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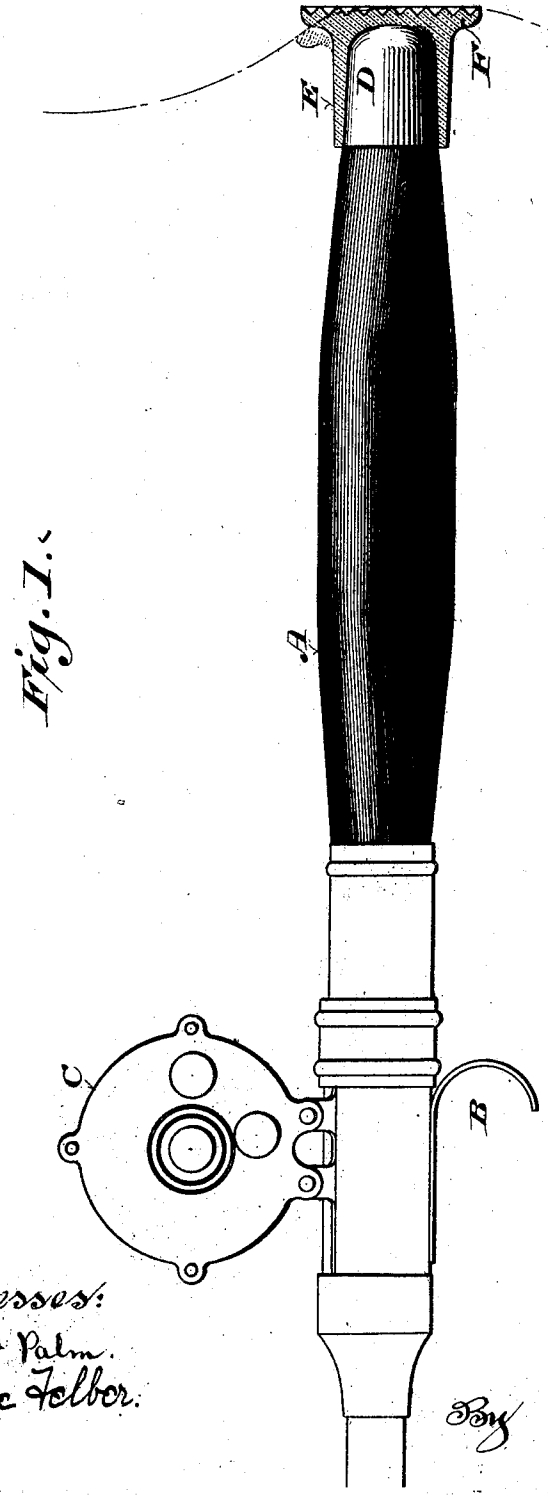



Fig. 1.

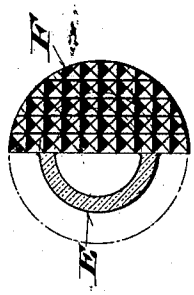



Fig. 2.

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## FISHING-TACKLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DONALD FRASER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fishing-Tackle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts hereinafter particularly set forth, with reference to the accompanying drawings, and subsequently claimed, its object being to insure retention of a fishing pole or rod at a predetermined place of rest against an angler without interference with a ready variation of its angle by said angler while engaged in playing a fish caught on a line in connection with a reel attached to said pole or rod.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a side elevation of the butt of a fishing-rod having a line-reel attachment and provided with a flexible friction device by which said rod is retained by pressure against an angler, this device being shown in section; and Fig. 2, a half-section end elevation of said flexible friction device.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A indicates the butt or handle portion of a fishing-rod provided with a finger-grip B and a line-reel C, as is common practice. Slipped over the usual ferrule D on the rod-butt is a hollow shank E of the preferred form of a flexible friction device, the remainder of this device being comparatively thin, a disk F constituting a broad flat base that is preferably cellular or otherwise irregular to improve its adherence under pressure to a place or rest against the person of an angler using the rod. The flexible friction device is preferably of a good quality of rubber properly vulcanized, and being held under pressure at a predetermined place against an angler it prevents automatic displacement of the rod, although it has ready yield to compensate for various desirable changes of angle of said rod, which yield must take at the junction of the shank and disk portions of said device, as will be apparent by reference to Fig. 1. It is also a cushion to prevent injury to the body of the angler, its disk or cushion end being of any preferred diameter. In the form shown the disk or cushion end of the flexible friction device is of considerably greater diameter than that of the shank of same that fits snug on the butt-end of the rod, and it will retain its position in contact with an angler under slight pressure longitudinally of said rod. It has been found that the flexible friction device tends to prevent displacement of a fishing-pole or rod therewith when the same is laid in a boat, whereas such a pole or rod unprovided with a device of the character described tends to slip about.

The material, structure, and connection of the flexible friction device with a fishing pole or rod may vary somewhat from what is herein shown and described without departure from the scope of my invention, that contemplates ready yield of said device at the junction of its shank and disk portions to compensate for various desirable changes of angle of said pole or rod held so as to have said disk portion of the aforesaid device under pressure against the person of an angler, and that the disk be of materially-greater diameter than said shank to provide against rock or slip of said disk in contact under pressure against an angler, it being sufficiently flexible to compensate for inequalities of surface in opposition thereto.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fishing pole or rod attachment consisting of a flexible friction device comprising a hollow shank for the engagement of the butt-end of the rod or pole and a broad, flat base with which the shank has flexile junction; the base being for contact under pressure against an angler in automatic conformity to inequalities of opposing surface without rock or slip incidental to yield of said shank to compensate for various changes of angle of said rod or pole.

2. A fishing pole or rod attachment consisting of a flexible friction device comprising a hollow shank for engagement with the butt-end of the rod or pole and a thin, flat disk with which the shank has flexile junction; the diameter of the disk being materially greater than that of said shank.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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