rise from the ends of the anchor member 42 and receive the supporting arm 24 for rotation of the container about the supporting arm 24. One of the sleeves, for example sleeve 44, abuts the headed bolt or stop 30 and prevents lateral movement of the container relative to the supporting arm 24.

A suitable finger grip 46a is secured to and projects outwardly from the closure 38 and forms a means whereby the container can be manually rotated.

In practical use of the present invention, the container 32 is filled with a suitable bait, such as salmon eggs, and the base member 10 is applied to the belt 22 as previously described.

When a user desires to remove some of the bait from the container, he places one hand against the grip 46a and rotates the container so that the bait will pass through the opening 40 and into the hand placed against the finger grip 46a, as shown in Figure 1.

Obviously, the present invention is applicable for right handed or left handed persons merely by reversing the position of the sleeves 44 and 46 whereby rotating the container 180° before the supporting arm 24 is inserted into the sleeves 44 and 46.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it

is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A bait dispenser comprising a base member, means for detachably securing the base member to a belt, a support carried by the base member, a container, a closure for the container having a dispensing opening, an elongated anchor member secured to said closure, and a sleeve rising from the anchor member and receiving said support.

2. A bait dispenser comprising a base member, means for detachably securing the base member to a belt, a support carried by the base member, a container, a closure for the container having a dispensing opening, means rotatably securing the closure to the support including a bearing carried by said closure receiving the support, and means holding the bearing on said support, said last-named means including a stop threaded to said support.

3. A bait dispenser comprising a base member,

means carried by said base member for releasably securing the same to a belt, a support arm projecting laterally from said base member, a container, a closure for the container having a dispensing opening therein, an anchor member fixed to said closure, a pair of ears rising from the anchor member and receiving said support arm for rotation of the container on said support arm, a finger grip secured to said closure for rotating the closure to permit bait to pass outwardly through the dispensing opening, and a stop removably secured to said arm and abutting one of said sleeves.

4. The combination of claim 3 wherein said first mentioned means includes a pair of resilient arms struck from said base member.

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