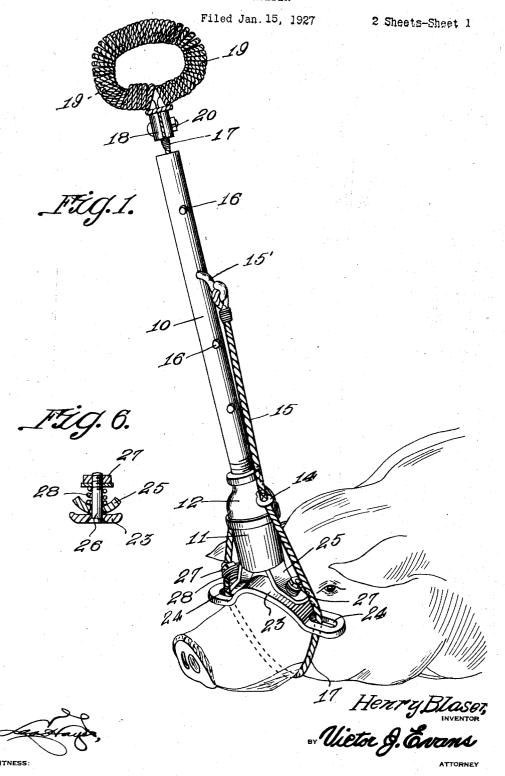
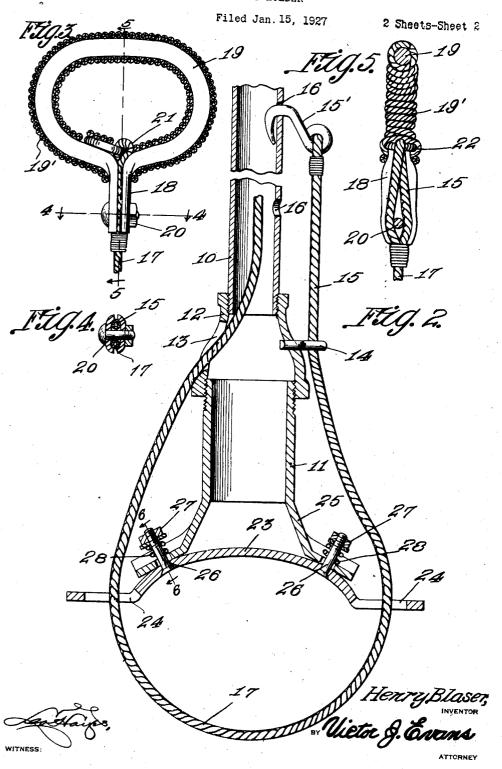
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This invention relates to hog holders and the flexible element to the tubular member contemplates the provision of a device including a noose adapted to be used in conjunction with a snout bar, whereby the device can be quickly and conveniently clamped about the snout of the animal, one of the chief characteristics of the present invention residing in the manner of mounting the bar, to afford it a yielding locking movement, so 10 that the device can be clamped to the snout without injury to the animal.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a holder of the above character which includes an adjustable snout engaging loop formed by a cable guided through the snout bar and having means to adjustably attach one end of the cable to the holder.

The nature and advantages of the inven-20 tion will be better understood when the following detailed description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as 25 claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this application, like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, and wherein:

30 Figure 1 is a view showing how the device

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view through the device.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in eleva-35 tion showing how the flexible element is associated with the hand grip.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on line 40 5—5 of Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on line

6-6 of Figure 2.

The body of the device includes a tubular member 10 which has associated with the 45 lower end thereof, a tubular extension 11 of greater diameter than the diameter of the body member 10. This extension is connected with the lower end of said body by means of a suitable coupling 12, the coupling having a slot 13 at one side and an eye 14 extending from its opposite side. One end of a flexible element 15 extends through the eve 14 and carries a hook 15' for removable engagement within any one of a number of 55 spaced openings 16 provided in the tubular member to adjustably anchor this end of across the nose as shown in Figure 2. The

when said element is drawn taut about the snout of an animal. The element is formed to provide a noose 17 to surround the snout 60 of the animal, the other end of the flexible element being passed through the slot 13 and thence upwardly through the holiow body portion 10. As shown in Figure !, the upper end of this flexible element 15 is re- 65 ceived between the adjacent extremities 18 of a hand grip 19, and clamped between said extremities when the latter are drawn together by means of a bolt and nut. The upper end of this flexible element is folded 70 upon itself and positioned upon opposite sides of a bolt 20 as clearly shown in Figure The folding of the upper end of the flexible element forms a loop 21 which receives a small ring 22 which is wholly disposed 75 within the hand grip 19. If desired, the grip may be bound with a rope or cord 19' and the ring confined within the binding.

The noose 17 is adapted to be used in conjunction with a snout bar clearly shown in 80 Figures 1 and 2, wherein it will be noted that the intermediate portion of the bar is arched or curved as at 23 to accommodate itself to the nose of the animal across which it is adapted to be arranged, while the ex- 85 tremities of said bar are slotted as at 24 to receive the adjacent portions of the noose. This bar 23 is supported by bracket arms 25 which project from and are formed integral with the extension 11 at diametrically 90 opposite points. These arms project from the lower edge of said extension and extend outwardly as clearly shown in Figure 2. The bar 23 is provided with a headed stud or bolt 26 for each bracket arm, these bolts 95 passing through openings formed in the adjacent ends of the bracket arms and then equipped with nuts 27. Surrounding each bolt 26 is a coiled spring 28, the spring being interposed between the bracket arm and the 100 nut 27, and tends to hold the bar normally in the position shown in Figure 2. This arrangement, however, affords the bar a slight yielding or rocking movement when the flexible element is pulled upon clamping the 105 device about the snout of the animal, so that the bar under such circumstances can conveniently accommodate itself to the nose of the animal without injuring the latter.

In practice, the noose is placed around the 110 snout of the animal with the bar 23 arranged

tality of the hand grip 19. In this manner, the device can be quickly and conveniently clamped about the snout of the animal for the purpose intended, the ring 22 preventing the free end of the cable from being pulled or separated from the hand grip 19 under any circumstances.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description, the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent, I desire to have it understood that I do not limit myself to what is herein 15 shown and described, and that such changes

may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

Having thus described the invention, I

1. A hog holder comprising a tubular body portion having spaced openings therein, an extension depending from the lower end thereof, a snout bar arranged transversely of said extension and yieldably mounted there-25 on, a flexible element slidable through the tubular body portion and adapted to have one end secured to said body portion to form

device is held in one hand and the flexible a noose, said bar having slots adjacent the element pulled upon through the instrumen- ends thereof to receive the adjacent portions of the noose, whereby the latter is used in 30 conjunction with said bar to clamp the device about the snout of the animal, a hand grip attached to the other end of said element whereby the latter may be drawn through the body portion, and a hook secured 35 to the first mentioned end of the flexible element to adjustably connect this end of said element to the body.

2. A hog holder comprising a hollow tubular body portion, bracket arms projecting out- 40 wardly from the lower end thereof, a snout bar arranged transversely of said holder and yieldably mounted on said bracket arms, a flexible element threaded through the tubular body portion and projecting outwardly there- 45 from at a point above said bracket arms, said snout bar being slotted at its ends to receive

said flexible element in the formation of a loop thereby, a hand grip secured to the upper end of said flexible element, and means 50 for adjustably securing the other end of the element to the hollow body portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. HENRY BLASER.