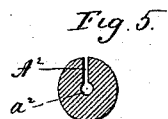
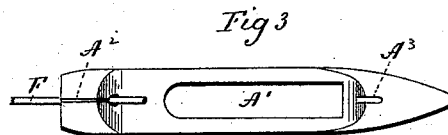
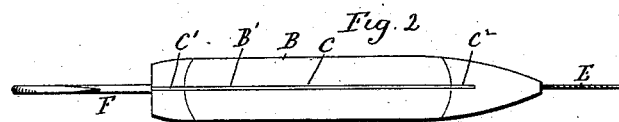
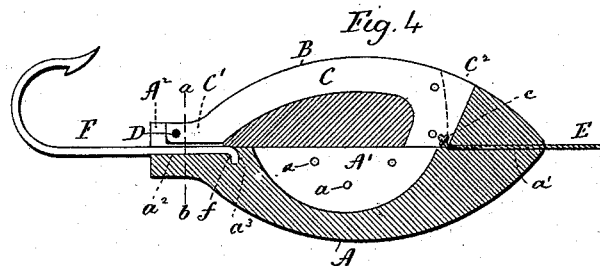
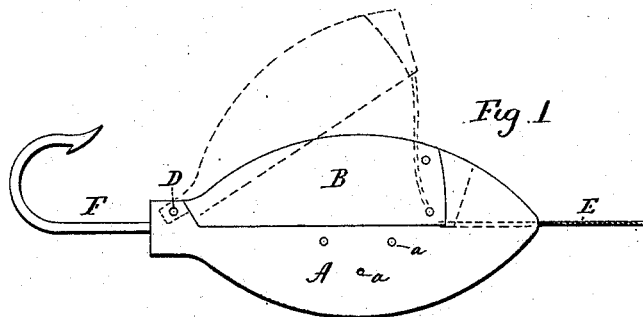


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. BACON, of Clinton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Fishing-Jigs; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in side elevation of one form which a jig constructed in accordance with my invention may assume, the cover being shown in its open position by broken lines; Fig. 2, a plan view of the jig; Fig. 3, a plan view of the jig with the cover removed; Fig. 4, a view of the jig in vertical central longitudinal section; Fig. 5, a view of the jig on the line *a-b* of Fig. 3.

My invention relates to an improvement in fishing-jigs, the object being to produce a simple, convenient, attractive, and effective device, designed with particular reference to the capture of blue-fish (*Tenmodon sallator*), and adapted to be baited with chum, or equivalent material.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in a jig having certain details of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In carrying out my invention, I construct an oval jig, in the general form of a small flat fish, and comprising a body A, and a hinged cover B. By preference the body A, is made of metal, to give the jig the required weight and luminosity, and contains a pocket or chamber A', the opposite walls of which are constructed with perforations *a*, through which the bait oozes out to attract the fish it is designed to capture. I may place chum in this pocket or chamber, or a sponge saturated with some kind of strong oil found to attract the fish. If chum is used, it should be hashed fine enough so that it will escape through the said openings. As herein shown, the cover B is made of wood, shaped as required, and in accordance with the curvature of the body A which is transversely cut away or recessed as at A², at a point over the chamber, to receive the cover. It is constructed with a cen-

tral longitudinal slot B', receiving a sheet-metal reinforcing plate C, which projects beyond its opposite ends, its projecting rear end C' fitting into a longitudinal slot A², formed in the rear portion of the body, and receiving a horizontal pin D, which forms a pivotal connection between the body and cover. The projecting forward end C² of the plate C shuts into a central longitudinal slot A³, formed in the forward end of the body, in which the cover is thus prevented from lateral displacement. The projecting forward end of the plate C, is constructed at its inner edge with an opening *c*, to which the line E is attached, the said line extending thence forward through a small longitudinal passage *a'* formed in the body and arranged in the center of the device. The line thus serves to maintain the cover in its closed position, and the greater the strain upon the line, the tighter will the cover be held in that position.

The fish-hook F has its shank inserted into a narrow longitudinal groove *a*² formed in the rear of the body and located in line with the passage *a'* before referred to. The inner end of the shank of the hook is bent at a right angle to form a retaining finger *f*, which enters a pocket A³ forming a continuation of the groove *a*², and standing at a right angle thereto, the said finger preventing the hook from rotation, and maintaining it with its barb in the plane of the jig.

It will be observed by reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings, that when the cover of the jig is closed, its rear end bears upon the shank of the hook, and firmly holds the same in place. When the cover is open, the hook may be readily removed and replaced.

It is thought that the use of the device does not require particular description, as any one familiar with fishermen's appliances will understand its use. It is only necessary to say that it constitutes not only a visual, but also an olfactory appeal to the fish.

I would have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction herein shown and described, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention. Thus, I do not limit the use of my device to the capture of blue-fish, but it may be adapted in size, form and coloring to the pursuit of other spe-

cies of fish. I am aware, however, that a chambered fishing-jig is old, and I do not therefore claim such a construction broadly.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fishing-jig consisting of a body and a longitudinally arranged cover, and adapted for the attachment of a hook and line, the body containing a bait chamber, and being transversely recessed or cut away between its ends to receive the cover, substantially as described.

2. A fishing-jig comprising a body and a cover pivoted thereto, the said parts being adapted for the attachment of a hook and line, and the body containing a bait chamber, and being recessed or cut away for the reception of the cover, substantially as described.

3. A fishing-jig consisting of a body and a cover pivoted thereto, the said body containing a bait chamber, and recessed or cut away to receive the cover which is held in its closed position by the line which is attached to its free end, and which passes thence through the forward end of the body, substantially as described.

4. A fishing-jig consisting of a body provided at its rear end with a longitudinal groove for the reception of the shank of a fish-hook, and formed with a bait-chamber, and a cover pivoted at its rear end to the said body, and adapted to have a line attached to its forward end, the said line passing thence through a passage formed in the forward end of the body, substantially as described.

5. A fishing-jig consisting of a body having a bait-chamber and a cover pivoted to the said body, and provided with a central longitudinal plate projecting beyond its ends, adapting the cover to be pivoted at its rear end to the body, and to be connected at its forward end with the body so as to prevent it from being laterally displaced, said parts being also constructed for the attachment of a fish hook and line, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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