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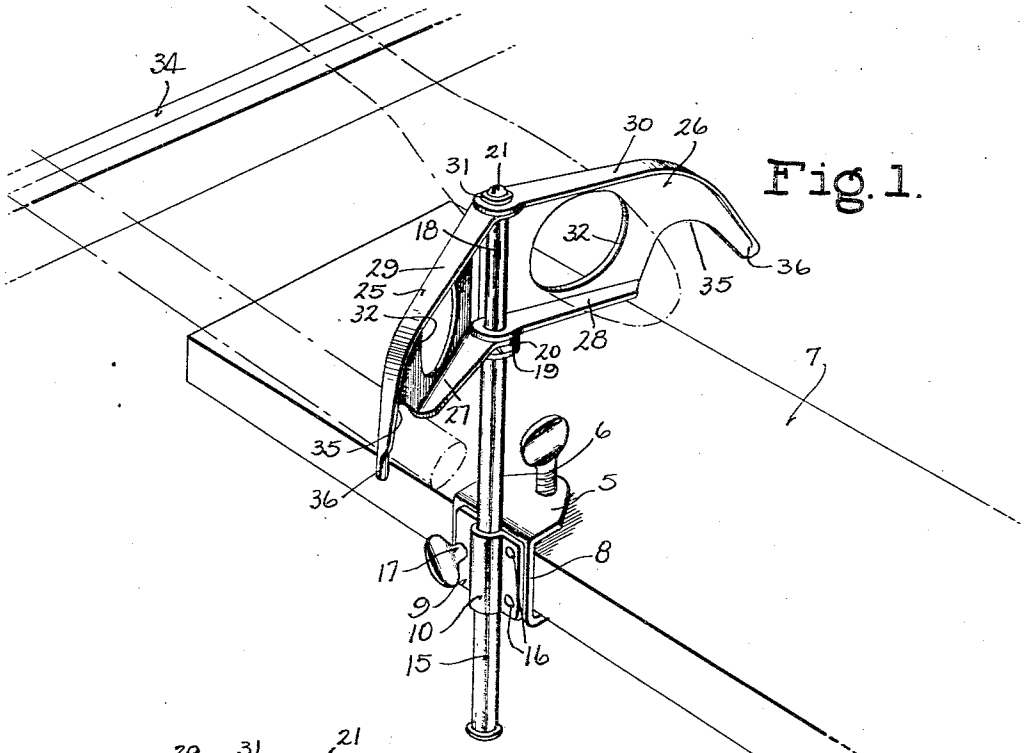


Fig. 1.

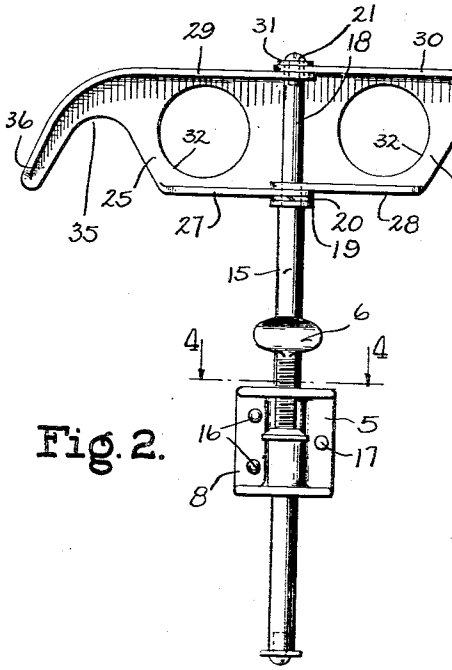


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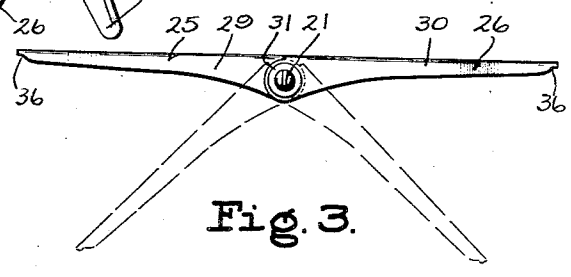


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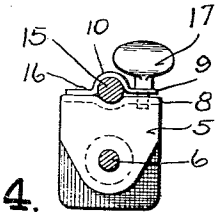


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This invention relates to improvements in a support for fishing rods and poles.

