

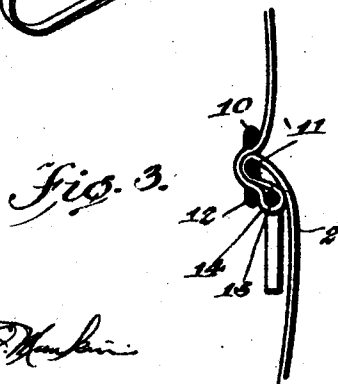
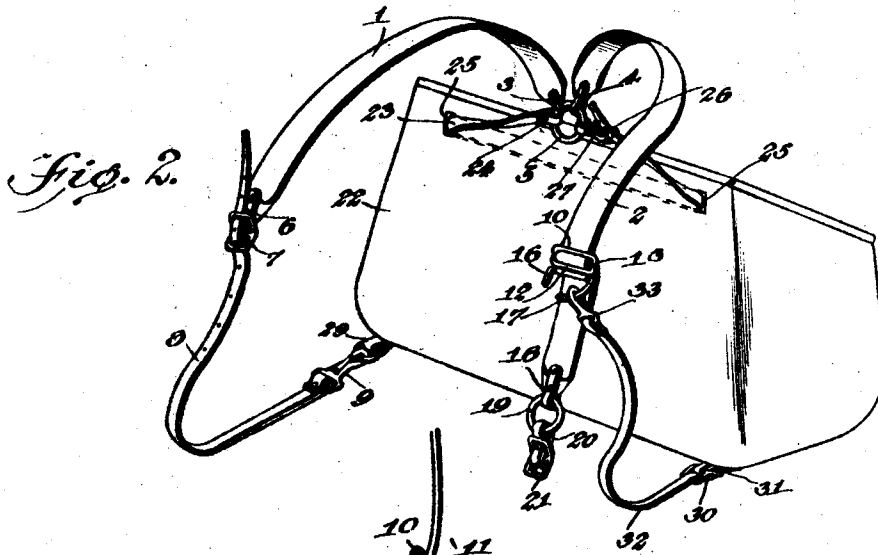
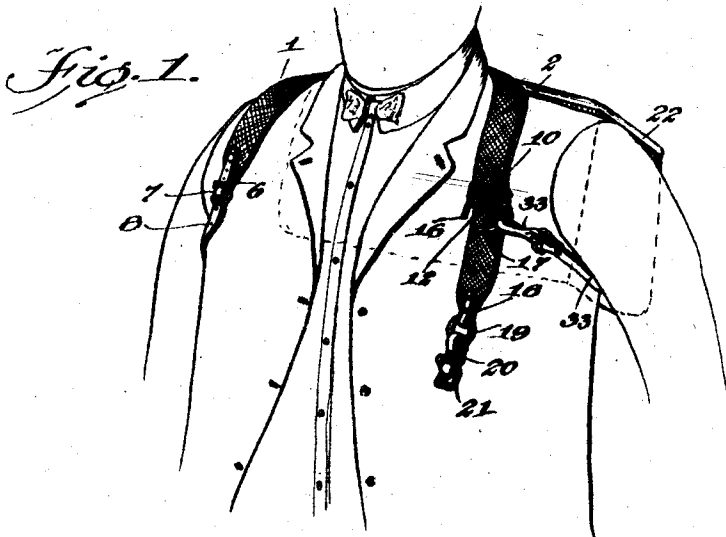
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My invention relates generally to improvements in devices for carrying packages and more particularly to a harness which is adapted to be worn by a fisherman and which affords facilities for supporting a creel so that it can be carried comfortably and with but relatively little fatigue.

The invention consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of the invention is the provision of a harness of the character described which may be quickly and easily applied to or removed from a wearer and which can be adjusted to adapt it to support a creel either on the back of the wearer or at his side under one of his arms.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a harness of the character described which can be adjusted to comfortably fit on a wearer of any given size within a considerable range.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved harness applied to a wearer in position to support a creel on the back of the wearer;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the improved harness applied to the creel,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view partly in vertical section and partly in elevation, showing a novel supporting buckle adjustably engaged with one of the supporting straps of the harness so as to produce a supporting loop.

The improved harness comprises a pair of relatively wide main supporting straps 1 and 2 respectively. The rearward ends of these straps 1 and 2 are connected by strap links 3 and 4, respectively, with a ring 5. The forward end of the strap 1 is connected by a strap link 6 with a buckle 7 which is adjustably engaged with an end portion of an attaching strap 8. The opposite end portion of the attaching strap 8 carries a snap hook 9. The strap 2 carries a supporting buckle 10 which comprises an upper cross bar 10, a middle cross bar 11, a lower cross bar 12 all joined integrally to end members 13 by means of which the cross bars 10, 11 and 12 are held in spaced parallel relation. The strap 2 is projected under the upper cross bar 10 over the middle cross bar 11 and

under the lower cross bar 12 and then is bent back on itself over the middle cross bar 11, thus producing a supporting loop 14. The buckle just mentioned of course is adjustable longitudinally of the strap 2 to vary the height of the loop 14. A supporting hook comprises a shank portion 15 which extends through the loop 14 and is turned laterally at 16 to provide a stop for preventing axial movement of the shank 15 in one direction in the loop 14, the opposite end portion of the shank 15 being turned laterally and rearwardly as indicated at 17 to produce a hook portion which will engage with the loop 14 to prevent accidental movement of the shank 15 in the opposite direction in the loop 14.

