The present invention relates to a fishline snap fastener and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements of parts herein described and claimed.

Generally there is provided a fishline snap fastener which may be utilized either as a leader or as a supporting means for a spinner. The principal feature of the invention is the provision of novel means whereby such leader or spinner support may be quickly and easily attached to or detached from the conventional eye of a fishhook or to or from other looped members such as, for example the loop in the end of a fish line.

It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide a device of the character set forth which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and yet effective and efficient in use.

Another object of the invention is the provision, in a device of the character set forth, of a novel snap fastening means forming a part of the invention.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a novel configuration in a device of the character set forth wherein the same is formed of a single piece of wire.

Other and further objects of the invention will become apparent from a reading of the following specification taken in conjunction with the drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the invention utilized as a spinner support, Figure 2 is a plan view thereof, Figure 3 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of the invention utilized as a leader, and Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken along lines 4—4 of Figures 1, 2 and 3.

Especially and particularly, to the drawings, there is shown therein, in Figures 1 and 2, the present invention in the form of a spinner support which consists of an elongated shaft 10 bent in the form of a loop 11 at the forward end thereof and twisted upon itself, as indicated at 12 to permanently and fully enclose the loop 11.

The opposite or rearward end of the shaft 10 is bent to form a loop 13 and thence extends forwardly, angularly and outwardly to form a leg 14 which terminates in a loop 15 which encircles the shaft 10 and thence extends again forwardly to form a leg 16 which lies in substantial parallel relation to the leg 14 throughout the length of the leg 14 and thence extends into a terminal arm 17 which extends alongside the loop 13 for a short distance.

Revolvably mounted upon the shaft 10 between the loop 13 and the twisted portions 12 is a ring 18 which extends through an eye 19 formed at the inner end of a spinner 20. Loosely mounted upon the shaft between the ring 18 and loop 15 is a pair of beads 21 preferably formed of colored glass and a like bead 22 is also loosely mounted upon the shaft 10 between the ring 18 and the twisted portion 12.

In this form of the invention it will be apparent that a conventional eye of a fish hook may be quickly and easily attached to the loop 13 by inserting the terminal end 17 therein and passing the eye along the leg 16, thence around the loop 15, and thence rearwardly along the leg 14 so as to leave the fish hook eye in full engagement with the loop 13. To release the hook, it is only necessary to reverse the process.

As the device is drawn through the water it will be apparent that the spinner will rapidly rotate around the shaft 10 and that the glass beads 21 will act as bearings for such movement while at the same time attracting fish to their brilliant colors. This is also true of the bead 22.

In Figures 3 and 4 there is shown a very similar construction wherein the device is utilized merely as a leader and in this case also there is provided a shaft 10 at the forward end of which there is provided a loop 11 which extends rearwardly and is twisted upon the shaft at 12 while the rearward end is formed into a loop 13 which extends into an integrally formed leg 14 which, in turn, connects with a loop 15 which encircles the shaft 10 and thence extends into a rearwardly extending leg 16 which connects with a terminal arm 17 as above described.

In the form of the invention shown in Figures 3 and 4 it will be readily apparent that the same may be utilized as a leader for the attachment of a conventional fish hook eye through the loop 13 in the manner above described with regard to Figures 1 and 2.

While but two forms of the invention have been shown and described herein, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that many minor modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A device of the character described comprising an elongated shaft, a loop formed integrally at the front end of said shaft and having its free end twisted about said shaft, an open-ended loop integrally formed at the rear end of said shaft, an open-ended loop encircling said shaft in spaced relation to the loop at the rear end of said shaft, a leg integrally interconnecting one end of said encircling loop with the loop at the rear end of said shaft, and a leg integrally formed with the other end of said encircling loop, extending substantially parallel to said first-mentioned leg, and having a free end adjacent said rear loop.

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