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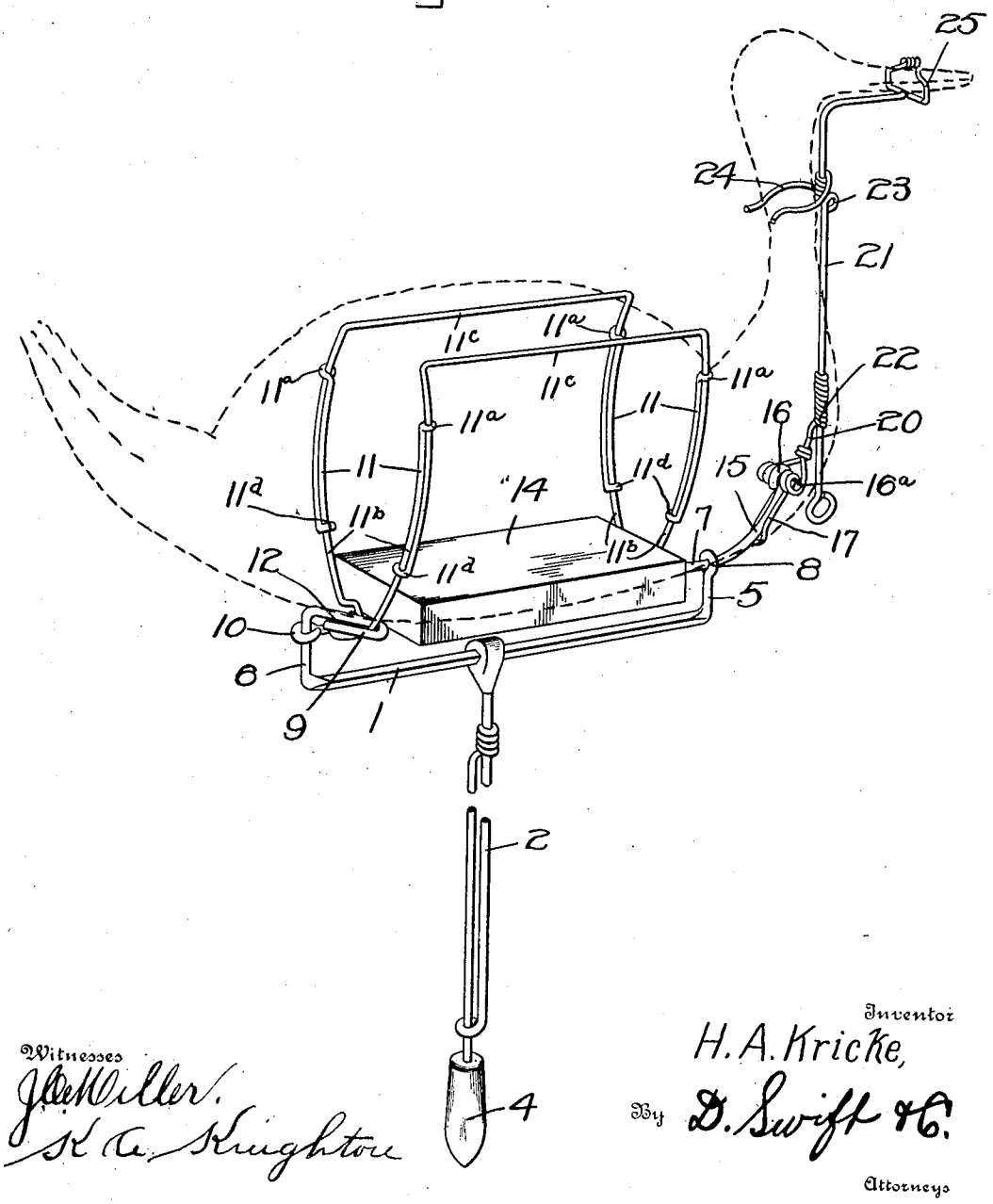
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Fig. 2.