The forward end portion of the strap 2 is connected by a strap link 18 with a ring 19 which in turn is connected by a strap link 20 with a buckle 21.

A fish creel of conventional construction is shown more or less diagrammatically at 22 in Figures 1 and 2. An attaching strap 23 has an end portion thereof secured permanently, as at 24, to the ring 5. The upper portion of the back member of the creel 22 is provided with horizontally spaced slots or apertures 25 which respectively are located adjacent to the opposite ends of the back member of the creel. The attaching strap 23 is carried by the ring 5 at the side thereof which is next to the main supporting strap 1 and this strap 23 may be projected through the adjacent aperture 25 into the creel and thence from the creel through the other aperture 25.

The free end portion of the strap 23 is adjustably engageable with a buckle 26 which is connected by a strap link 27 with the ring 5.

A ring 28 is carried by a strap link 29 which is secured to the bottom of the creel 22 adjacent to the back thereof and at the end of the creel which is next to the main supporting strap 1. The snap hook 9 may be engaged with the ring 28. A buckle 30 is connected with the opposite end portion of the bottom of the creel by a strap link 31 and is adjustably engageable with a strap 32 which carries a snap hook 33 at its forward end.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. Assuming that the snap hook 9 is engaged with the

ring 28 and that the strap 23 is engaged with the buckle 26, the harness can be applied in position to support the creel 22 on the back of a wearer quickly and easily. The person who is to wear the harness extends his right arm between the straps 1 and 8 until the strap 1 rests upon his right shoulder. The strap 2 then is passed forwardly over his left shoulder and the snap hook 33 is engaged with the hook 17. The creel then will be held firmly against the back of a wearer and the weight thereof will be sustained by the shoulders of the wearer who thus can carry the creel comfortably and without any appreciable fatigue. At the same time, the arms of the wearer of the harness are free to permit other objects to be carried or for any other purpose. When constant access to the interior of the creel is desired, as while the wearer of the harness is fishing, the harness can be adjusted to support the creel at the side of the wearer of the harness under his left arm. This can be done quickly, merely by detaching the end portion of the strap 23 from the buckle 26 and attaching it to the buckle 21 at the front of the wearer, the snap hook 33 having first been detached from the hook 17 and the snap hook 9 having been detached from the ring 28. The connected together straps 1 and 8 then are passed around the body of the wearer under his right arm and the snap hook 9 is engaged with the ring 19.

It will be manifest from the foregoing description that the harness can be easily adjusted as to size within a considerable range and also can be adjusted to support the creel firmly either on the back of the wearer or at his side under one of his arms.

Obviously, my invention is susceptible of embodiment in forms other than that illustrated in the accompanying drawing and I therefore consider as my own all such modifications and adaptations thereof as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. A harness for supporting a creel comprising a pair of main supporting straps adapted to be passed across the shoulders of a wearer, a ring connecting the rearward

ends of said supporting straps, a buckle carried by said ring, an attaching strap secured at one end to said ring and adapted to be threaded through horizontally spaced openings in the upper portion of the back of the creel and then engaged with said buckle, an attaching strap adjustably and detachably connected with the forward end portion of one of said main supporting straps and having a snap hook at its free end, a link carried by the lower portion of said creel at the end thereof adjacent to said snap hook, said snap hook being engageable with said ring, a buckle carried by the lower portion of said creel adjacent its opposite end, a strap engageable with said buckle and having a snap hook at its free end, and a hook member adjustably carried by the forward end portion of said second named supporting strap with which said snap hook is engageable.

2. A harness of the character described comprising a main supporting strap adapted to be passed across a shoulder of a wearer, a ring attached to the rearward end of said strap, an attaching strap secured at one end to said ring, a ring carried by the forward end portion of said main supporting strap, a buckle carried by said last named ring, said buckle being engageable with the portion of said creel engaging strap, a second main strap connected at its rearward end with said first named ring, said second named strap being adapted to pass under an arm of the wearer of the harness, and an attaching strap connected at one end with said second named strap and having a snap hook at its opposite end engageable with said second named ring.

3. In a harness of the character described, a strap, a buckle comprising three spaced parallel cross bars and end members connecting said cross bars, a doubled portion of said strap being threaded through the spaces between the cross bars of said buckle, thus producing a loop, and a hook member having a shank extending through said loop and having a snap portion at one end and a hook portion at its opposite end, as and for the purposes described.

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