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Fig. 1.

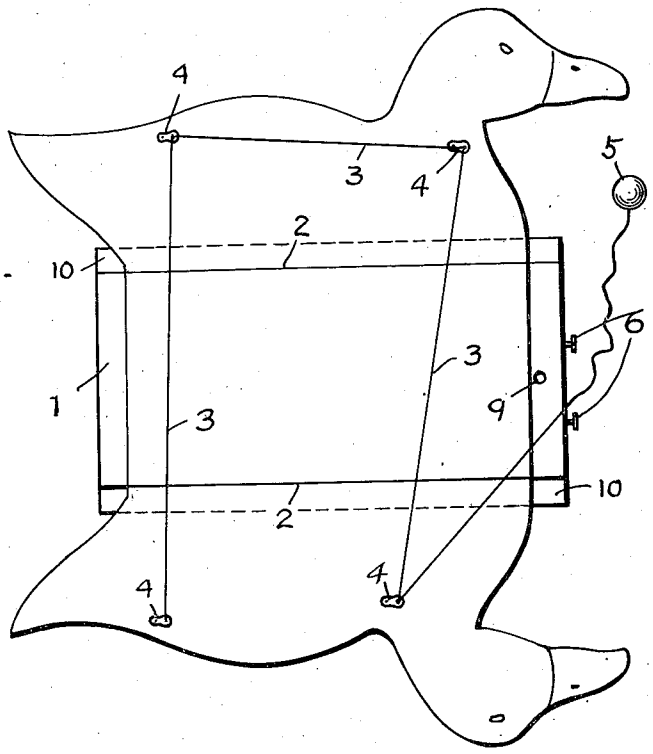


Fig. 2.

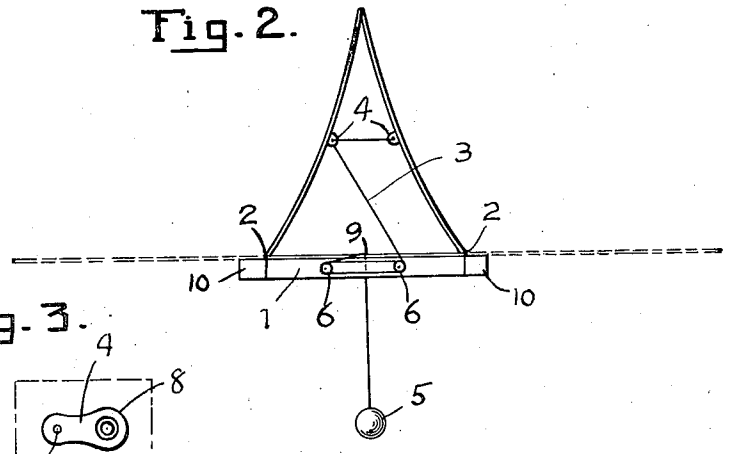


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The invention relates to collapsible duck decoys of waterproofed sheet material assembled with a flat float base and provided with means for holding the two identical halves in upright abutting position, an object of the invention being to provide an improved device of this description capable of economical manufacture and of extreme simplicity.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention with the parts collapsed.

Figure 2 is an end view of the invention as set up for use, the parts being shown as collapsed in dotted lines.

Figure 3 is a detail plan view of one of the tabs.

In these drawings, the numeral 1 designates a flat float of wood or the like upon which are mounted two identical halves each having the outline of and being colored to represent a duck such as a Mallard, these halves being of waterproofed sheet material foldable at their inner edges at 2 to the opposite sides of said float and capable of being folded to upright abutting position.

A draw string 3 is made fast at one end thereof to the outer edge of one end of one of said halves and is looped back and forth through the eyelets of tabs 4 located adjacent the outer edges of the said halves through the eyelet at the other end of one of said halves and is provided at the free end thereof with an anchor weight 5, said float having at one end thereof two horizontal spaced pins 6, around which a portion of the free end of the draw string is wound as shown in Fig. 2 to hold the two halves in upright abutting position with the anchor weight suspended therefrom.

The tabs 4 are secured at one end thereof at 7 by sewing or riveting, and at the other opposite end portion thereof are each provided with an eyelet 8, and these tabs being of flexible material such as leather or the like are adapted to be twisted under strain of the draw string to whatever position will most facilitate passage of the draw string in drawing the two halves together.

When the decoy is not in use or when taken from the water, release of the draw string from the pins 6 enables the two halves to be collapsed

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to horizontal position for transportation or packing.

It is designed that the draw string, after it has been wrapped around the pins 6 for a few turns, may be passed through a hole 9 located about an inch from the pins 6 in the float 1, after which the anchor weight 5 may be secured to the free end of the draw string.

This draw string serves the dual purpose of drawing the two halves of the duck decoy together and so holding them and of serving for the suspension of the anchor weight.

The collapsed duck decoy may have the two halves readily brought to and held in upright abutting position by the use of the draw string as stated even in case of darkness, so that no time may be lost. The duck decoy may be as readily collapsed for transportation or storage there being no staples or other securing means needed to hold the two halves together.

The float 1 may be made of any suitable material, such as wood, and is preferably provided with a cork edge 10, which may be a narrow strip of cork, extending more or less entirely around the float.

I claim:

1. In a duck decoy, a float, two identical duck outline halves foldable at their inner edges upon opposite sides of said float, a plurality of tabs of flexible material secured at one end thereof adjacent the outer edges of said halves and at their other ends bearing each a metal eyelet, a draw string made fast at one end thereof to the eyelet at one end of one of said halves and looped back and forth through the eyelets of the two halves through the eyelet at the other end of one of said halves and provided at the free end thereof with an anchor weight, said float having at one end thereof two horizontal spaced pins around which a portion of the free end of the draw string is wound to hold the two halves in upright abutting position with the anchor weight suspended therefrom.

2. In a collapsible duck decoy, a flat float, two identical duck outline halves of flat waterproofed sheet material foldable at their inner edges to the opposite sides of said float, a plurality of flexible material tabs secured at one end thereof adjacent to the outer edges of said halves and at their other end portions bearing each a metal eyelet, a draw

string attached at one end thereof to the eyelet at one end of one of said halves and looped back and forth through the eyelets of the two halves through the eyelet at the other end of one of said halves and provided at the free end thereof with an anchor weight, said float having at one end thereof two horizontal spaced pins around which a portion of the free end of the draw string is wound to hold the two halves in upright abutting position with the anchor weight suspended therefrom, the flexible material of said tabs admitting of the tabs being twisted to whatever position will most facilitate passage of the draw string in drawing the two halves together.

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