

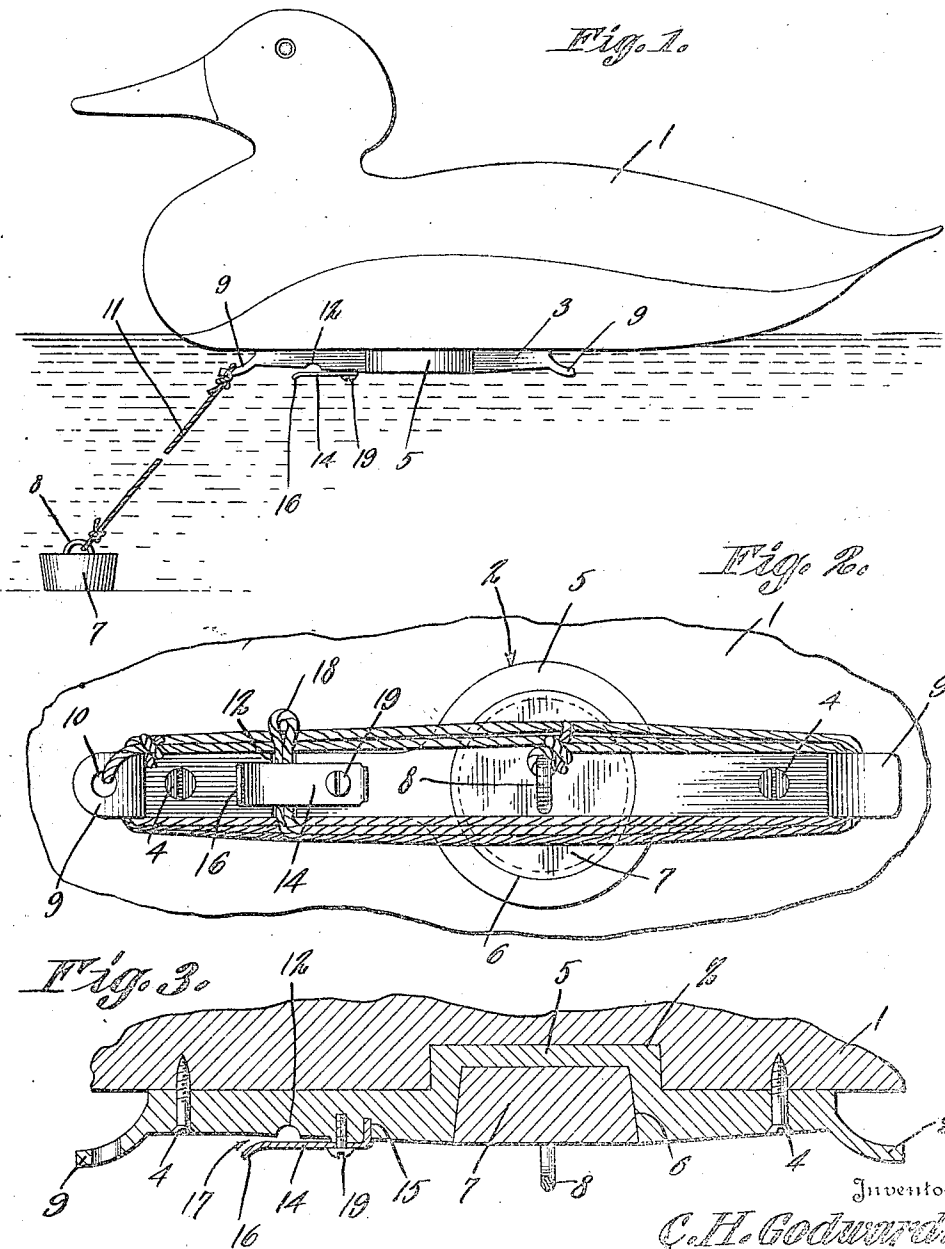
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. GODWARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elbow Lake, in the county of Grant and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Decoy Duck, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide novel means for holding an anchor on a decoy and to provide novel means for disposing of the anchor line when the decoy is not in use.

