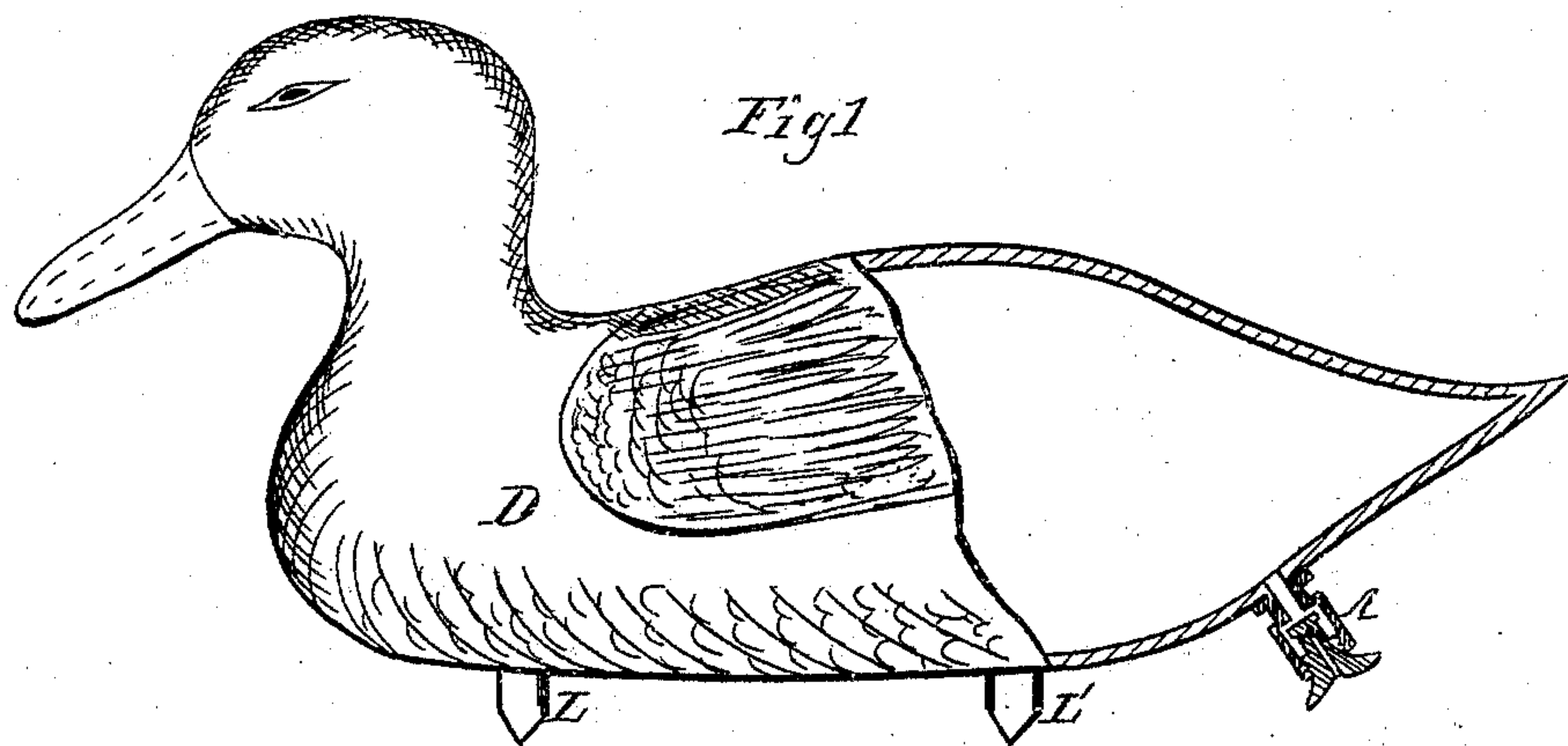


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IMPROVEMENT IN DECOY-DUCKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JACOB FOSTER, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved "Decoy-Duck;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved decoy-duck, with a portion broken, in order to show the interior.

The decoy-ducks used at the present time for decoying wild ducks within gun-shot are made of wood or tin, and are objectionable, the wooden ducks being too expensive, and the tin ones (intended as a cheap substitute) will come in contact with each other in floating, and thus occasion a ringing noise, which alarms and prevents the wild game from approaching.

My invention is intended to overcome this; and consists in constructing the decoy-duck of India rubber.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct the decoy-duck D, *fac simile* in form to the wild duck, entirely of India rubber, and hollowed in the interior.

In moulding the decoy-duck the rubber is made as thin as possible, two lugs, L and L', being formed at the same time on the under side of the body, each of which has a small opening made through it.

Attached to the lug L, by means of a line of suitable length, is an anchor, used for the purpose of keeping the decoy in position.

A ballast is attached to the lug L', in order to keep the decoy-duck in a position as near natural as the wild fowl.

Secured to the under side, and at the back part of the decoy, is an air-valve, A, the said valve communicating with the interior of the body of the decoy by means of an opening made through the India rubber.

When it is desired to use the decoy-duck D, it is inflated through the air-valve A until it assumes the proper form, the valve is then closed, and it (the decoy-duck) is then anchored in the water.

When not in use the decoy can be folded up, so as to occupy very little space. In this case the air-valve A is left open, so that the air can pass out.

Having thus described my invention, its construction, and operation,

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A decoy-duck for sporting-purposes, composed of India rubber, and provided with lugs L and L' and air-valve A, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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