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Fig. 1.

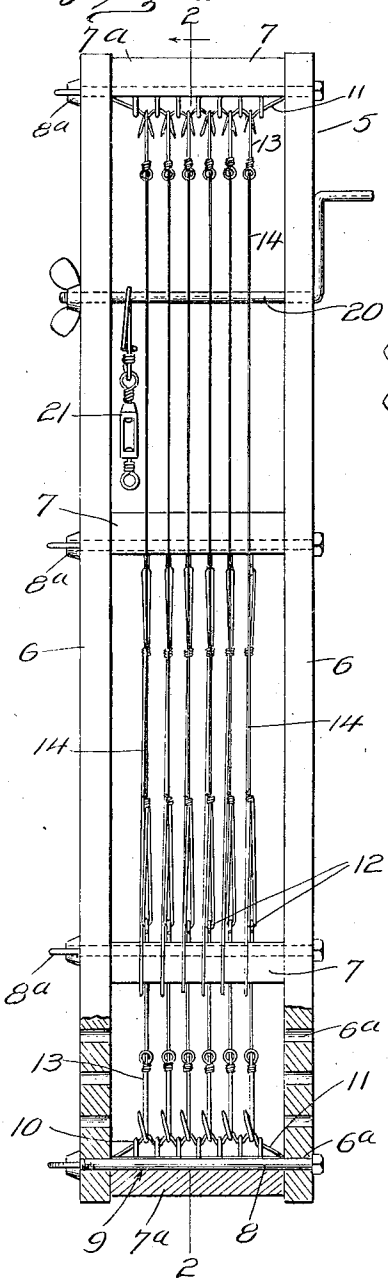


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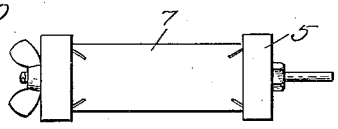
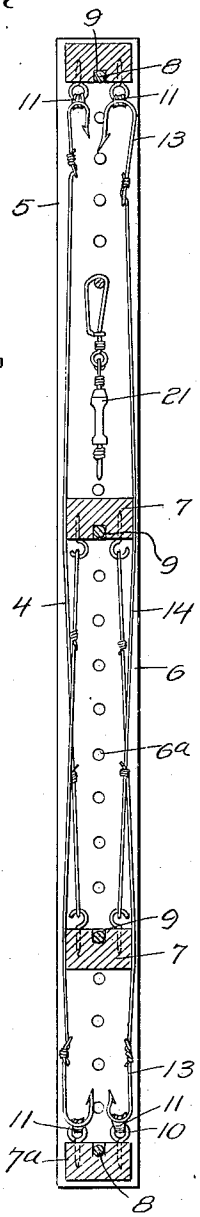


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to fish-hook holders and more particularly to that class wherein the leaders are adapted to be held in a taut condition.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide means for holding fish-hooks in a manner to guard against accidents therefrom and at the same time protect the barbs of the hooks from injury.

Another object of my invention is to provide means to accommodate hooks and leaders of different sizes.

Still another object of my invention is to provide means which will enable a large number of hooks to be mounted or held in a minimum amount of space.

A further object of my invention is to provide means whereby the leaders of hooks may be held in a taut condition to prevent curling and entanglement thereof.

A still further object of my invention is to provide means whereby hooks and their leaders may be secured in spaced relation relative to each other in a manner that ready selection of the hooks may be quickly accomplished.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a holder which is simple in operation, durable in use and economical in manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from a perusal of the following description, appended claims and annexed drawing.

Referring to the drawing wherein like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my invention illustrating a number of hooks associated therewith.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

My invention, in its preferred embodiment, comprises a frame 5 preferably constructed of wood, equipped with side and cross members 6 and 7 respectively. The cross members 7 are secured to the side members 6 by means of bolts 8 seated within aligned grooves 9 formed in the cross members 7. The side members 6 are provided with a plurality of apertures 6a for the reception of the bolts 8, said bolts equipped with suitable wing nuts 8a to lock the parts together. Thus, it will be apparent that by removing the bolts 8 from within the grooves 9, the cross members may be adjusted relative to each other, and the bolts reinserted to securely lock them in the adjusted position.

Some of the cross members 7, and in this particular embodiment the end ones 7a, are provided with spaced rows of eyes 10 having threaded therethrough strands of elastic material 11, such as rubber, said strands being connected at their ends to the cross members 7a. The intermediate cross members are provided with rows of oppositely disposed hooks 12 threaded therein.

Fish-hooks 13 having leaders 14 are adapted to be secured between a pair of the cross members and securely held therebetween in a taut condition to prevent the leaders from curling and to permit ready selection of the hooks.

In use, the intermediate cross members are adjusted, relative to the end cross members, a distance slightly in excess of the combined lengths of the hooks 13 and leaders 14 which are to be secured therebetween. The hooks 13 are hooked over a section of elastic material 11 (one hook being positioned between each pair of eyes) and the leaders 14 of each hook are then looped over the aligned hooks 12 carried between the intermediate cross members. Due to the tension exerted by the elastic material 11, the hooks and leaders are secured between their respective cross members in a taut condition.

To disengage a hook, the leader is released and permitted to swing downwardly to a substantially vertical position and the hook is then grasped between the finger and thumb of the hand and raised up and out of engagement with the elastic material. This particular operation permits of a ready disengaging of the hook and prevents the barb formed thereon from interfering with the disengaging operation.

A rod 20 is secured at any convenient location to the side members 6 for holding swivels 21 or the like.

As heretofore stated, the frame is constructed of wood, although it is to be understood that any other suitable material may be used and this, for the purpose of permitting the device to float should it be accidentally dropped in the water.

Various changes in construction and modifications may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A fish-hook holder, comprising, a frame provided with cross members, resilient means secured to some of said cross members, said means being adapted to secure hooks and leaders in a tensioned condition between said members, and means for adjusting said cross members relative to each other for accommodating and maintain-

ing hooks and leaders of various sizes in tensioned condition therebetween.

2. A fish-hook holder, comprising, a frame provided with cross members, some of said members being equipped with resilient hook tensioning means and other of said members being equipped with leader securing means, and means for adjusting said members relative to each other for maintaining hooks and leaders in tensioned condition therebetween.

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