It is within the province of the disclosure to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the 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, within the scope of what is claimed, changes in the precise embodiment of the invention shown can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 shows in side elevation, a device constructed in accordance with the invention; Figure 2 is a fragmental bottom plan; and Figure 3 is a longitudinal section where-in parts have been omitted.

In carrying out the invention there is provided a buoyant body 1 supplied in its lower surface with an opening 2. A combined keel and cleat 3 is attached by securing elements 4 to the body 1 and has an enlarged intermediate projection 5 received in the opening 2 of the body 1 and serving to relieve some of the strain on the securing elements 4. The projection 5 of the keel 3 has a tapered recess 6 adapted to receive a conical anchor 7. Owing to the shape of the recess 6 and the anchor 7, the anchor will not be jammed in the recess 6 against removal. The anchor 7 has an eye 8. At its ends, the keel and cleat 3 is supplied with line-receiving fingers 9 spaced from the bottom of the body 1. In one finger 9, an opening 10 is formed. One end of a flexible element 11 is mounted in the opening 10, the other end of the flexible element being connected to the eye 8 of the anchor 7. A transverse seat 12 is formed in the lower surface of the keel 8. A line holder 14, preferably in the form of a spring tongue, extends across the seat 12, the tongue having a rectangularly disposed end

15 embedded in the keel 3, the opposite end 16 of the tongue slanting away from the keel to define an entering throat 17.

When the device is not in use, the anchor 7 is received in the recess 6 of the keel 3, the flexible element 11 then being in the form of a loop. This loop is engaged with the line receiving fingers 9, as shown in Figure 2, and extends across the anchor 7 to hold the anchor in the recess 6. The end 18 of the aforesaid loop is extended transversely of the keel 3 and is held in the seat 12 by the spring tongue 14, it being easy to insert the end 18 of the loop in place, through the entering throat 17.

The device forming the subject matter of this application is simple and durable, and all of its parts are accessible. The only part likely to deteriorate is the spring tongue 14 and this tongue may be renewed by removing a screw 19 which, entering the keel 3, holds the tongue in place. The cleat 3 is of considerable length, and the flexible element 11 may be wound readily thereon. Should it be desired to shorten the flexible element 11, when the same is in use as shown in Figure 1, the flexible element may be fashioned into a loop, the loop may be extended through the opening 10 in one finger 9, and the loop may be engaged around the other finger 9. Although the recess 6 for the anchor 7 is a desirable element, the recess may be omitted if desired.

What is claimed is:—

1. A decoy comprising a body; a combined keel and cleat on the body and provided with spaced line-receiving members; an anchor in engagement with the keel; a flexible element connected to the anchor, the flexible element being engaged with said members and being extended across the anchor to hold the anchor on the keel; and means for securing the flexible element against separation from the body.
2. A decoy comprising a body; a combined cleat and keel on the body and provided with spaced line-receiving members, the keel and cleat having a recess located between said members; an anchor in the recess; a flexible element connected to the anchor, the flexible element being engaged with said members and being extended across the anchor to hold the anchor in the recess; and means for securing the flexible element against separation from the body.
3. A decoy comprising a buoyant body

having an opening; a combined keel and cleat on the body and provided with spaced line-receiving members, the keel and cleat having a projection received in the opening of the body, the projection being provided with a recess; an anchor in the recess; a flexible element connected to the anchor, the flexible element being engaged with said members and being extended across the anchor to hold the anchor in the recess; and means for securing the flexible element against separation from the body.

4. A decoy comprising a body; spaced line receiving members on the body; an anchor located between said members; a flexible element connected to the anchor, the flexible element being engaged with said members and being extended across the anchor to retain the anchor, the body carrying a socket for the reception of the anchor, and means for securing the flexible element against separation from the body.

5. A decoy comprising a body having an opening; a combined keel and cleat on the

body and provided at its ends with line-receiving members which are spaced from the body, one line-receiving member having an opening, the keel and cleat being provided intermediate its ends with an enlargement received in the opening of the body, there being a recess in the enlargement; an anchor in the recess; a flexible element mounted at one end in the opening of said line-receiving member and connected at its other end to the anchor; and a line-holder on the keel and cleat, the flexible element being engaged with said members and with the line-holder and being extended across the anchor to hold the anchor in the recess.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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