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FIG. 1.

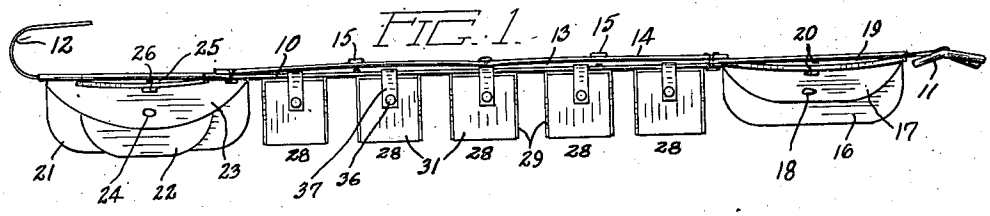


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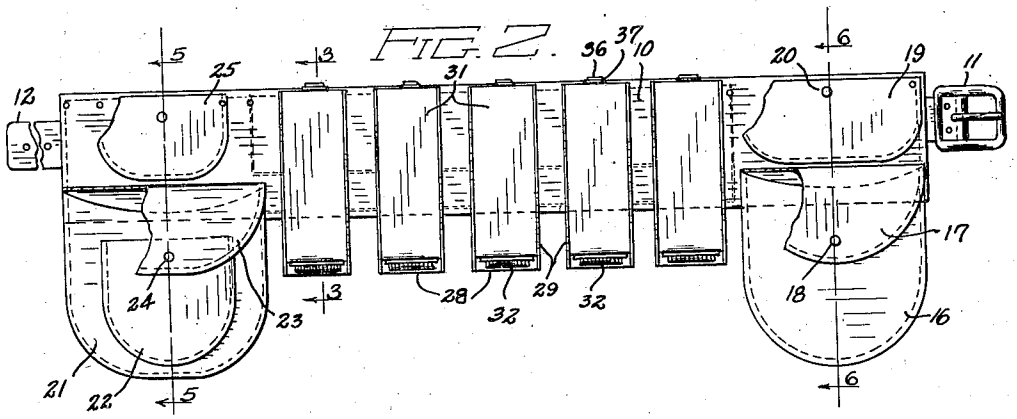


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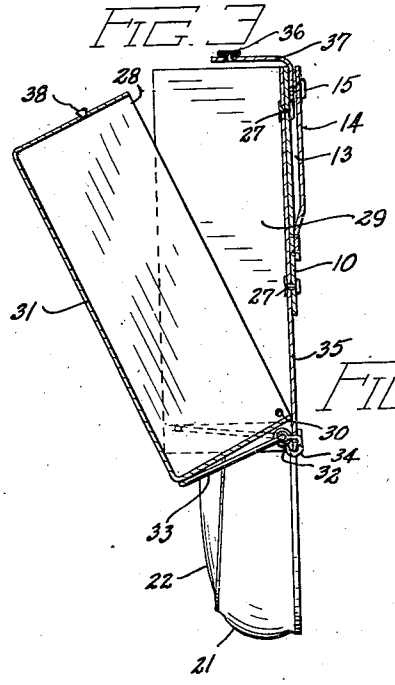


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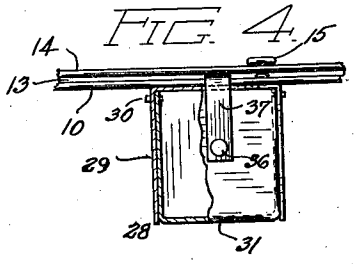


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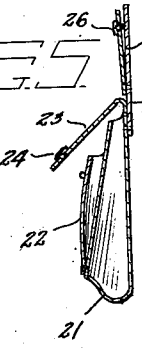
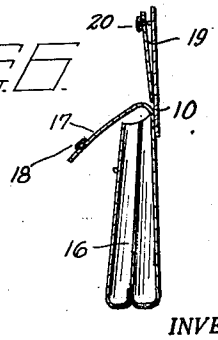


FIG. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS J. KROHA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danbury, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Casting-Tackle Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a fisherman's belt and has for an object to provide a belt of improved construction for carrying the tackle and various devices carried by the fisherman, and which will carry them in such a way that they are easily accessible and are always kept in good condition. It is also an object to provide a device of this character which is so arranged that it will not interfere with the operations of the user.

With these and other objects in view I have devised the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the belt detached.

Fig. 2 is front elevation thereof, portions being broken away to more clearly illustrate the construction.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a portion of the belt and tackle casting box, a portion of the top of the box being broken away.

