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MINNOW PLUG BAIT

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Fig. 1.

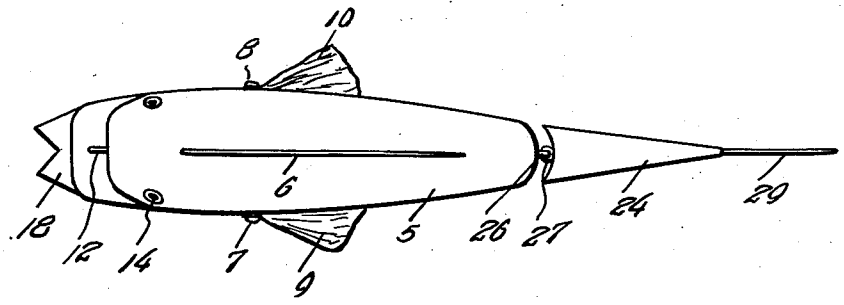
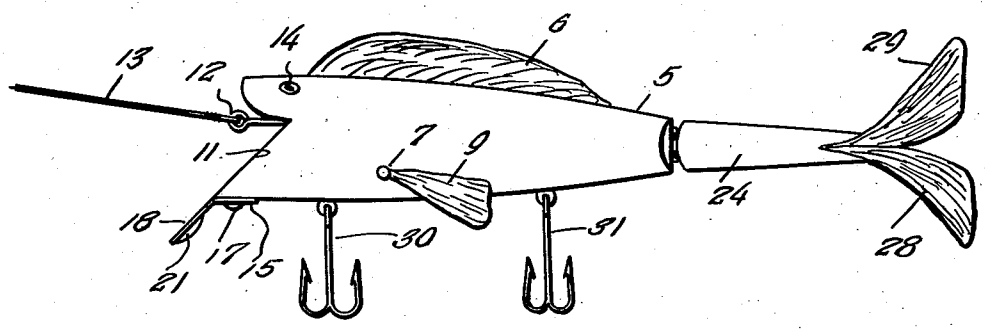


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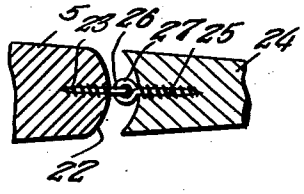


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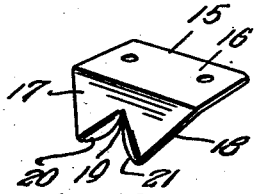


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to bait for game fish and an object of the invention is to provide a plug simulating a minnow that sways from side to side and up and down while it is being trolled through the water which brings about the effect of a minnow searching for food.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a plug of the character referred to that is strong, compact and durable, thoroughly reliable for its intended purpose and that is comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is disclosed an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings where like reference characters show like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the plug bait in accordance with the present invention,

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary section through the body of the plug illustrating the manner of attaching the tail thereto,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the diving spoon removed from the body of the plug.

In the drawings wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention 5 indicates generally the substantially circular body portion tapering from one end to the other. Intermediate the ends upon the top side of the body portion 5 is an elongated axially extending fin 6 formed of a portion of a goose feather. Anchored to the opposite sides of the body portion 5 as at 7, 8 are the laterally projecting fins 9, 10 which are also made of a portion of a goose feather. On the forward end of the body portion 5 is a V-shaped notch 11 in the vortex of which is anchored the eye staple 12. A metal leader 13 is connected to the eye of the staple so as to form a substantially rigid connection with the trolling line to permit trolling thereof. The forward end of the body portion 5 is made to simulate the head of a fish having eyes 14 and the notch 11 represents the open mouth of the fish. The whole make up of the body portion is preferably to simulate a minnow.

The spoon plate is indicated generally at 15 and the plate is of angular configuration having one leg 16 attached by means of rivets 17 to the bottom of the body portion at the forward margin thereof. The other leg 18 declines forwardly. The extreme lower end of the leg 18 is formed with a V-shaped notch 19 the confronting edges of which are bent inwardly as at 20, 21. The edges of the bent in portions are rounded as will be clearly shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. The declining leg 18 causes the body to dive up and down while being trolled through the water, while the inwardly curved portions 20, 21 of the notch cause the minnow to swerve from side to side. The rear end of the body portion 5 is rounded as at 22 and there are a pair of screw eyes 23 anchored in the rear end. The tail portion of the body is indicated generally at 24 and on the forward end is formed with a recess corresponding with the rounded portion 22 of the body portion 5. Anchored in the forward end of the tail portion 24 are a pair of screw eyes 25. The eyelets 26, 27 of the screw eyes are coupled together so as to allow a serpentine effect to the body portion. In other words the eyelets permit lateral and a slight up and down movement. The tail portion 24 tapers from the forward to the rear end and on the rear end of the tail portion 24 are anchored a pair of tail fins 28, 29 which are also formed of portions of a goose feather. Loosely connected to the body portions 5 at spaced intervals are the snaring hooks 30, 31 which are of the conventional type.

While the dorsal fin 6, lateral fins 9, 10 and tail fins 28, 29 are said to be formed of feathers, any other flexible material like rubber would serve the purpose, the idea being to have the fins wave as near as possible like the fins on a live minnow when swimming.

The present embodiment of the invention has been disclosed in considerable detail

merely for the purpose of exemplification since in actual practice it attains the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description.

It is to be understood that by describing in detail herein any particular form, structure or arrangement, it is not intended to limit the invention beyond the terms of the several claims or the requirements of the prior art.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A lure comprising a jointed buoyant body, snaring hooks connected to the body, a plate on the forward portion of the body declining forwardly from the body, said plate having a notch therein, and the edges of the notch being turned inwardly to cause the body to wabble.

2. A lure comprising a jointed buoyant body, snaring hooks connected to the body, a plate on the forward portion of the body declining forwardly from the body, said plate having a notch therein, and the edges of the notch being turned inwardly to cause the body to wabble, and top lateral and tail fins on the body formed of feathers.

3. A lure comprising a jointed buoyant body, snaring hooks connected to the body, a plate on the forward portion of the body declining forwardly from the body, said plate having a notch therein, and the edges of the notch being turned inwardly to cause the body to wabble, and top, lateral and tail fins on the body formed of feathers, and a joint in the body allowing portions of the body to move laterally and vertically.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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