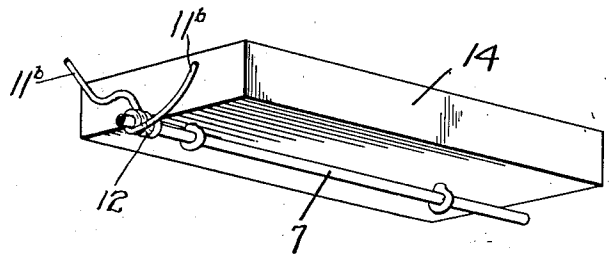


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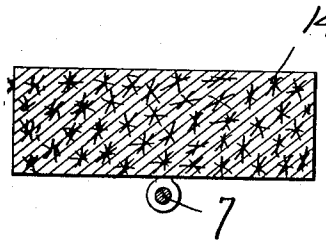
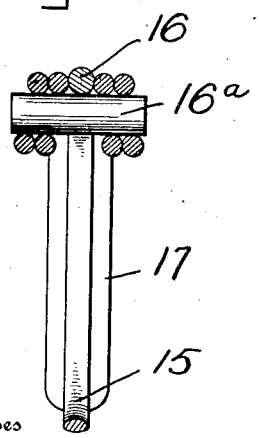


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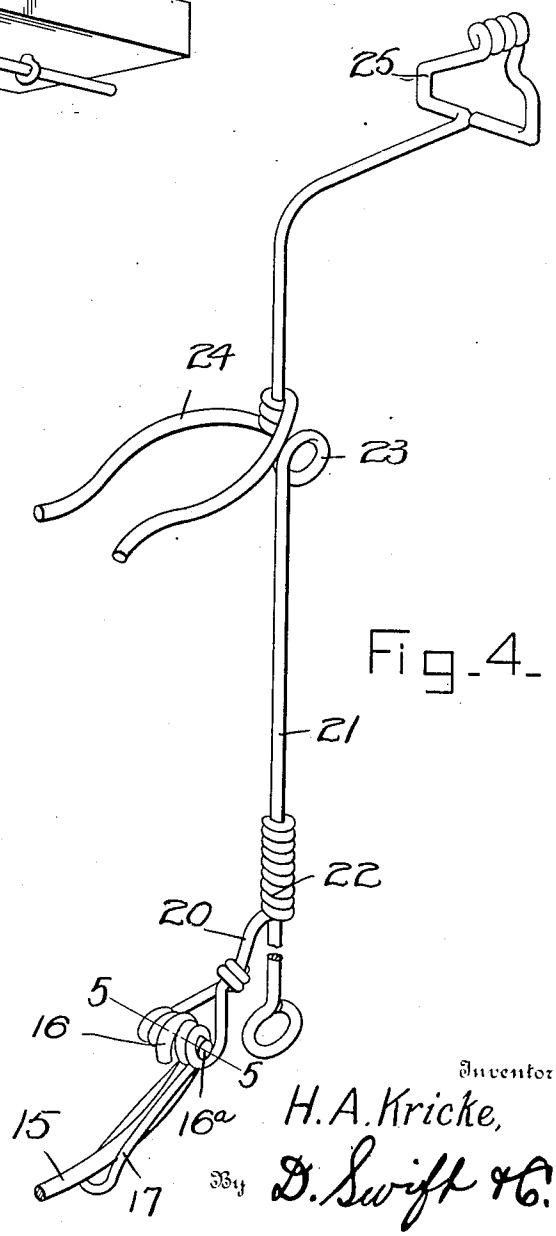


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN A. KRICKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crows Landing, in the county of Stanislaus and State of California, have invented a new and useful Decoy-Support; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a new and useful wire fowl decoy, supporter, adapted for use by sportsmen, when hunting, that is, they carry a number of such devices with their outfits, and as they kill the game, they utilize this device for supporting them as decoys for the remainder of the flock.

