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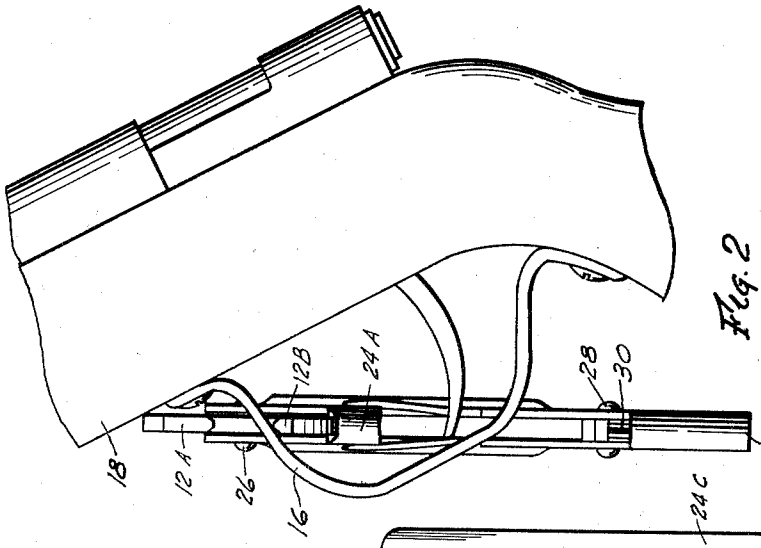


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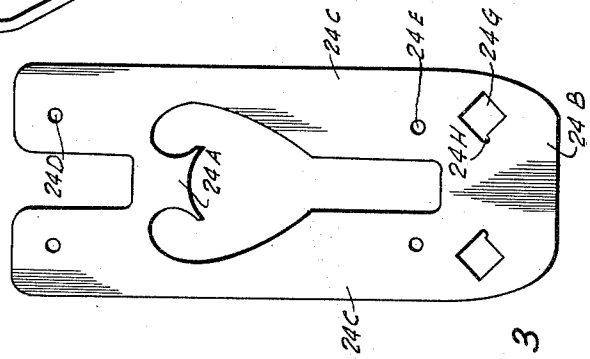


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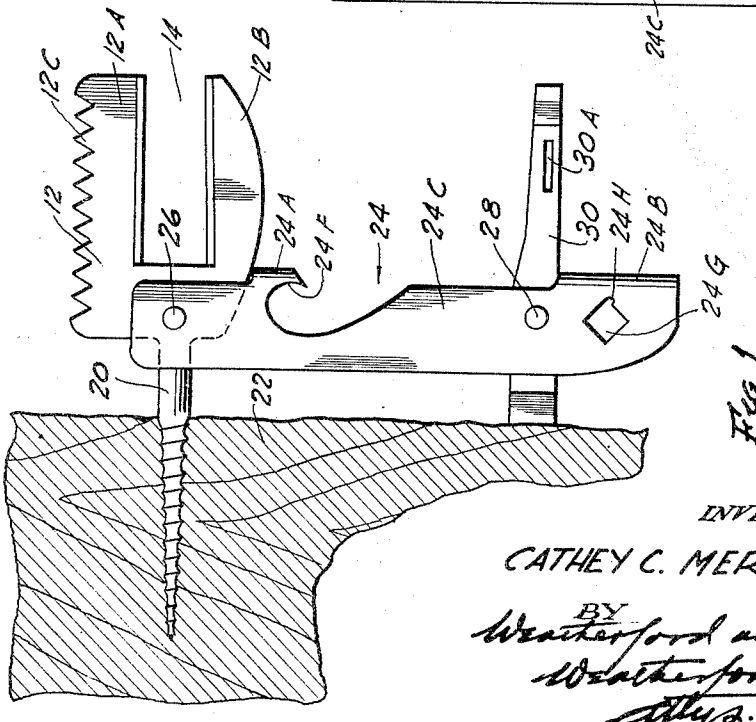


Fig. 1

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This invention relates to a handy tool for hunters which is adapted to be folded and carried in the pocket, and which includes a handle portion and a gun supporting fork, which fork when opened from the handle may be readily attached as to a tree or post or other support with the handle bracing the fork, and so attached, provides a hanger with which the trigger guard of a gun may be engaged to hold the gun in available position for quick removal and use.

In hunting duck, geese or larger game, it is often necessary or desirable to remain in one place or "stand" for quite some time and to have the rifle or gun available for quick use on the approach of the game, and yet so supported that it may not easily be accidentally knocked over or otherwise displaced in reaching for it for use.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a handy pocket tool for hunters, which includes a fork portion adapted to support a gun in position for quick removal and use, and so supports the gun that grasping it for removal has no tendency to accidentally displace it.

A further object of the invention is to provide a tool including a handle and fork and means for securing the fork to a support, in which the fork securing means may be housed within the handle for carrying.

