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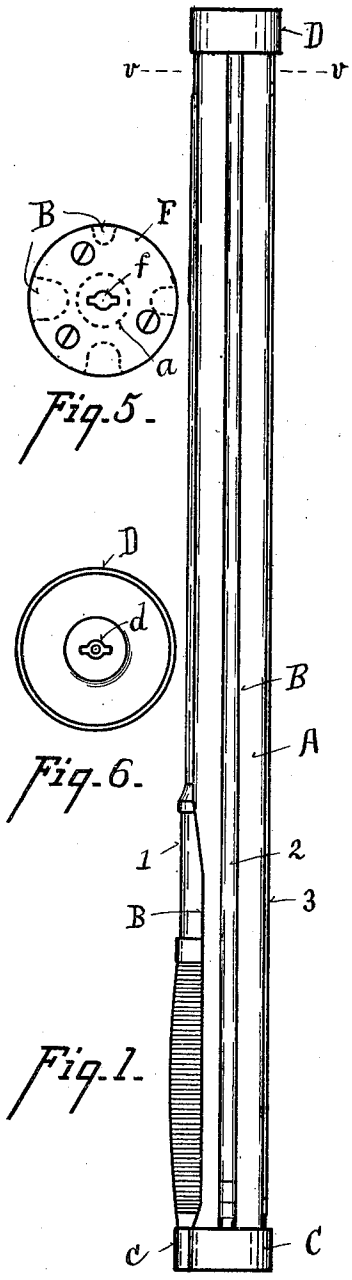


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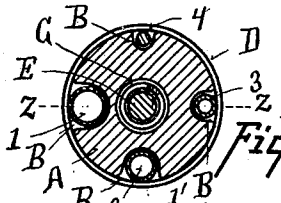


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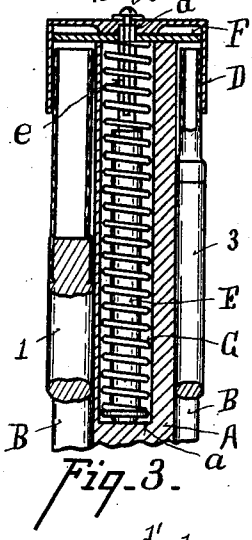


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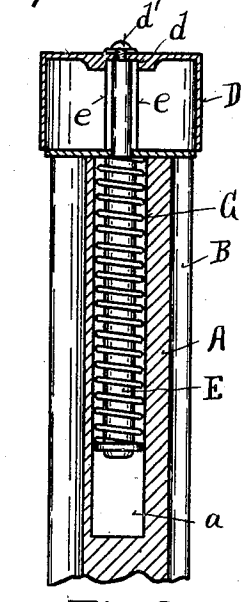


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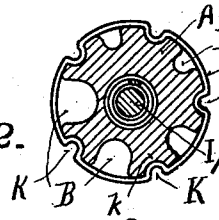


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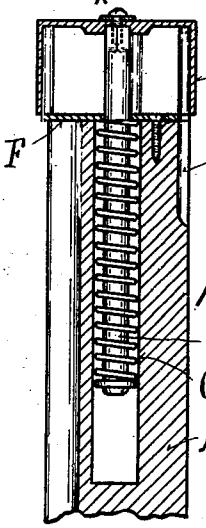


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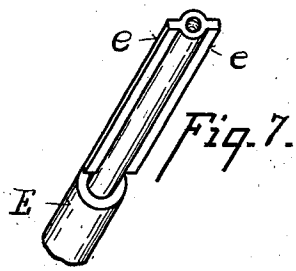


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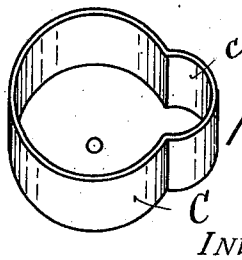


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD JOSEPH CLOHERTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fishpole-Keeps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to fishpole-keeping devices. One of its objects is to provide means for keeping fishpoles and preventing their becoming broken or damaged.

Another object is to provide improved means for securing the pole in place and releasing it therefrom.

