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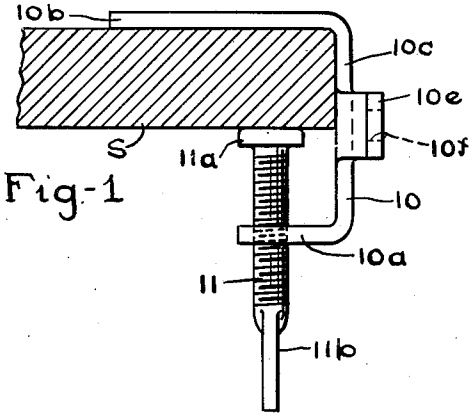


Fig.-1

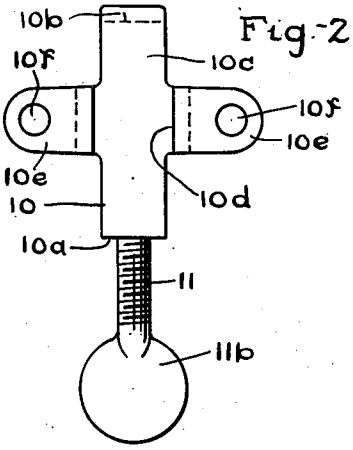


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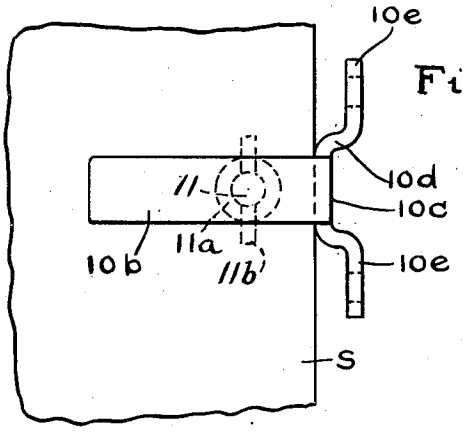


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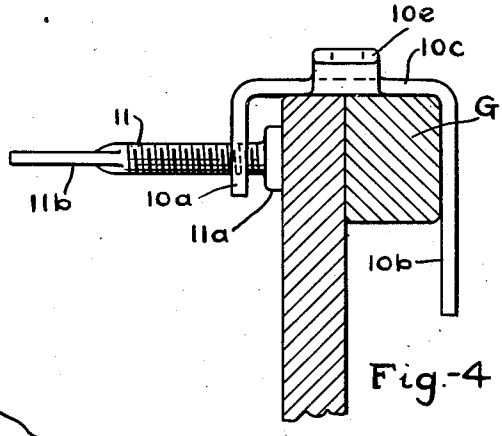


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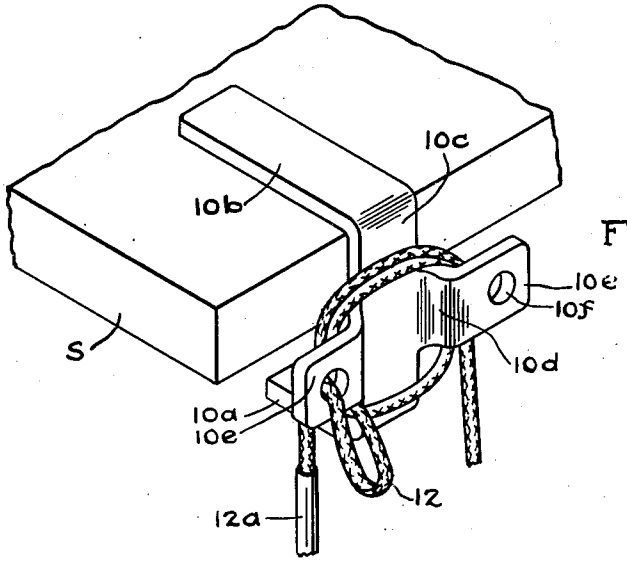


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This invention relates to a device for holding a line such as an anchor line or fish stringer in position relative to a boat.

A considerable part of the small boats used by fishermen are not provided with anchors and practically all of those that are provided with anchors have the anchor line or rope at one end of the boat. Every time the fisherman wishes to raise the anchor he must go to the end of the boat to pull up the anchor rope. It is desirable to have an anchor rope close to the seat occupied by the fisherman and to have convenient means for holding the rope. Some fishermen prefer to have the anchor line adjacent the center of the boat. It is also very desirable to have a simple and efficient means for holding a fish stringer close to the fisherman so that the fish can be conveniently strung as they are caught.

It is an object of this invention to provide a very simple and efficient device which may be easily and quickly attached to the side of a boat or to a boat seat for holding a line such as an anchor line or fish stringer.

It is a further object of the invention to provide such a device comprising a member or bar having clamping means connected thereto adapted to be clamped to a boat side or seat, said bar having a portion extending transversely thereof, the ends of which are preferably offset away from said bar to form a holding means whereby a line may be wound about said portion and held firmly in position.

It is another object of the invention to provide a device such as set forth in the preceding paragraph, said ends of said portion having apertures therethrough whereby one or more stringers may be wound about said portion and the pins thereof passed through said holes.

