

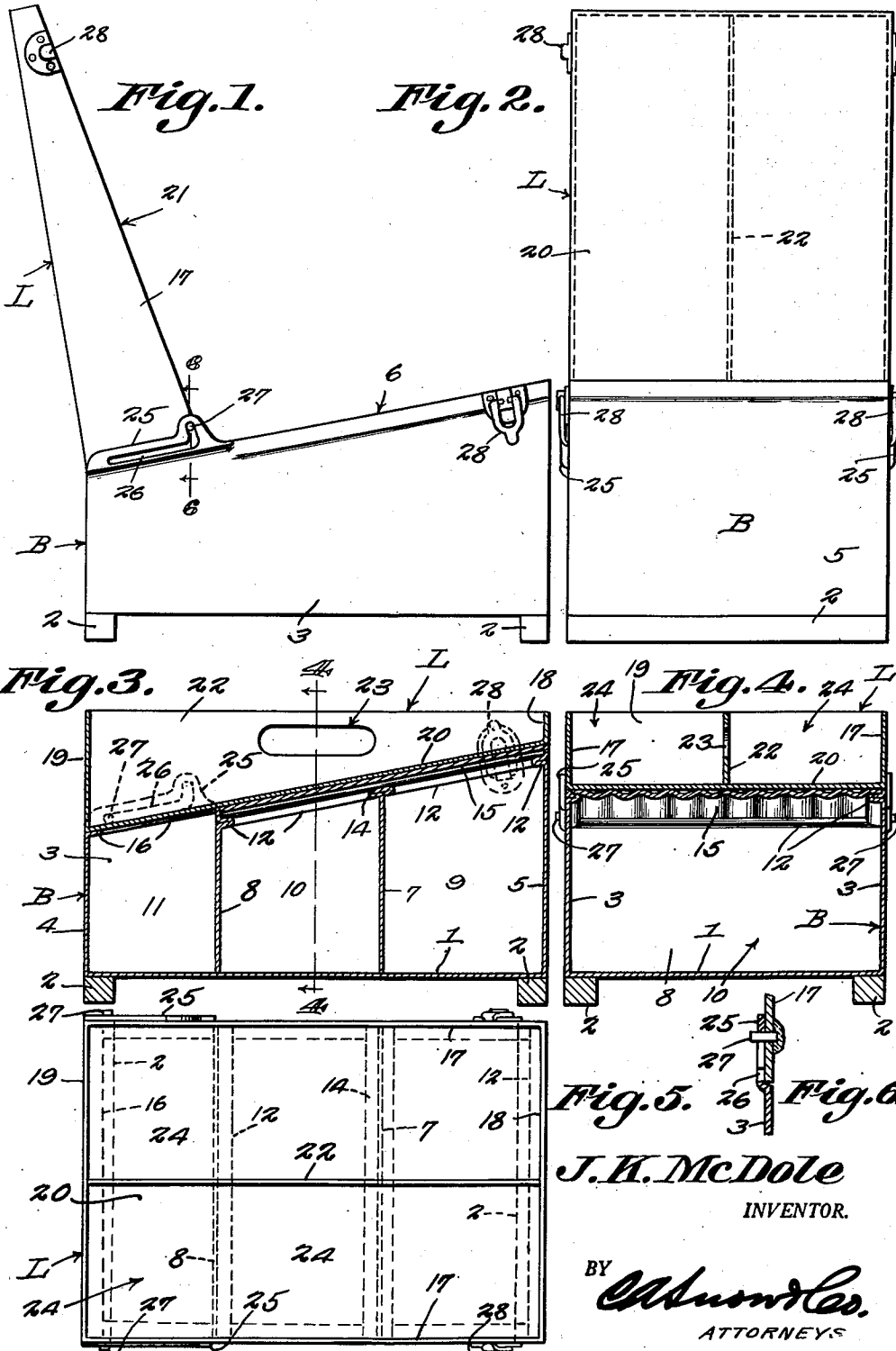
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This invention aims to provide a fishing tackle container or box which may be used as a seat or chair, when opened, and the invention aims, further, to provide novel structural details whereby the result above set forth may be accomplished.

It is within the province of the disclosure to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the present invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 shows, in end elevation, a device constructed in accordance with the invention, opened to form a seat;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device arranged as shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section, taken from front to back;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a top plan;

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

The device forming the subject matter of this application may be made of any desired material, preferably metal, if metal is available. It comprises a body B, which preferably is rectangular in horizontal section.

The body B includes a bottom 1, carrying longitudinal cleats 2 which support the body when the device is in the chair form of Fig. 1 or the receptacle form of Figs. 3 and 4. The end walls of the body B are designated by the numeral 3, the rear wall is shown at 4, and the front wall at 5. The upper surface of the body B has a downward and rearward slant, as shown at 6.

A forward partition 7 extends upwardly from the bottom 1, between the end walls 3, in parallel relation to the rear wall 4 and the front wall 5. A similarly mounted rear partition 8 is disposed between the forward partition 7 and the rear wall 4. The partitions 7 and 8 serve as braces, in a way to be pointed out hereinafter.

The front wall 5 and the forward partition 7 form a forward storage compartment 9, the partition 7 and the partition 8 form an intermediate compartment 10, and the partition 8 and the rear wall 4 form a rear storage compartment 11.

