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IMPROVED LANDING-NET FOR ANGLERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Charles De Saxe, of the city and county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Construction of Landing-Nets for Fishing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in so making the hoop or mouth of the net with proper and convenient joints or hinges that this hoop may be folded up in a small compass, and thus rendered much more convenient and less cumbersome, while at the same time its strength is not diminished nor its usefulness impaired.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction and

operation.

I make the hoop A of the net in four pieces, 123'4, connected together with joints a a b c d. The joints a a fit into or are attached to a metal head or socket, B, securely fastened to the top of the staff C. Upon the staff C, I put a slide, D, from the opposite sides of which are extended arms f f, which are attached to the pieces of the hoop marked 1 and 2. When the net is not in use, or when it is to be car-

ried from one place to another, the slide D is slipped down upon the staff C and the hoop of the net folded up, as shown in Fig. 2, and when the net is made ready for use the slide is moved up the staff, by which movement the net is expanded to its full size and there firmly retained by the spring o, which prevents the slide from moving back, except at the pleasure of the angler. Fig. 1 represents the net as thus expanded.

I am aware that the hoop A has beretofore been made of separate pieces, similar to those marked 1 2 3 4, and therefore I do not claim anything novel in this respect; but when so constructed the hoop required to be detached from the staff when folded up and then at-

tached when it was to be used.

What I claim as my invention, and desire

to secure by Letters Patent, is-

The construction and arrangement of a landing-net in one compact and connected mechanism attached to the staff, made substantially as herein described and represented, or in an equivalent form, so that it can be folded up upon the staff or expanded at the pleasure or convenience of the user.

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