It is more specifically an object of the invention to provide a device for holding a line such as an anchor line or fish stringer comprising a member of substantial U-shape, one of the sides of said member having a clamping screw threaded therein adapted to be screwed against a boat side or seat engaged by the other side of said member, a bight portion of said member having a bar extending transversely thereof and rigid therewith, the end portions of said bar being offset away from said bight portion to form a holding means, said end portions preferably being provided with holes extending therethrough.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which—

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Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of said device;

Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation of said device;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of said device, the device in Figs. 1 and 2 being shown as clamped to a boat seat;

Fig. 4 is a view in side elevation of said device, the same being shown as clamped to the side or gunwale; and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the device attached to a boat seat, the same being shown as having a stringer held thereon.

Referring to the drawings, a device is shown comprising a member 10 of substantially U-shape in form and having side portions 10*a* and 10*b* and a top or bight portion 10*c*. Portion 10*b* is shown as of somewhat greater length than portion 10*a*. A screw 11 is threaded through the side 10*a*, the same being provided with a head portion 11*a* at the inner side of portion 10*a* and at the end of said screw. Said screw is provided with a handle portion 11*b*, and while this might take various forms, it is shown as substantially circular and of disc shape. A member or portion 10*d* is formed rigid with the bight portion 10*c* and extends transversely thereof. While portion 10*d* might be variously formed, it is shown as a small bar substantially rectangular in cross section and having rounded ends. The end portions 10*e* of the member or bar 10*d* are offset upwardly or away from the bight portion 10*c* and said end portions are preferably provided with apertures 10*f* which are shown as concentric with the ends of portion 10*d*.

In use the device may be attached to a boat seat S and the device will be secured to one side or edge of the seat, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Portion 10*b* will engage the top of the seat and the head 11*a* of screw 11 will be screwed tightly against the bottom of the seat so that the device is firmly secured in position. When the fisherman wishes to secure a line such as an anchor line to the device or boat he will wind the line about portion 10*d* and between the end portions thereof and the bight portion 10*c*. These portions constitute a very efficient rope or line holder and the line can be securely held or clamped in position by being wound so about. The line is thus held very close to the operator and when he wishes to raise the anchor he can reach the line without moving his position and then pull up the anchor.

The device can also be attached to the side or gunwale G of the boat, as shown in Fig. 4. When the device is attached to the seat, as shown in

Figs. 1 and 3, the bight portion 10c and the portion 10d are disposed in vertical planes and when the device is attached to the gunwale, as shown in Fig. 4, said portions are disposed in horizontal planes. The side 10b will preferably engage the outer side of the gunwale and the screw head 11a will then engage the inner side of the gunwale so that the device is firmly secured in position. With the device so secured to the side of the boat the operator can very conveniently secure the anchor line by winding the same between member 10d and the bight portion 10c, as above described. The device is also very efficient for holding a fish stringer. As is well known, a fish stringer is customarily provided with a pointed pin 12a secured to one end of the stringer 10, as shown in Fig. 5. When a fish stringer is to be held on the device the operator will give the same one or more turns between portions 10c and 10d and he can then pass the pin 12a through one of the holes 10f. This will insure that the stringer will be firmly held in position. It will be held in position very close to the fisherman so that he can very conveniently reach the same and put a fish thereon when desired. It will be noted that one or more stringers may be secured on the device and the pins thereof passed through the respective holes 10f. The device could also be very conveniently used to hold both the anchor line and the stringer. The anchor line would be held by being clamped between portions 10c and 10d while the stringer would be held by being passed around one or both ends of portion 10d and having its pin pass through one of the holes 10f.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a very simple and efficient device and one which will have a high degree of utility for holding a line, such as an anchor line or fish stringer. The device is quite small and of light weight so that it can be conveniently carried in the fisherman's kit. He will always therefore be provided with a simple, efficient and convenient means for holding his stringer. The device can be very easily and quickly secured in position. The fisherman can conveniently also carry with him a light anchor line which can be used with the device and he will always thus be provided with an anchor whether one is furnished on the livery boat or not. The device has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and found to be very successful and efficient.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the parts and combniations of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for holding an anchor line or fish stringer on a boat comprising a member having parallel sides connected at one end by a bight portion, a clamping screw threaded in one of the sides of said member adapted to clamp a boat seat or side engaged by the other side of said member with said bight portion extending vertically, and a holding portion rigid with the bight portion of said member extending horizontally transversely thereof and having its central portion in the same plane as said bight portion and having its end portions offset from the plane of said bight portion whereby an anchor line or stringer may be wound about said holding portion above said bight portion and held in place thereby.

2. A device for holding an anchor line or fish stringer on a boat comprising a member made of one integral piece of metal having a portion adapted to extend along the surface of a boat side or seat in contact therewith, a second portion perpendicular to said portion adapted to engage a surface of said side or seat, a third portion extending parallel to said second portion, a screw threaded in said third portion and adapted to clamp said member on said side or seat, and a fourth portion extending at both sides of said first mentioned portion and having terminal end portions offset to extend in spaced parallel relations to said first mentioned surface whereby a line may be wound about said fourth portion.

3. The structure set forth in claim 2, said fourth portion having holes through said terminal end portions through which the pin of a fish stringer may be passed.

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