It is the primary object of the invention to provide a universally adaptable means for releasably positioning the butts of a plurality of fishing poles or rods. More particularly stated, it is my object to provide a compactly foldable portable device adapted to be clamped to the seat of any boat and provided with means adjustable as to height, whereby either the downward or the upward thrust of the butt of a pole or rod may be absorbed, the absorbing means being independently angularly adjustable to accommodate the different positions of the poles or rods as they lie across the general gunwale of the boat.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating in perspective the application of my improved support to the seat of a boat fragmentarily illustrated.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of my improved device.

Figure 3 is a plan view thereof.

Figure 4 is a view taken in section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Like parts are identified by the same reference characters throughout the several views.

An ordinary C clamp 5 having a set screw 6 is engageable with a boat seat 7. On its rear face 8 it carries a clamping plate 9 which provides at 10 one side of a tubular bearing for the vertically adjustable post 15. The plate is connected to the back face 8 of the clamp by means of rivets or the like at 16 and may be tightened on the clamp by means of the wing-headed bolt 17.

The upper end portion 18 of the post 15 is somewhat reduced in diameter to provide a shoulder upon which is seated a washer 19 constituting a seat for the spring washer 20.

Pivoted on the upper end of the post are the sheet metal arms 25 and 26 which are left and right handed counterparts of each other. Each is formed to provide a lower flange apertured to receive the post section 18. The flange 27 of arm 25 rests on the spring washer 20. The flange 28 of arm 26 rests on the flange 27.

Similarly, the arms 25 and 26 are provided with upper flanges apertured to receive the post portion 18. When the screw 21 is tightened on the washer 31 it holds the washer to flange 30 of arm 26. This in turn rests on flange 29 of arm 25 and the pressure transmitted through the arms compresses the spring washer 20, whereby frictionally to tend to maintain the arms 25 and 26 in any rotative position on the post to which they may be adjusted.

Each arm has a large aperture at 32 adapted to receive the handle or butt of a fishing rod such as is customarily provided with a reel. Since such a rod is ordinarily heaviest at its butt, its butt portion will be supported by the apertured arm in which it is engaged, thereby preventing a butt from falling about the gunwale 34 on to the seat 7.

Each arm is also provided with a downwardly opening notch at 35 formed within a hooked terminal portion 36. The length of a fishing pole is such that its butt end will tend to oscillate upwardly away from the seat about the gunwale as a pivot, and consequently such a pole needs at its butt support against such upward movement rather than the downward movement characteristic of the butt of the rod. Consequently the end of the pole may be inserted in the notch 35 and will there be retained in the position shown in broken lines at the left of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 shows how the respective arms 25 and 26 may be adjusted pivotally on the post 15 between various positions including those shown in broken and full lines. It will be apparent that the height of the arms may be adjusted by loosening the bolt 17 and shifting the post 15 in its clamp.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described, comprising the combination with an upright support, of an arm connnected with said support for swinging movement, said arm comprising a flanged plate having an aperture and a hooked terminal portion providing a downwardly opening notch.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with an upright support, of a plurality of arms having upper and lower flanges pivoted on said support, corresponding flanges of the arms being in mutual bearing contact and means frictionally constraining said flanges against relative displacement while permitting their manual swinging adjustment with respect to each other.

3. A device of the character described, comprising an upright support having a reduced terminal portion, a pair of arms comprising plates having upper and lower flanges, the lower flanges being superposed and apertured to receive a reduced terminal portion of said support for pivotal movement thereon, and a post extension extending through the upper flanges of said arms.

4. A device of the character described, comprising an upright support having a reduced terminal portion, a pair of arms comprising plates having upper and lower flanges, the lower flanges being superposed and apertured to receive

a reduced terminal portion of said support for pivotal movement thereon, and a post extension extending through the upper flanges of said arms, and means for subjecting said arms to frictional binding pressure.

5. A device of the character described, comprising an upright support having a reduced terminal portion, a pair of arms comprising plates having upper and lower flanges, the lower flanges being superposed and apertured to receive a reduced terminal portion of said support for pivotal movement thereon, and a post extension extending through the upper flanges of said arms, and means for subjecting said arms to frictional binding pressure, each of said arms being provided individually with butt anchoring means.

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