Furthermore, the invention comprises a simple efficient construction, which will be hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device illustrating the same, as supporting a duck, as shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a perspective view looking upwardly upon the floating member. Fig. 3 is a sectional view through the part that is shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective on a large scale of the compound neck and head-supporting members. Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Making renewed reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts, in the several illustrations, by figures, 1 designates the keel member, from which an adjustable depending rod 2, hangs, having a bullet-shaped lower end 4, acting as a weight, to balance the device in the water. To prevent the keel member 1, from rotating in the eye of said rod, it is made square in cross section, as clearly shown. This keel member has its ends bent vertically at right angles to its body portion as at 5 and 6, and the end 5 engages the central supporting rod 7, as at 8. The end 6 is formed into a loop 9 which engages one of the clamping members 11. The end of said supporting rod is provided with an eye 10 which receives the bent portion of the keel. These clamping members 11 are for the purpose of holding the fowl to be used as a decoy. These clamping members are made spring-actuated, as at 12, by having their middle portions coiled about the central supporting rod, after which, their extremities are formed into eyes 11^a, as clearly shown. Each one of these clamps is composed of two parts 11^b and 11^c, so as to support different sized fowls, which clamps are adjustable with relation with one another; the parts 11^c are U-shaped in side view, and their ends are formed into eyes 11^d to receive the parts 11^b, while the eyes 11^a, receive the parts 11^c; this construction allows the clamps to be of the adjustable character, as will be clearly manifest. To provide buoyancy for the dead fowl, so as to prevent it from becoming water-soaked, a float 14 is mounted upon the central supporting rod, as clearly shown, and is designed to have a pivotal movement as will be understood. The front portion of the central supporting rod is curved as at 15, and its end is formed into an eye 16 in which is received a pivot-rod 16^a, which rod connects the lower portion 20 of the neck supporting member, with said supporting rod. Below the pivot rod is a loop 17 which frictionally engages said supporting rod, for holding the neck of the fowl in the desired position, as will be readily understood.

The compound neck and head supporting member, comprises two portions 20 and 21, the portion 21 being designed to have a vertical movement through the coils 22 of the portion 20, and at the same time, a swivel action as well. The portion 21 is provided with a stop 23 for the neck supporting loop 24, which is coiled about said portion. This stop is formed by the coil in the said portion 21, as clearly shown. The upper end of the portion 21 is formed into a loop 25, having a coil in its upper portion, which engages the bill of the fowl for holding the head of the fowl erect.

What is claimed as new and useful by the protection of Letters-Patent, is,

1. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, clamping members carried thereby, a keel member having a depending weight fixed to said rod, and a head supporting member.

2. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, spring-actuated adjustable clamping members, a keel member having a depending weight, and a neck and head supporting member pivoted to said central supporting rod.

3. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, spring-actuated adjustable clamping members, pivoted thereto,

a keel member having a movable depending weight and a compound swiveled neck and head supporting member.

4. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, spring-actuated clamping members pivoted thereto, a keel member having a movable adjustable depending weight and a compound swiveled neck and head supporting member.

5. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, a float carried thereby, clamping jaws pivoted thereto, a keel member therefor, said keel member having a depending rod, movable horizontally with relation thereto, a movable weight mounted upon said depending rod, and a pivoted neck and head supporting member, comprising two parts, swiveled together.

6. In a device of the character described, a central supporting rod, a float carried thereby, clamping jaws pivoted thereto, a keel member therefor, said keel member having a depending rod, movable horizontally with relation thereto, a movable weight mounted upon said rod, and a pivoted head supporting member, comprising two parts pivoted together, one of which, parts, being provided with a neck supporting loop, a coil formed in one of said parts acting as a stop for the neck supporting loop.

7. A device of the class described, comprising a central supporting rod, clamping members carried thereby, a keel member having a depending weight fixed to said rod, a head and neck supporting member, said head and neck supporting member being pivotally connected to said supporting rod, and having a depending frictional loop adapted to hold itself in engagement with said supporting rod.

8. A decoy support of the class described, comprising clamping members mounted upon a supporting rod, said clamping members being vertically adjustable, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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