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Fig 1

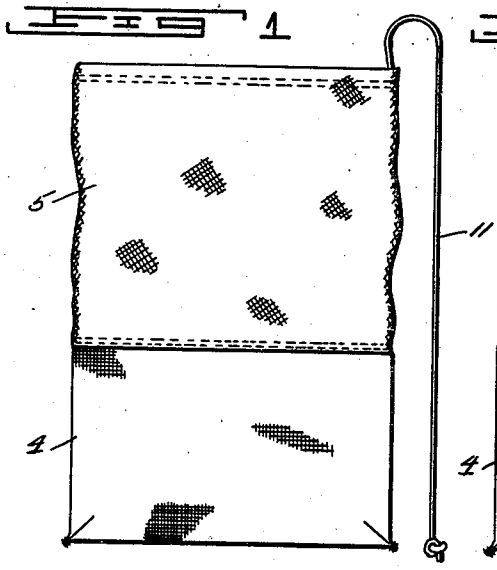


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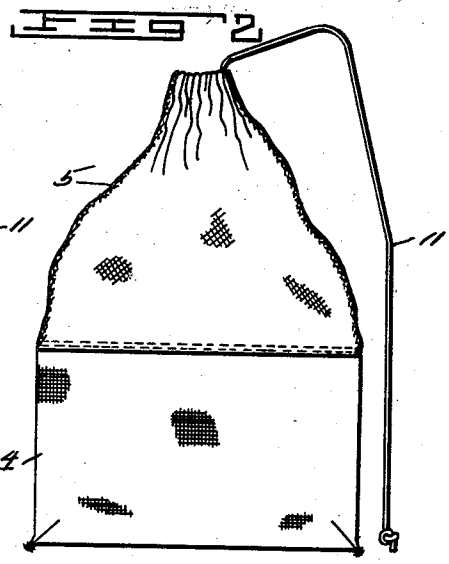


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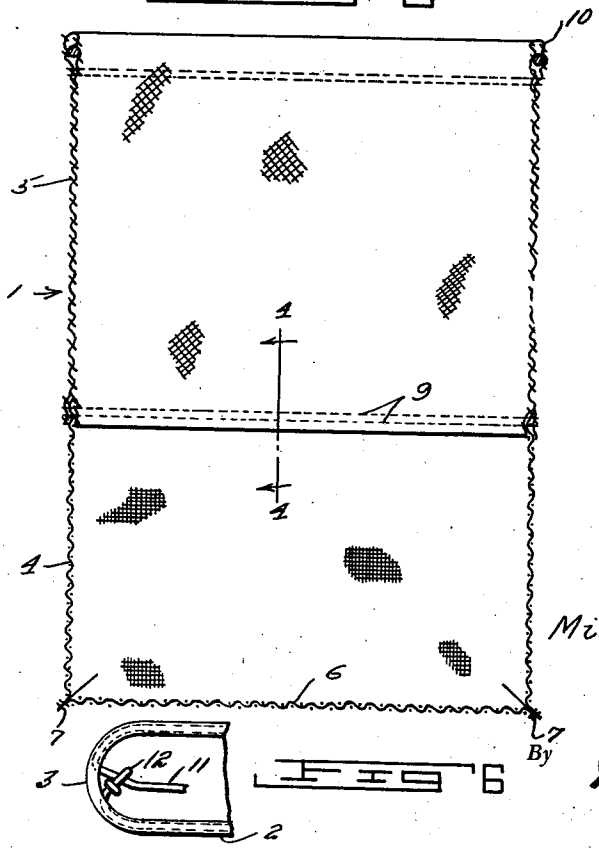


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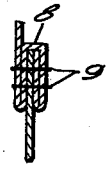


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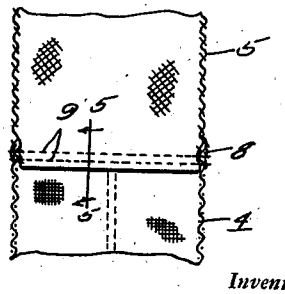


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1 Claim. (Cl. 43—55)

My invention relates to improvements in fish bags for containing the catch, and has for its principal object to provide an inexpensive, strong device of this character to be pulled through the water alongside, or behind a boat, and which is adapted to oppose a minimum of resistance to progress of the boat, to confine the catch so that the fish may swim in natural, horizontal position, and which is impervious to weeds, and proof against attack by turtles and other natural enemies of fish attempting to destroy the catch.

To the accomplishment of the above, and subordinate objects presently appearing, a preferred embodiment of my invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, set forth in detail in the succeeding description, and defined in the claim appended hereto.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of my improved fish bag open,

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the bag closed,

Figure 3 is a view in longitudinal section drawn to an enlarged scale,

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in longitudinal section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3,

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view in section taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 4 and drawn to a greatly enlarged scale, and

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view, in end elevation, of the mouth end of the bag.

Referring now to the drawing by numerals, the bag 1 of my invention is of elongated rectangular shape lengthwise and elongated oval form in cross-section with flat sides 2 and rounded side edges 3, so that it may be easily pulled through the water, flatwise, in partially submerged position. Preferably the bag comprises a bottom or rear end section 4 which is substantially rigid, and a longer top or front end section 5 which is collapsible.

The bottom or rear end section 4 is formed of galvanized, rust-proof screen material, preferably 16-mesh to the inch, and is provided with a separate bottom 6 secured in place by wire stitching, as at 7.

The top or front end section 5 is preferably formed of heavy canvas. The inner edge portion of said section 5 is folded upon itself, as shown in Figure 5, to provide a double hem 8, for reinforcing purposes, constructed and arranged to straddle the top edge of the bottom or rear section 4. Stitches, as at 9, extending through said hem 8 and the top edge of the bottom or rear section 4 secure the sections 4 and 5 together. The outer end of the top or front end section 5 is provided around what constitutes the mouth of the bag with a hem 10 for containing a shirr string 11. One end of the shirr string 11 is suitably extended out of the hem 10 at one edge of the bag and provided with a terminal loop 12. The other end of the shirr string 11 is similarly extended out of the end 10 and through said loop 12, the arrangement being such that a slip knot, or connection, is provided in the shirr string 11 within the mouth of the bag, or in other words, the outer end of the top or front section 5. As will be understood, the shirr string 11 is of the requisite length to provide for using the same to tether the bag to a boat.

The use and operation of the described bag will be readily understood. The catch is placed in the bag and the mouth of the bag closed by pulling on the shirr string 11 which is attached to the boat in any suitable location. The bag is then dropped overboard to be towed by the boat. Because of the described shape of the bag, it will, when being pulled through the water, assume and maintain a position in which one side or the other is lowermost and the bottom or rear end section will be submerged further than the other section. In this position of the bag in the water, it may be towed in somewhat the same manner as a surf board so that it offers a minimum of resistance to operation of the boat and the catch which is for the most part confined in the bottom or rear end section 4 may swim in substantially horizontal position and thus may remain fresh and vigorous. As will be manifest, the canvas top or front end section 5 being less pervious to water than the bottom or rear end section 4 will assist in maintaining the front end of the bag at a higher level than the rear end.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the subjoined claim.

What I claim is:

A fish bag for pulling alongside of or behind a boat comprising an elongated rectangular container of oval flat-sided form transversely and embodying a substantially rigid rear end section of recticulated material, and a collapsible front end section of fabric material less impervious to water than the rear end section to assist in maintaining the front end of the bag at a higher level than the rear end, the front end section having a mouth end provided with a hem, and a shirr string in said hem and forming a tow line, said shirr string having a loop end within said mouth, the other end of the string extending through said loop to form a slip knot in said string.

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