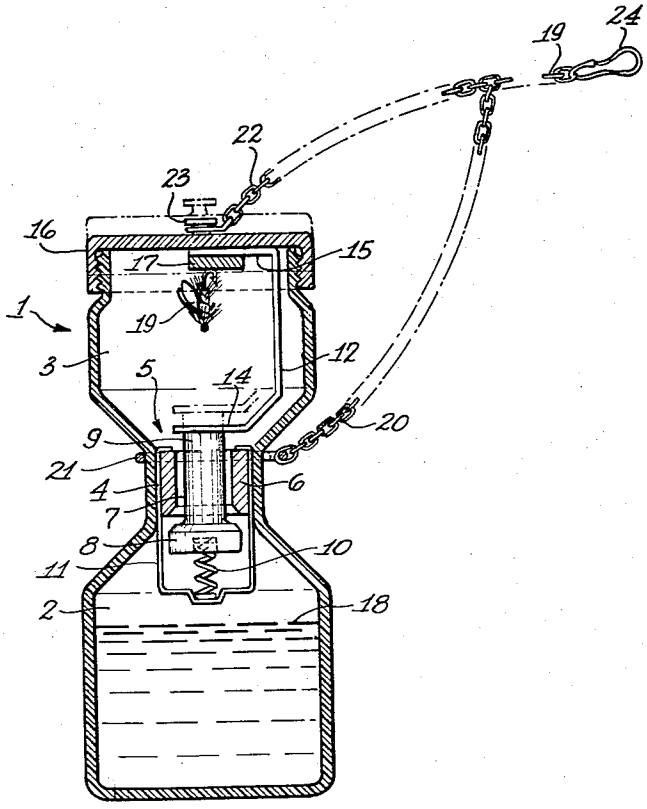
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This invention relates to dry fly dressing containers for fishermen.

When a fisherman is fishing with a dry or floating fly hook, it is common practice to treat the fly frequently with an oil dressing whereby the fly will float on the surface of the water. As a consequence, the fisherman carries with him a bottle containing the necessary oil dressing. Because the fisherman is very often out in the water when the fly treatment becomes necessary, the problem of how to hold his fly rod, the fly dressing bottle, and the cap, while immersing the fly in the dressing and then removing the fly from the bottle, becomes acute. Quite often the cap and/or the bottle is dropped in the water; or the bottle slips upside down, spilling the liquid dressing.

While these problems have long been recognized and several attempts made to alleviate the situation, no fly dressing container which would overcome the difficulties set forth appears to have been heretofore available.

An object of the present invention is to provide a fly dressing container of simple form and manufacture, which will permit convenient immersion and handling of flies in association therewith, and which is designed to avoid the loss of the container and its contents.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawing the single figure of which is a sectional elevation of a container in accordance with the invention.

In the drawing, 1 is a container or bottle which may be formed of any suitable material such as glass, plastic composition, or the like.

The bottle is shaped to provide a bottom chamber 2, a top chamber 3, and an intermediate throat 4 which has a restricted cross-sectional area relatively to the bottom and top sections. Communication between the top and bottom chambers through throat 4 is controlled by means of a poppet valve 5.

Valve 5 comprises a cylinder 6 mounted in throat 4 as by means of a friction fit with the wall thereof. A poppet 7 is reciprocally disposed in cylinder 6 and has a head 8 for seating engagement with the lower end of cylinder 6 in chamber 2. In the seated position of the poppet, the upper end of the stem 9 thereof is disposed above the upper end of the cylinder in chamber 3.

The poppet is urged into seated or closed position by a spring 10 arranged between the head 8 and a bail 11 suspended from the cylinder 6.

Means for depressing the poppet to open the valve comprises a finger 12 having an upper arm 15 cemented or otherwise fixed to the interior surface of a closure cap 16 for the bottle. The finger 12 has a lower arm 14 engageable with the end of stem 9. The closure cap 16 has screw-threaded connection with the neck of the bottle and it will be observed that, when the cap is screwed into closure-forming position on the bottle, it will cause the arm 14 to engage and depress the stem 9 and thus open the valve 5.

A magnet or magnetic block 17 is also adhesively or otherwise fixed to the interior of the cap 16. As shown,

the magnet may be fixed to the under surface of arm 15.

In use, with a quantity 18 of fly treating dressing in the bottom chamber 2, when it is desired to treat a fly hook as indicated at 19, the cap 16 is removed from the bottle and the hook applied to the magnet 17. The cap is then replaced and screwed down tightly, which action automatically opens valve 5. The container is then inverted to allow sufficient liquid to flow into upper chamber 3 to immerse the hook held by the magnet 17. Thereafter, the bottle is turned right side up when the liquid in chamber 3 flows back into chamber 2. The cap is then unscrewed and removed, such action automatically causing the valve 5 to close, thus preventing spillage should the bottle be accidentally overturned.

Use of the magnet 17 facilitates application and removal of the hook in chamber 2 without danger of snagging the fingers of the fisherman.

Preferably, a fastening means is incorporated in the container and, as shown, comprises a chain or like flexible line 19 having a section 20 connected to a loop 21 surrounding the throat 4 and a section 22 connected to a button 23 on the cap 16. The line is provided with a latch pin 24 which may be releasably fastened to a part of the fisherman's equipment or clothing such as fishing creel, bag, buttonhole or the like. Such a fastening means prevents accidental loss or displacement of the container.

Under certain circumstances, the fisherman may wish to treat the fly hook he is using without removing it from his line. In this situation, he may invert the bottle to fill the upper chamber 3, then return the bottle to upright position and immediately remove the cap before the liquid can flow back to chamber 2. He can immerse the fly hook on his line in the trapped quantity of liquid in chamber 3. Should the bottle become tipped or dropped at this point, before the cap is replaced, it cannot be lost if fastening means such as 19 is employed.

I claim:

1. A fishing fly hook dressing container comprising a bottle having a bottom chamber, a top chamber, a restricted throat connecting said chambers, a mouth leading from said top chamber, and a closure cap for said mouth, a valve in said throat and having a closed position closing said throat and an open position establishing communication between said chambers through said throat, means normally holding said valve in closed position and means carried by said cap and engageable with said valve to open said valve in response to closing movement of said cap.

2. A fishing fly hook dressing container as defined in claim 1, said valve including a poppet, and a spring engaging said poppet and urging it into closed position, said cap carrying means comprising a finger having one end fixed to said cap and another end engageable with said poppet.

3. A fishing fly hook dressing container as defined in claim 1, including a magnet fixed to said bottle cap.

4. A fishing fly hook dressing container as defined in claim 1, including fastening means for said container comprising a flexible line having a section connected to said bottle, and a section connected to said cap, and a latch pin carried by said line.

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