Fig. 5 is a transverse section substantially on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 6 is a transverse section substantially on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

The body of the belt is indicated at 10 having buckle 11 and coacting tongue 12 at the opposite ends thereof for securing the same about the body of the wearer. Along the body of the belt and opening at the top thereof is a long pocket 13 preferably formed by securing a strip 14 to the back of the belt provided at the upper edge with coacting snap fasteners 15 whereby this pocket may be closed. Secured adjacent one end of the belt on the forward side thereof is a relatively large double pocket 16 having a flap 17 extending over the upper open end thereof provided with a snap fastener 18 for closing the same. Above this pocket on the forward face of the belt is also provided a smaller pocket 19 having snap fastener 20. Adjacent the other end of the belt is mounted another relatively large single pocket 21 having secured to the outer wall thereof a smaller pocket 22, these pockets being closed by the flap 23 having a snap fastener 24. Above this pocket is a small pocket 25 also adapted to be closed by snap fastener 26.

Between these relatively large pockets 16 and 21 are secured to the belt by any suitable means such as rivets 27 a plurality of casting tackle boxes 28. These boxes are to hold individual casting tackle and are preferably made of sheet metal, the outer member 29 being substantially U-shape in cross section with the open side toward the front, and hinged between the sides adjacent the lower end at 30 is a container 31, this container being closed on five sides but open on the remaining side. It is substantially rectangular in shape as shown and is mounted with its open side toward the belt as shown in Fig. 3. Secured below the lower end of this container is a coil spring 32 mounted on the member 29 and provided with an arm 33 pressing against the bottom of the container and having its other arm 34 engaging the bottom edge of the outer member 29. This spring by pressing against the bottom of the container tends to hold it in an upright position between the sides of the outer member 29 so that the open side of this container is closed by the wall 35 of the outer member. This container may be secured in upright or closed position by the snap fastener 36 carried by a tab 37 secured to the belt and coacting with a button 38 carried by the container. When it is desired to gain access to this container all that is necessary is to unfasten the snap 36 and push forwardly and downwardly on the upper end of the container. This will move the container downwardly as shown in Fig. 3 to allow access to the interior thereof for easy removal of whatever tackle is contained therein. When the pressure is released from the container the spring 32 automatically returns it to closed position. It will be noted that when this container is open it is closed on all sides except the top so that the contents thereof will not drop out.

Various tackle elements and devices may be distributed throughout the various containers as desired by the individual user to suit his particular requirements, but the various pockets and containers are designed for devices as follows:

The relatively large double pocket 16 is designed especially for carrying a can of bait, such as crickets and so forth, and lines.

The relatively large pocket 21 is intended for reels and the small pocket 22 secured thereto for an oil can. The small flat pocket 25 is for leads and pocket 19 for treble hooks. The long flat pocket 13 at the top of the belt is intended for snell hooks, and being of considerable length will keep them straight. The metal boxes 28 are for casting tackle each box adapted to hold one or more pieces of the different types of tackle as desired, these different tackles merely resting in the individual containers and held thereby so that they are kept separate and are easily accessible at all times. As the boxes are automatically held closed there is no danger of the tackle dropping out even when the user neglects to fasten the same in closed position.

It will be apparent from the above that the various pockets and containers are so located on the belt that all the various devices used are kept separate and in order and are accessible at all times, there being no necessity of bending over to pick up various devices required nor having to return to a base of supply as they are all carried along with the user. The devices are so held that there is no danger of them becoming entangled with the resultant danger of loss and vexation to the user. The belt is also simple in construction and, therefore, comparatively cheap to manufacture.

Having thus described the nature of my invention, what I claim is:

1. A fisherman's belt including means for securing it about the body of the user, said belt having pockets opening adjacent its upper edge, relatively large pockets secured to the front of the belt adjacent the opposite ends thereof, said pockets opening at the top and provided with overhanging closures, and self closing boxes adapted to hold casting tackle secured to the belt between the latter pockets, said boxes comprising outer members secured to the belt and open at the top and front, a box shaped container pivoted between the side members adjacent its lower end, said container being open at the rear and closed on all other sides, and a spring tending to hold the container in an upright position with its open side against the outer member.

2. A fisherman's belt including means for securing it about the body of the user, pockets secured to the front of the belt adjacent the opposite ends thereof, said pockets being open at the top, closures for said pockets, and self closing boxes adapted to hold casting tackle secured to the belt between said pockets, said boxes comprising outer members open toward the front and top secured to said belt, a box shaped container pivoted between the sides of the outer member adjacent its lower end, said container being open toward the rear but closed on all other sides, and a spring tending to hold the container in an upright position with the open side against the outer member to close said side.

3. A fisherman's belt including means for securing it about the body of the user, tackle boxes secured to said belt and comprising a substantially U-shaped outer member secured to the belt open toward the front and at the top, a box shaped container pivoted between the sides of the outer member adjacent its lower end, said container being open toward the rear but closed on all other sides, and a spring tending to hold the container in an upright position with the open side against the outer member to close said side.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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