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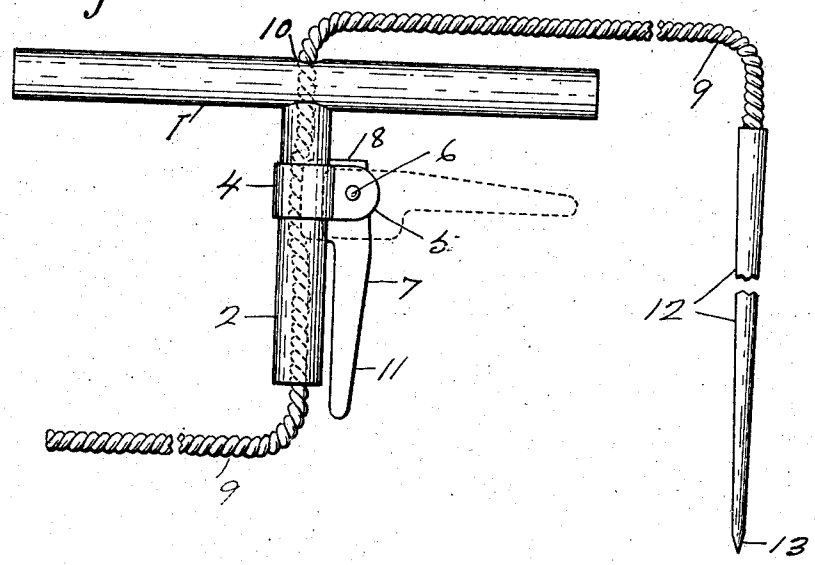
Fig. 1.



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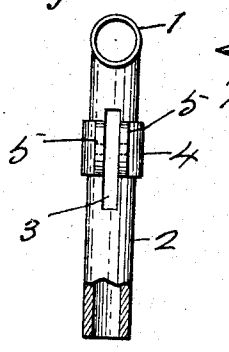

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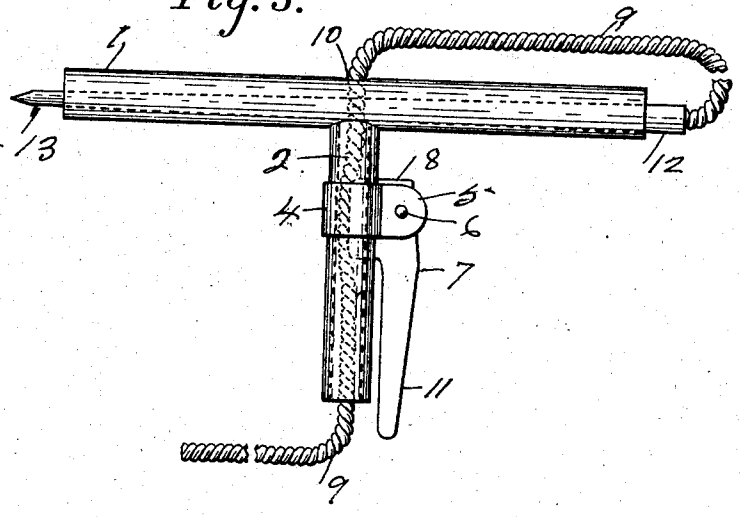

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER C. GUILFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fish Stringers or Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fish-stringers or holders.

It is well known that in the fish-stringers or holders now in common use it is necessary in removing the fish therefrom to go to the inconvenience of pulling them back one by one the opposite way from that in which they were placed upon the stringer.

The primary object of my present invention is to provide a comparative cheap, simple and substantial fish-stringer or holder so constructed and arranged that it can be adjusted for different lengths, and can readily be lengthened when full of fish without the necessity of disturbing the same, and also adapted to permit the removal of the fish from the lower end of the holder instead of stripping them back over the needle.

My invention consists of a string, cord or cable, of proper strength and material and of any desired length having a metallic tapering needle rigidly fixed upon one end thereof, and having a holder adjustably and removably mounted near the other end thereof, the said holder being adapted to receive and contain the needle when the device is not in use and when it is desired to place the same in a compact arrangement.

