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HOOK HOLDING HATBAND.

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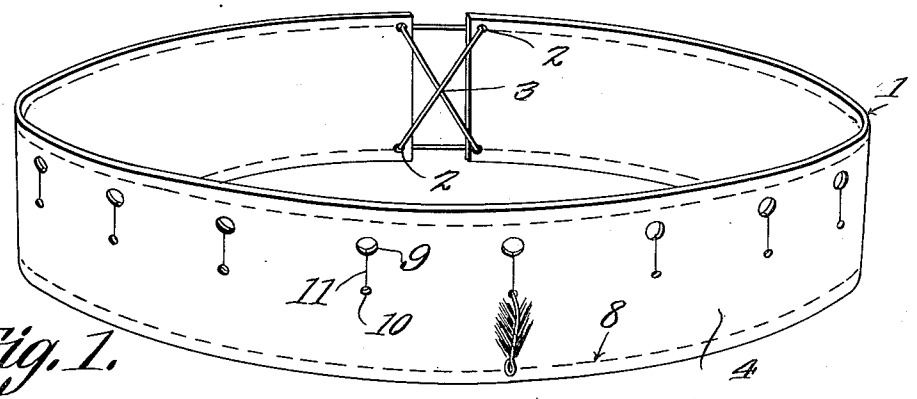


Fig. 1.

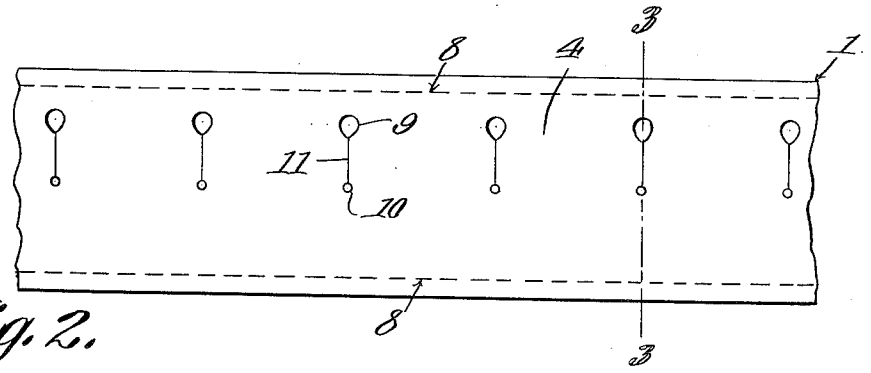


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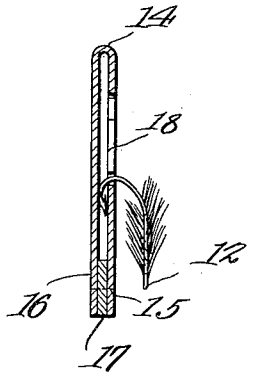


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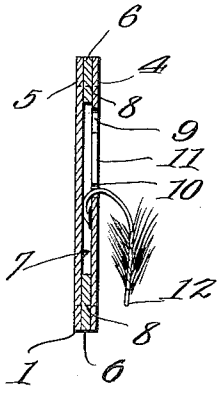


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOE M. DEAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincoln, in the county of Logan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Hook-Holding Hatband, of which the following is a specification.

The device forming the subject matter of this application is a hat band adapted to be employed for carrying artificial flies which are used as a lure for trout, salmon, bass and other fish which feed on natural flies from the surface of the water.

One object of the present invention is to provide a hat band of the type above described which may be readily mounted upon a hat crown of any desired diameter and, with equal facility be removed therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hat band having novel means for retaining the flies.

The invention aims further to provide a hat band in which the fly-receiving openings will be rendered readily visible.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hat band from which fly-hooks may be removed easily and, without difficulty, be mounted in place therein.

It is within the scope of the invention to improve generally and to enhance the utility of, devices of that type to which the present invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 shows the invention in perspective; Fig. 2 is a fragmental elevation; Fig. 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a cross section showing a slight modification.

In carrying out the invention there is provided a band which is denoted generally by the numeral 1, the same being provided adjacent its ends with holes 2 through which is threaded a resilient cord 3, although other means for connecting the ends of the band 1 may be resorted to when desired. The band 1 is a composite structure and comprises an outer wall 4 and an inner wall 5 separated along their longitudinal edges by fillers 6 to define a space 7. If desired, the walls 4 and 5 and the fillers 6 may be stitched together along longitudinal lines as indicated at 8. Any other suitable means may be employed if considered expedient, for connecting the walls with the fillers.

In the outer wall 4 there are formed pear shaped openings 9, adjacent which are located other openings 10 of smaller diameter than the openings 9, the openings 9 and 10 being connected by reduced slits or cuts 11.

In practice, the band 1 is held around the crown of the hat by the resilient cord 3. The barbed end of a fish hook 12 is inserted into the opening 9 and drawn downwardly through the slit 11, until the bend of the hook rests in the opening 10, the barbed end of the hook being located in the opening 7 between the walls 4 and 5.

If desired, the band may be formed from a single strip of material bent upon itself as shown at 14 to form walls 15 and 16, between which is inserted and held a filler 17. The opening and slit construction hereinbefore referred to by the reference characters 9, 10 and 11 is employed in that form of the invention which is shown in Fig. 4, and is there designated generally by the reference character 18.

The band may be of any desired width and of any length. The walls of the band may be fashioned from celluloid, rubber, metal or any other suitable substance having the necessary flexibility. That face of the inner wall 5 which is disposed toward the outer wall 4 is of a different color from the exposed outer face of the outer wall 4, so that the openings 9, 10 and 11 may be visible, thereby to facilitate the mounting of the hook. The foregoing observation holds true with respect to that form of the invention which is shown in Fig. 4. The hook-receiving openings may be variously positioned with respect to each other and with respect to the band, and any number of openings may be provided.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A hook holding hat band comprising a strip of material of different colors upon its opposite faces and having a hook receiving opening, the strip being folded upon itself to form an outer wall in which the opening is located, and to form an inner wall constituting a backing for the opening, and to

cause that color which is peculiar to one face to be exposed through the opening in contradistinction to the other color which is upon the outer face of the outer wall thereby to render the opening visible and prominent, the space between the walls being open and unencumbered to the rear of the opening.

2. A hook-holding hat band comprising inner and outer walls, the outer wall being provided with spaced openings connected by a reduced slit, one opening being of greater diameter than the other opening.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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