The means by which the foregoing and other objects are accomplished and the manner of their accomplishment will readily be understood from the following specification or reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the device with the fork portion open and its screw portion engaged as into a tree.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device with a showing of a fragmentary portion only of a gun in supported engagement therewith.

Fig. 3 is a face view of the blank which is folded to form the handle.

Referring now to the drawings in which the various parts are indicated by numerals:

12 is a plate-like fork member which is notched inwardly from one end to form a fork slot 14 which is adapted to receive the trigger guard 16 of a gun 18, the slot lying between supporting portions 12A, 12B of the fork. Integral with the fork member and extending therefrom oppositely to said slot is a screw-threaded shank or screw 20 which is adapted to be screwed into a tree 22, or other available upright. The fork member is disposed between the opposite sides of a handle 24 and is pivotally secured thereto by a pivot pin 26. The edge 12C of the supporting portion

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12A may be notched as for use in removing scales from fish.

The handle 24 is preferably a substantially rectangular sheet of thin metal which is notched downward from its upper end and centrally cut out along its longitudinal axis, leaving portions 24A and 24B connecting substantially identical rectangular portions which form the sides 24C of the handle, between which sides the fork member 12 is disposed. The portions 24A, 24B are arcuately bent to bring the sides 24C into parallelism and against the fork member 12.

Holes 24D in the side portions of the blank receive the pivot pin 26, and additional holes 24E are provided for a pin 28 which secures and pivots a screw driver 30, which is of length to project oppositely from both sides of the handle, when transverse thereto, with one end adapted to brace against the support 22, and which may be turned and entirely housed between the sides of the handle. The screw driver 30 is preferably provided with a longitudinal slot 30A which is usable as a key for opening strip-sealed cans. The central cut-out is preferably so shaped that a bottle opener 24F is formed in the handle, and additional openings 24G may be made to provide a nut engaging wrench. One corner 24H of each of the openings 24G is further indented to provide a seat in which a fish hook may be held, as for sharpening, by cooperative shift of the screw driver 30 into holding engagement with the fish hook.

For carrying, the screw 20 is turned downward about the pin 26 into housed position between the sides 24C of the handle with the fork 12 extending from the handle in alinement with its length, and the screw driver 30 is turned and housed wholly within the handle.

For use, the fork and screw are turned about the pin 26, to the position shown in Fig. 1, transversely to the handle with the under side of the portion 12B of the fork seated on the handle portion 24A and the screw 20 secured into a convenient tree, post or other support 22, at such height, usually about that of the shoulder of the user, as may be desired above the ground. The screw driver 30 may be opened to a seat against the handle portion 24B and an end portion against the same tree or support bracing the structure.

To support a gun the upper side of the trigger guard 16 of the gun is slipped into the open end of the slot 14 of the fork and hung on the lower supporting member 12B with the under side of the stock of the gun 18 resting against the upper

edge of the upper supporting member 12A and with the barrel (not shown) of the gun pointing upward, and the gun ready for quick retrieving, aiming and firing.

I claim:

1. A gun support including a fork member, and a handle having side walls, said member comprising a plate-like portion inwardly slotted from one end thereof to form a fork and an oppositely extending screw threaded portion, said member being disposed between said side walls adjacent the upper end of said handle, and pivotally connected to said walls for shift from alinement with said handle to a position transverse thereto, and being of length to oppositely project both said screw portion and said fork beyond said handle in said transverse position; the side wall portions of said handle along one side thereof, being integrally connected below said end and pivot, to limit movement of and brace the forked end of said member in transverse position and said walls being integrally connected adjacent their lower ends, and a brace member housed between said walls and pivotally connected thereto for movement to transverse position, said brace member in transverse position extending beyond said handle in parallel direction to said screw.

2. A gun support including a fork member, and a handle having side walls, said member comprising a plate-like portion having a slot extending inward from one end thereof to form a fork and an oppositely extending screw threaded portion, said member being disposed between said side walls adjacent the upper end of said handle, and pivotally connected to said walls for shift from alinement with said handle to a position transverse thereto, and being of length to oppositely project both said screw portion and said fork beyond said handle in transverse position; the side wall portions of said handle along one side thereof being integrally connected below said end and pivot to limit movement of and brace the slotted end of said member in transverse position and said walls being integrally connected along the same side adjacent their lower ends.

3. A gun support, including an integral fork and screw member, a handle, and pivot means attaching said fork and screw member to said handle, for shift from alinement with, to a position transverse to said handle; said handle comprising a single substantially rectangular sheet of metal, cut out downwardly from one end and intermediate its length symmetrically with respect to its longitudinal axis to leave upper and lower back portions and side portions, said side portions being apertured above and adjacent the said upper cut out to receive said pivot means, said back portions being bent parallel with said axis to fold said side portions into parallelism and space them to receive said fork and screw member; said fork and screw member being apertured intermediate said screw and said fork to receive said pivot means, and disposed between said side portions above said upper back portions, the top of said upper back portion being positioned relatively to said apertures to engage the underside of said fork when said fork and screw member is transversely positioned with regard to said handle.

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