Along the end walls 3, the front wall 5, and the partition 8, extends an inwardly projecting rib 12. The rib 12 is spaced downwardly from the upper edges 6 of the body B, to form a recess. The partition 7 has a transverse stiffening bead 14 along its upper edge.

A plate 15 is received in the aforesaid recess, and rests on the rib 12 and the bead 14. The plate 15 forms a removable closure for the compartments 9 and 10 and it is corrugated, in the interest of strength, since, when the device is in the seat or chair form of Fig. 1, the operator sits on the plate. The end walls 3 and the rear wall 4 have an inwardly projecting flange 16 at their upper edges.

The device includes a lid L, which is open at the top. The lid L comprises end walls 17, a front wall 18 and a rear wall 19. Assuming that the lid is in closed position, as in Fig. 3, the lid has a downward and rearward slant at its lower edge, as shown at 21, to correspond to the slant 6 of the body B.

A partition 22 extends upwardly from the bottom 20 of the lid L, and between the front wall 18 and the rear wall 19, the partition being disposed about midway between the end walls 17, and being provided with a hand grip 23, in the form of an opening, whereby the article can be carried around readily when it is in the closed form of Fig. 3. The partition 22 and surrounding parts form open-topped compartments 24 in the lid L.

Closely adjacent to the rear wall 4 of the body B, the end walls 3 of the body carry offset, upstanding ears 25 having L-shaped slots 26, the longer portions of the slots extending from front to back in direction, and the shorter portions of the slots extending upwardly, as will be understood readily when Fig. 1 is noted. Pivot pins 27 are secured to the end walls 17 of the lid L and are mounted to move in the slots 26. The pins 27 and the slots 26 form a combined pivotal and translatable connection between the lid L and the body B. In order to hold the lid L in closed position, the end walls 3 of the body B and the end walls 17 of the lid L are provided with trunk-type latches 28 or the like, disposed close to the front wall 18 of the lid.

Considered as a box, the plate 15 forms a closure for the compartments 9 and 10, and the bottom 1 of the lid L forms a closure for the compartment 11. Fishing tackle and the like may be placed in any of the compartments 9—10—11, and, when the box is closed, fishing tackle or the like may be deposited in the open-topped compartments 24 of the lid. The open-

ing 23 in the partition 22 enables the device to be carried about readily when it is in the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing.

In order to use the device as a chair, the lid L is opened and pushed forward, the pins 27 sliding forwardly and then upwardly in the slots 26. The rear wall 19 of the lid L rests on the flange 16 of Fig. 3 and forms a closure for the upper end of the compartment 11. The construction is such that the lid L is securely held in place, to form a chair back. When the device is in use as a chair, the operator sits on the plate 15, which is supported by the rib 12 and the bead 14.

The partition 22 exercises a double function. When the article is in the box-like form of Fig. 4, the partition defines the compartments 24. When the device is in the chair form of Fig. 1, the partition 22 constitutes a stiffener for the bottom 20 of the lid L, the bottom now being in an upright position, so that the user can lean against it.

The partitions 7 and 8 not only define the compartments 9 and 10 but, also, they serve as supports or braces for the plate 15 when the plate functions as a seat.

The article is simple and compact and will be found thoroughly advantageous at the hand of any one desiring a combined fishing tackle box and fisherman's chair.

The compartments 9 and 10 are of use to contain articles used frequently when the lid is open as in Fig. 1, and ready access may be had to them, by removing the closure plate 15. The compartment 11, however, is used for the storage of articles that do not have to be used frequently, or those which require protection when the lid is open.

The height of the rear wall 19 of the lid is so nearly equal to the distance between the rear partition 8 and the rear wall 4 of the body that the wall 19 forms a closure for the compartment 11 when the lid is open. The compartment 11, therefore, is more or less of a secret compartment.

The partition 22 exercises a three-fold function, in that it defines the compartments 24, braces the lid, and forms a convenient handle.

The bottom 20 of the lid holds the closure 15 in place when the lid is shut.

What is claimed is:

1. A fishing tackle receptacle comprising a box-like base embodying a bottom, end walls, and forward and rear walls, spaced forward and rear partitions extended upwardly from the bottom and between the end walls and defining forward, intermediate and rear compartments, a closure for the forward and intermediate compartments and supported by the partitions, a lid having an upstanding rear wall, and means for assembling the lid with the rear portion of the base for upward swinging movement and for forward sliding movement to a fixed position, the height of the rear wall of the lid being so nearly equal to the distance between the rear partition and the rear wall of the base that when the lid is opened and slid forwardly to said fixed position, the rear wall of the lid will form a closure for the rear compartment.

2. A fishing tackle receptacle comprising a box-like base embodying a bottom, end walls, and forward and rear walls, spaced forward and rear partitions extended upwardly from the bottom and between the end walls and defining forward, intermediate and rear compartments, a closure for the forward and intermediate compartments and supported by the partitions and the forward wall, a lid having an upstanding rear wall, and means for assembling the lid with the rear portion of the base for upward swinging and forward sliding movements, the height of the rear wall of the lid being so nearly equal to the distance between the rear partition and the rear wall of the base that when the lid is opened and slid forwardly, the rear wall of the lid will form a closure for the rear compartment, the lid being open-topped and including end walls, and a front wall, and a bottom; a partition extended upwardly from the bottom of the lid, the partition having a hand-receiving opening, the partition exercising a three-fold function, in that it defines compartments in the lid, braces the lid, and affords a carrying handle, the bottom of the lid engaging the closure, to hold it in place when the lid is shut.

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