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Fig. 1.

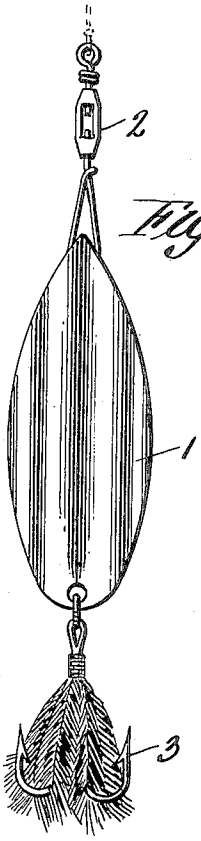


Fig. 2.

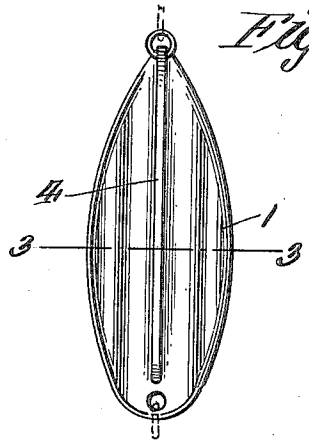


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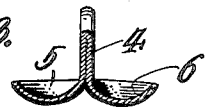
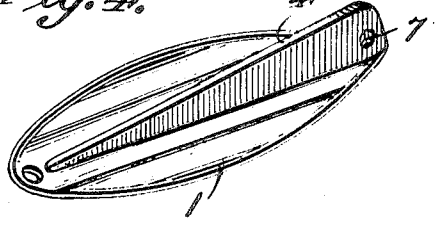


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY I. HOLCOMB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Centerville, in the county of Turney and State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trolling Spoons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an artificial fish bait of the class commonly designated as a trolling spoon, and further known to fishermen as a "wabbler." Inasmuch as it is designed to progress through the water in a series of erratic rushes, upward, downward or laterally to either side, it will be seen that a great improvement has been made over the other artificial fish baits now being used.

Another object of the invention is to provide a trolling spoon of the above mentioned character which will receive and flash all available lights while the trolling spoon is drawn through the water under a manner of connection to the line which permits the spoon to rotate on an axis represented by the line of flight to which the hook is connected.

Another object of the invention is to provide a trolling spoon of the above mentioned character, which is inexpensive to manufacture, simple in construction, strong and durable.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a plan view of one side of a trolling spoon,

Figure 2 is a plan view of the opposite side of the trolling spoon,

Figure 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a trolling spoon.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates the body of my trolling spoon and has at one end thereof the well known type of swivel 2, attached thereto and is connected to the trolling spoon in any suitable manner. At the opposite end of the trolling spoon, the hooks 3 are attached.

For the purpose of more clearly understanding my invention I am terming a portion of the trolling spoon to which the swivel is connected as the head of the trolling spoon, and the portion to which the hooks 3 are connected as the tail of the trolling spoon.

The trolling spoon is formed from a single sheet of material having its intermediate portion bent back upon itself to provide a whirling fin 4 as more clearly shown in the drawings in Figs. 3 and 4. The edges of the body of the trolling spoon 1 are curved so as to provide concaved surfaces 5 and 6 as will be clearly seen in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the purpose of which will be hereinafter fully described.

The whirling fin 4 is so constructed as to have its height increased from the bottom or tail end of the trolling spoon to the head of the trolling spoon. The whirling fin 4 is arranged on the concaved side of the trolling spoon and has at the head portion of the trolling spoon provided with an eye for attaching the swivel thereto.

The trolling spoon has both the concaved and convexed sides as well as the whirling fin constructed of highly polished material so as to produce a reflection as the trolling spoon is travelling through the water and thereby will attract in a flash all available lights while the trolling spoon is in progress of rushing through the water in a series of erratic rushes both upwardly, downwardly or laterally and to either side. By having the side of the spoon, upon which the fin is mounted, concaved, the water will have a tendency to cause the trolling spoon to whirl as the same is drawn through the water by the pull exerted on the trolling line, it will be readily seen that a positive turning action is acquired. Furthermore, by having the whirling fin 4 of a greater height at the swivel head, and tapering down to the tail of the trolling spoon, the trolling spoon will have a tendency to be caused to rotatably travel in a downward motion in the water at all times and thereby further assuring the operation of the device.

The shape of my trolling spoon in this instance is spoon shaped, but I do not wish to be limited to this particular shape.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as the preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be

resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A trolling spoon comprising a spoon shaped body, a fin extending longitudinally thereof, said fin increasing in height from one end of the trolling spoon to the other end of the trolling spoon.

2. A trolling spoon of the class described formed of a single piece of material, and having its intermediate portion bent back upon itself to provide a fin, the edges of the body of the trolling spoon being curved upwardly with relation to the fin.

3. A trolling spoon of the class described formed of a single blank of material and having its intermediate portion bent back upon itself to provide a fin, said fin increasing in height from one end of the trolling spoon to the other.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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