

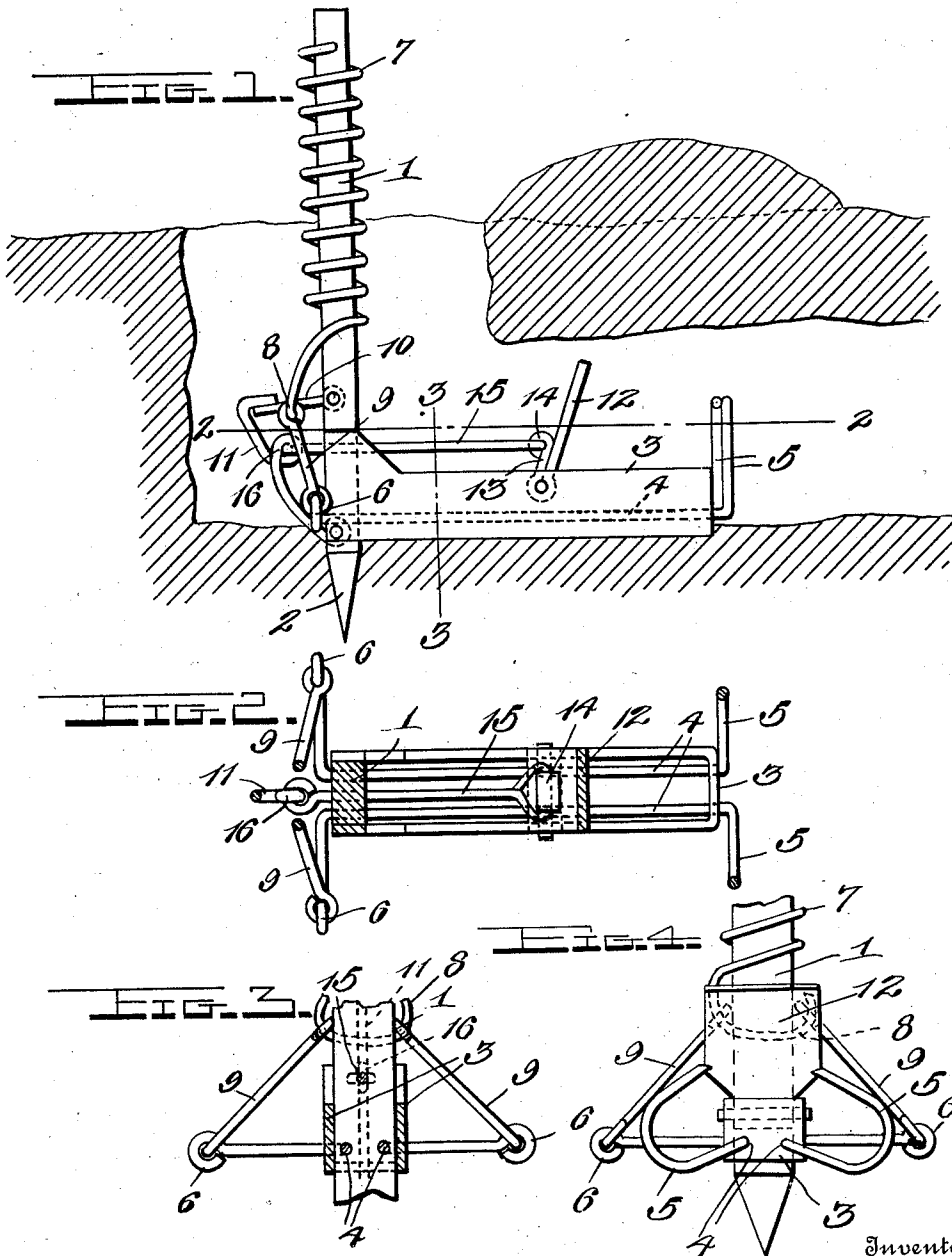
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. TEETER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meridian, in the county of Ada and State of Idaho, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in traps and more particularly to that class adapted to be used for catching gophers, prairie dogs and such other animals as burrow in the ground and my object is to provide impaling hooks and means for drawing the same into engagement with the animal.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will possess advantages in points of efficiency and durability, is inexpensive of manufacture and at the same time is simple in construction and operation.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described pointed out in the claim and shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the trap in its set position. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a front end elevation.

Referring more particularly to the drawings 1 indicates a standard of any suitable material but preferably made of wood and having its lower end terminating into a point 2 whereby the standard can be quickly and easily introduced into the earth's surface. Having its ends secured to the standard adjacent the lower end thereof is the horizontally disposed U-shaped bracket 3.

Pivotally mounted in the intermediate portion of the bracket 3 are the parallel arranged rods 4, having their outer ends bent at right angles and looped to form the oppositely disposed impaling hooks 5. The inner ends of the rods 4 are disposed through openings in the standard and then bent at right angles and looped to form the eyes 6. A coil spring 7 is mounted on the standard 1 and having one of its ends secured to the upper end of the standard,

the other end of said spring being looped to form a hook 8 to which is secured one end of the wires 9, said wires having their other ends secured to the eyes 6.

A trigger latch 10 is pivotally secured to one side of the standard and adapted to be engaged in the hook 8 to hold the spring when the same has been placed under tension. A trigger 11 is pivotally secured at one end to the standard 1 and having its other end bent at right angles and adapted to engage with the trigger latch to hold the same in its operative position. A trigger plate 12 is provided, having one end reduced as shown at 13 and bent to form a sleeve which is pivotally mounted between the spaced arms of the U-shaped bracket 3, the end of said reduced portion having its extreme end looped to form a sleeve 14. An operating rod 15 is provided having one end bent at right angles and disposed in the sleeve 14, the other end of said rod being disposed through an opening in the standard and engaged with the eye 16 formed in the intermediate portion of the trigger.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the trap in its set position and when the animal comes in contact with the trigger plate 12 it will force the same toward the standard, the rod 15 pressing outwardly on the trigger to release the same from the latch 10 and release the spring 7. The tension of the spring 7 being adapted to bring the hooks 5 into engagement with the animal.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention it will be obvious that various changes in the details of construction and in the proportions may be resorted to for successfully carrying my invention into practice without sacrificing any of the novel features or departing from the scope thereof.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

In a trap, the combination of a standard, a bracket secured to the standard, pivotally mounted impaling hooks carried by the bracket and having their ends passing through openings in the standard and arranged upon the opposite side thereof, a spring mounted upon the standard, means for connecting one end of the spring to the ends of the hooks, a hook formed on one

end of the spring, a trigger latch adapted to engage said hook to hold the spring under tension, a trigger engaging said latch to hold the same in set position, a trigger plate
5 pivotally secured to the bracket, and means connecting said plate with the trigger whereby movement of the plate will release the trigger, the tension of the spring, when

released, forcing the hooks into engagement with the animal.

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

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