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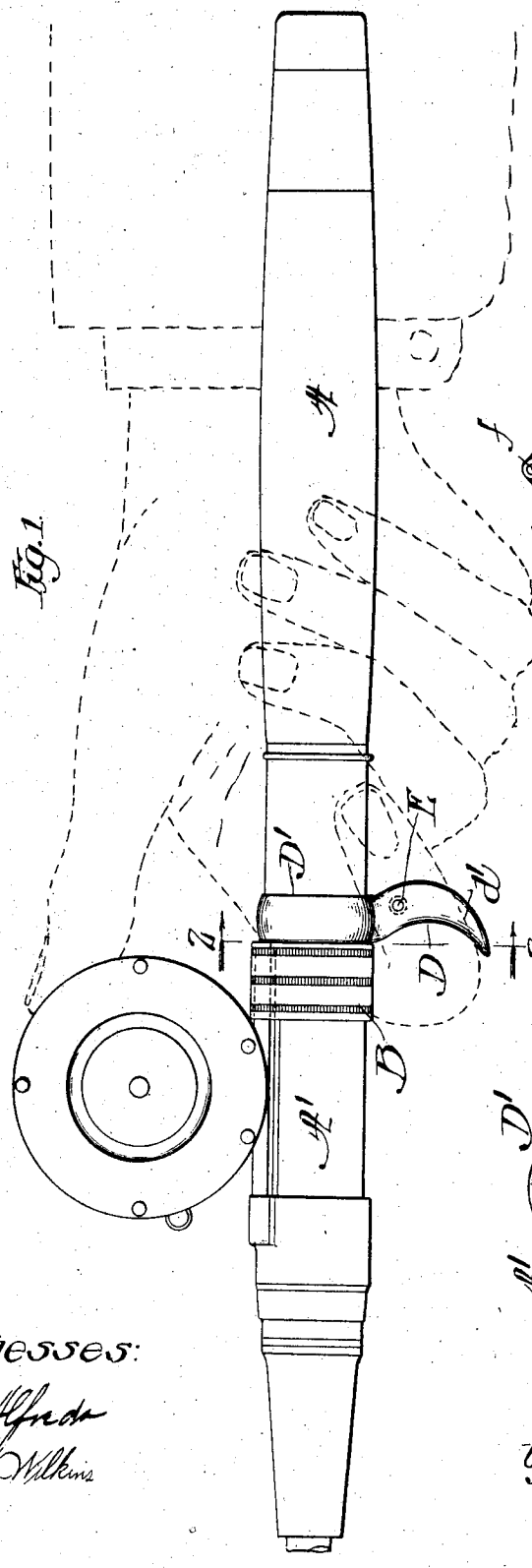


Fig. 1.

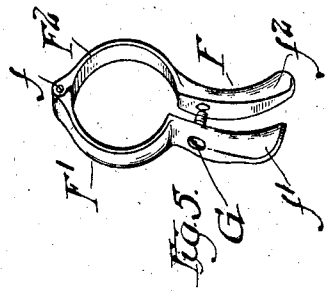


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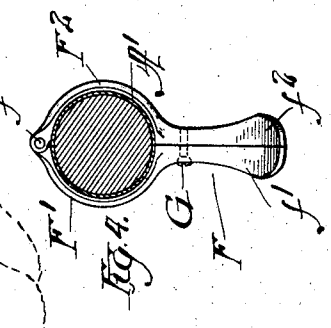


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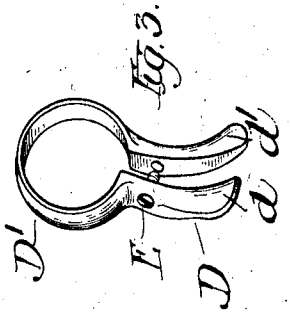


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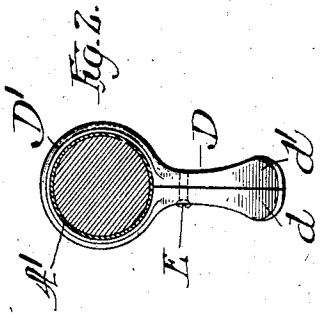


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. GALBRAITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Finger-Hooks for Fishing-Rods; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a novel attachment for fishing-rods in the nature of a finger-hook, designed to be attached to the rod above the handle or hand-grip thereof and to be engaged by one of the fingers of the hand, which grasps the rod to avoid liability of the rod slipping from the grasp of the fisherman in casting.

An attachment embodying my invention embraces a finger-hook and a band or ring, to which said finger-hook is rigidly attached and which is adapted to surround the reel-seat or the cylindric part of the rod to which the reel is secured, said band or ring being split or severed at one point and provided with means by which the said band or ring may be drawn or clamped tightly around the rod and the finger-hook thereby rigidly secured to the same.

The invention consists in the matters hereinafter described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

As shown in said drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the butt portion of a fishing-rod with a reel attached thereto, said rod being equipped with a finger-hook attachment embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken upon line 2 2 of Fig. 1, showing the finger-hook attachment in side elevation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the finger-hook attachment shown in Figs. 1 and 2, said attachment being shown in Fig. 3 separate from the rod and with the clamping ring or band portion thereof partially opened or expanded. Fig. 4 is a face view of a modified form of the attachment, the supporting ring or band in this instance being provided with a hinged joint. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the form of attachment shown in Fig. 4.

I have shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings the butt member or joint of a fishing rod provided with the usual handle or hand-grip A, with a cylindric reel-seat A′ and a sliding reel-seat ring B.

As shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the attachment consists of a finger-hook D and a ring or band D′, which ring is adapted to embrace or encircle the reel-seat A′ of the rod and is split or severed at one point, so that it has two separated ends, enabling the ring to be expanded in applying it to the rod and to be drawn or closed tightly around the rod. The finger-hook D in this case consists of two longitudinally-separated members *d d′*, which severally form rigid radially-projecting extensions of the ends of the split ring or band D′, said parts *d d′* forming two finger-hook members, which when brought together or in contact with each other in parallel relation form or constitute the finger-hook D. In connection with the said split band or ring D′, I provide means for drawing and securing together the separated ends of the split ring or band, so as to clamp the same tightly about the rod. In the form of the attachment which I have found most advantageous in practice and which is shown in the accompanying drawings the two parts or members *d d′* of the finger-hook are held or fastened together by clamping or securing means operating to bind or clamp the split ring about the reel-seat when the said parts or members *d d′* are drawn into contact with each other by said clamping means. The form of clamping securing means shown in the drawings for attachment or securing together the two members *d d′* of the finger-hook consists of a headed screw E, inserted through an aperture in the part or member *d* of the finger-hook and engaging a screw-threaded aperture in the part or member *d′* of said finger-hook.

In applying the attachment shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 to the rod the separated members *d d′* of the finger-hook are spread apart, so as to open the ring, which latter is made sufficiently flexible to enable its ends to be spread or opened to a suitable extent. The ring is then applied to the reel-seat either by slipping it endwise over the butt of the rod or by inserting the reel-seat section laterally into the ring. The ring is then closed about the rod by drawing together the parts *d d′* of the finger-hook, and the screw E is then inserted through said parts, so as to secure the

same together and draw the ring tightly around the reel-seat, thereby firmly clamping the ring to the rod and rigidly attaching the finger-piece in place thereon. In applying the attachment I place the same upon the rod after the reel-seat ring B has been slipped toward the reel and is engaged with the reel-attaching plate *c*, and I locate the ring or band D′ on the reel-seat in contact with the said ring B, so that when the attachment is secured to the rod the reel-holding ring is positively held from shifting or moving downwardly on the rod. The attachment described therefore not only provides the desired rigidly-attached finger-hook, but also provides a means for locking the reel-seat ring in place, so as to prevent loosening of the said ring and consequent disconnection of the reel from the rod, such as often occurs by the slipping of the reel-seat ring downwardly on the reel-seat.

The form of attachment shown in Figs. 4 and 5 is like that hereinbefore described with the exception that the holding ring or band for attaching the finger-hook to the rod in this case consists of two semicircular parts, (indicated by F′ F² in the drawings,) which parts are joined to each other by a hinged joint formed by a pivot-pin *f*, inserted through the meeting ends of the two parts F′ and F². In this instance the finger-hook itself (indicated as a whole by F) is made like that shown in Figs. 2 and 3, consisting of two longitudinally-separated parts *f′ f²*, made integral with and extending outwardly from the meeting ends of the parts or sections F′ F² of the clamping band or ring. In this instance, moreover, the two parts *f′ f²* of the finger-hook are joined by a clamping-screw G, which serves to hold said parts together and to clamp the two parts F′ F² of the ring or band tightly around the rod in the same manner as hereinbefore described in connection with the form of device shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The hinged form of the attachment illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 has the advantage over that shown in Figs. 2 and 3 that the holding or clamping ring may be more readily opened to admit within the same the part of the rod to which the attachment is to be applied, it being manifest that in the form shown in Figs. 2 and 3 said clamping-ring must be made of thin and resilient metal in order to enable its ends to be spread apart sufficiently to be applied to the reel-seat, while in the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5 the parts constituting said clamping-ring may be easily opened or spread apart by flexing them on the hinged joint uniting them, while at the same time the parts of the ring may be made relatively stiff or rigid and adapted, therefore, to more rigidly and strongly hold the finger-hook in place on the rod than in the case of a flexible ring, such as is shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

The attachment described when made in either of the two forms shown in the drawings has the advantage that it may be easily and quickly attached to and detached from the rod, that it is simple in form and construction, and when attached to the rod provides a strong, rigid, and efficient finger-hook. Moreover, said attachment is adapted to also hold or lock the reel-seat ring from movement and the reel from becoming loosened or detached, as hereinbefore set forth.

I claim as my invention—

1. An attachment for fishing-rods consisting of a ring or band having separated ends provided each with a rigid radially-projecting extension forming a hook member, the two hook members being adapted for contact with each other in parallel relation and to form when joined a finger-hook.

2. An attachment for fishing-rods consisting of a ring or band having separated ends provided each with a rigid, radially-extending projection forming a hook member; two hook members being adapted for contact with each other in parallel relation and to form a finger-hook, and clamping means engaging said hook members for detachably connecting the hook members with each other and tightening the ring or band around the rod.

3. An attachment for fishing-rods consisting of a ring or band having separated ends provided each with a rigid, radially-projecting extension forming a hook member; the two hook members being adapted to contact with each other in parallel relation to form a finger-hook, and a clamping-screw inserted through one of said hook members and engaging the other hook member for detachably securing the same together and tightening the band around the rod.

4. An attachment for fishing-rods consisting of a ring or band having separated ends provided between its ends with a hinged joint and having on each of its separated ends a rigid, radially-projecting extension forming a hook member; the two hook members being adapted for contact with each other in parallel relation and to form when joined a finger-hook, and means for detachably securing together the said hook members.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 6th day of June, A. D. 1906.

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