

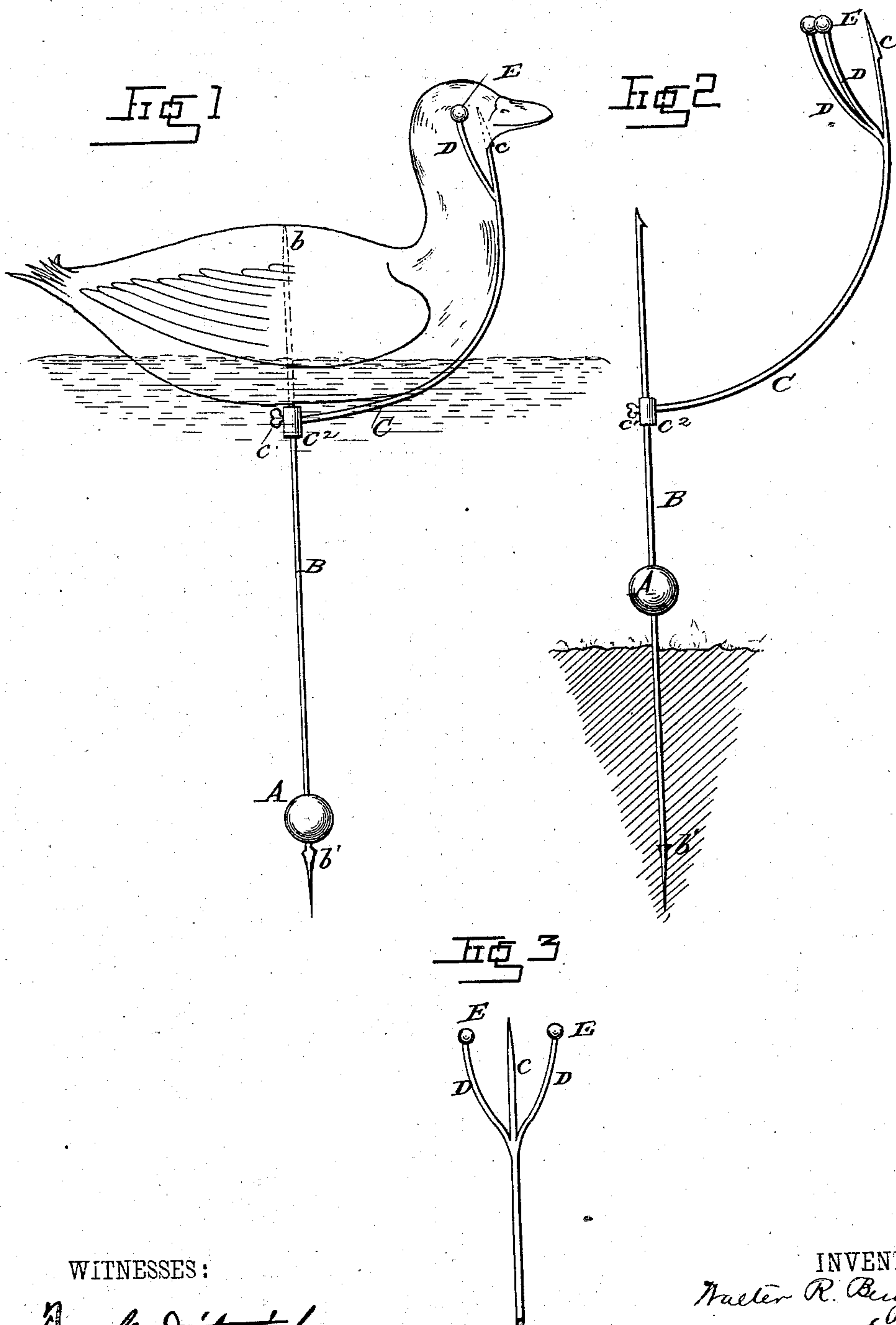
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER R. BENJAMIN, of Holder, in the county of McLean, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Setting up Dead Game for Decoy Purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved device with a duck attached thereto; Fig. 2, a similar view, showing my improved device as adapted for land fowls or birds; Fig. 3, a detached view of the curved arm C and its attachments.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices to which water or land fowls may be secured and used as decoys by hunters to lure game within range of their guns; and to this end the invention consists in novel features of construction and combination of parts, all as will be hereinafter fully described, and set forth in the claims hereto annexed.

In the drawings, B represents a vertical wire or rod, terminating at its upper end in a point, *b*, which may be armed with a fish-hook termination, if deemed expedient, to prevent the ball or weight A at the lower end of said wire or rod B from drawing it out of the duck, said wire or rod terminating in an enlarged point, *b'*, to prevent weight from falling off.

C represents an upwardly-curved wire or rod, provided with a slide, *c*², at its lower end, through which the wire or rod B passes, and which wire or rod C can be vertically adjusted on wire or rod B, and secured in any desired position by a set-screw, *c'*, passing through slide and engaging said wire or rod B. In case of a simple point, *b*, parts B and C can be separated or disconnected for convenience of carrying to the hunting-ground; and in some cases the set-screw may be dispensed with and wire or rod B adapted to fit snugly in slide *c*². The upper end of wire or rod C terminates in

a point, *c*, and also in double or forked spring-arms D D, whose upper ends terminate in or are provided with two black balls, E E, resembling the eyes of a duck, or similar to the common shoe-buttons.

When this device is to be used, parts B and C are connected together, as shown in Fig. 1, the duck being pierced in the breast by the point *b*, and breast resting on the part C, with point *c* piercing the head under the jaw, while the spring-arms D D are opened, so as to take the head of the duck between them with the balls E E over the eyes of the duck, and then the device and duck placed in the water as a decoy, the ball or weight A assisting in keeping the duck in an upright position. The ball or weight A slides upward on the part B, so that the lower point, *b'*, can be forced into the ground and part C adjusted on part B, so that the device may be used as a decoy for land-birds, all as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

My improved device relieves the hunters from carrying a large number of decoy birds, is simple and durable in construction, while it can be separated or disconnected to pack for transportation.

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

1. In a decoy attachment for water or land fowls or birds, the combination of the pointed wire or rod B and curved pointed wire or rod C, having forked spring-arms D D, provided with the balls E E, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a decoy attachment for water or land fowls or birds, the combination, with the pointed wire or rod B, of the removable curved wire or rod C, provided with the forked spring-arms D D, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. In a decoy attachment for water or land fowls or birds, the combination, with the pointed wire or rod B, of the removable and adjustable curved and pointed wire or rod C, having the forked spring-arms D D, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

4. In a decoy attachment for water or land

fowls or birds, the combination, with the pointed wire or rod B, having sliding weight A, of the removable and adjustable curved and pointed wire or rod C, having the forked
5 spring-arms D D, provided with the balls E E, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March, 1883.

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