The principal novel feature of my invention resides in the construction and coöperative arrangement of the adjustable holder.

Similar reference numerals indicate like parts in the several views in which

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention, with the string and needle both partly broken away, showing the holder in its locked position upon the string and showing in dotted outline the position of the cam-lever when the holder is unlocked. Fig. 2 is a detail of the holder taken at right-angles to Fig. 1, partly broken away with the cam-lever removed to show the lateral slot in the holder through which the cam-lever engages the string. Fig. 3 is a side view of my invention with the string partly broken away, and the cam-lever in a locked engagement with the string, and the needle resting within the holder.

The holder is formed of two tubular metallic sections 1 and 2, the latter being rigidly fixed in a lateral opening in the former midway of its ends and arranged at approximately right-angles thereto. The tubular section 1 has a lateral opening 10 diametrically opposite to the inner end of the section 2 for the purpose about to be described. At a suitable point on the section 2 near the upper end thereof is arranged a longitudinal slot 3, and a fixed collar 4 having apertured ears 5 in parallel arrangement and in substantial alinement with the respective edges of the said slot. Between these ears 5 on the pin 6 is pivotally mounted the cam-lever 7 the head 8 of which is loosely arranged in the said slot and is adapted to holdingly engage the cord or cable 9 when the handle 11 thereof is adjusted to a vertical position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and is adapted to release the said string when the handle is elevated to the position shown in dotted outline in Fig. 1. The cord 9 of proper materials and dimensions passes through the opening 10 and longitudinally through the tubular section 2, as shown and has rigidly secured upon its forward end a metallic needle 12 of proper dimensions, provided with a proper blunt point 13. The needle 12 is preferably of a length slightly greater than that of tubular section 1 and is adapted to be contained loosely within the same, when not in use.

The manner of employing my invention thus described is obvious and briefly stated is as follows: The operator first removes the needle 12 from its position in section 1 then elevates the handle 11 of the cam-lever 7 to a position substantially at right angles to the tubular section 2, thereby releasing its holding engagement with the cord 9, after which he adjusts the holder to any desired position on the cord, and then returns the cam lever to its locked engagement with the cord after which the device is ready for use.

Obviously the tubular section 1 being at right-angles to the cord 9 in use forms a perfect support for a string of fish, and should it become desirable to lower the holder upon the string at any time when the cord above the holder is loaded with fish, it can readily

be done by simply elevating the handle 11, making the desired adjustment of the holder and then returning the cam-lever to its locked engagement as before.

While, of course, the string or cord 9 may be any suitable metal cable if desired, a suitable cord is preferred.

Having thus described my invention and the manner of employing the same what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A fish-stringer consisting of a cord having a needle fixed on one end thereof, and a tubular holder for the other end of the string and slidably mounted thereon, and means for firmly securing the cord in any desired position in the holder, the said holder being adapted to contain the needle in a right-angular relation to that of the cord.

2. A fish stringer consisting of a holder formed of two tubular sections rigidly united in right angular relation, one section being fixed to the other in a lengthwise central opening therein; a cord or cable loosely mounted longitudinally in one section and passing diametrically through the other section; and means for firmly securing the said holder in any desired adjustment on said cord.

3. In a fish-stringer, a tubular holder formed of two sections in right angular relation, one section having a diametric opening in register with the adjacent end of the other section, which last mentioned section has a longitudinal slot therein, and is provided with apertured ears adjacent the corresponding sides of the said slot between which the holder securing means is pivotally mounted; a cord or cable loosely mounted in the last named section and passing through the said opening of the other section, and provided upon one end with a fixed needle; and a cam-lever pivotally mounted in the said slot and adapted to firmly secure the said holder in any desired adjustment on the said cord.

Signed by me at Fort Wayne, Allen county, State of Indiana, this 22nd day of July, A. D. 1907.

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