It also consists in certain details of form, combination, and arrangement, all of which will be more fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of the keep with the pole in place. Fig. 2 is a section on line *v v* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a central section on line *z z* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the parts in a different or extended position. Fig. 5 is an end view of the keep with the movable cap detached. Fig. 6 is an inside plan view of the movable cap. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the spring-actuated stem. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the fixed cap. Figs. 9 and 10 are views similar to Figs. 2 and 4, showing a modification.

A represents the frame of the keep, preferably of wood and provided with a series of grooves B to receive the sections or joints 1 2 3 4 of the fishpole.

C represents a cap or ferrule, preferably of metal, permanently secured to one end of the frame A and serving to retain one end of the pole-sections in place. A cap or ferrule D is provided at the opposite end of frame A to lock the opposite end of the pole-sections in place. The cap D is arranged by suitable mechanism to be movable endwise, so that it may be slipped over the ends of the pole-sections to retain them in place or moved in the opposite direction, so as to release the pole-sections and permit their removal. The mechanism for this purpose may be variously modified without departing from the principle of my invention. In Figs. 2 to 7 I have shown the preferred form of mechanism for this purpose, in which E represents a stem projecting from the center of the cap into a central recess *a* in the frame A. This stem (see Fig. 7) is provided at its outer end with side wings *e* and passes through a registering opening *f* in plate F, secured to the end of frame A. The outer end of the stem enters a socket *d* on the inside of the cap D and is held in place by a screw *d'*, tapped into the end of the stem. A spring G on the lower end of the stem holds the cap D normally down to lock the pole-sections in place, as shown in Fig. 3. When it is desired to release the pole-sections, the cap D is lifted to the position indicated in Fig. 4, so that the lower end of the wings have cleared the recess *f*, after which the cap and stem may be turned by turning the cap so that the lower ends of the wings will catch on the upper face of plate F and hold the cap and stem in the raised position until the pole-sections have been replaced, when the cap is turned until the wings pass through the recess *f* and the parts assume the position Fig. 3. The socket in the cap causes the stem to turn with the cap.

The cap C is preferably provided with a recess *c* to receive the enlarged handle-section of the pole. The cap D is preferably cylindrical, but may also be provided with a recess similar to *c* to receive the end of the large pole-section, such a form being desirable where the keep is designed to receive old-style poles.

In the modification, Figs. 9 and 10, the central stem I is plain or without wings, and the cap J is provided with inwardly-projecting ribs K, which register with corresponding grooves *k* in the plate F and frame A, so that when the ribs are in position to register with the grooves the spring on the stem pulls the cap down and holds it in place, and when the cap is raised and turned so that the ribs and grooves do not register the cap is held in the raised position. The movable cap may be placed on either end of the frame, as desired. The cap C is preferably permanently secured to the frame by screws. The frame may be finished by varnishing and staining or may be

faced with plush or other material to give it a soft finish.

The parts C D are preferably constructed in the form of caps, the heads of which serve as a finish and protection for the ends of the frame; but, if desired, the heads may be omitted, using only the cylindrical shell.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a fishpole-keep, a frame having a series of grooves to receive the pole-sections, and ferrules at opposite ends of the frame to retain the pole-sections in place, one of said ferrules being adapted to move endwise on the frame to release or lock the pole-sections in place.

2. In a fishpole-keep, a frame having a series of grooves to receive the pole-sections, ferrules at opposite ends of the frame to retain the pole-sections in place, one of said ferrules being adapted to move endwise on the frame to release the pole-sections, and means for holding it normally in position to lock the pole-sections in place.

3. In a fishpole-keep, a frame having a series of grooves to receive the pole-sections, ferrules at opposite ends to retain the pole-sections in place, one of said ferrules being adapted to move endwise on the frame to release the pole-sections, means for holding said ferrule normally in position to lock the pole-sections in place, and a lock adapted to hold the ferrule in position to release the pole-sections.

4. In a fishpole-keep, a frame having a series of grooves to receive the pole-sections, a rigid ferrule at one end of the frame to retain one end of the pole-sections in place, a movable ferrule at the opposite end of the frame adapted to move endwise on the frame to lock the pole-sections in place or to release them, and means for retaining the ferrule in position to lock the pole-sections in place.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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