

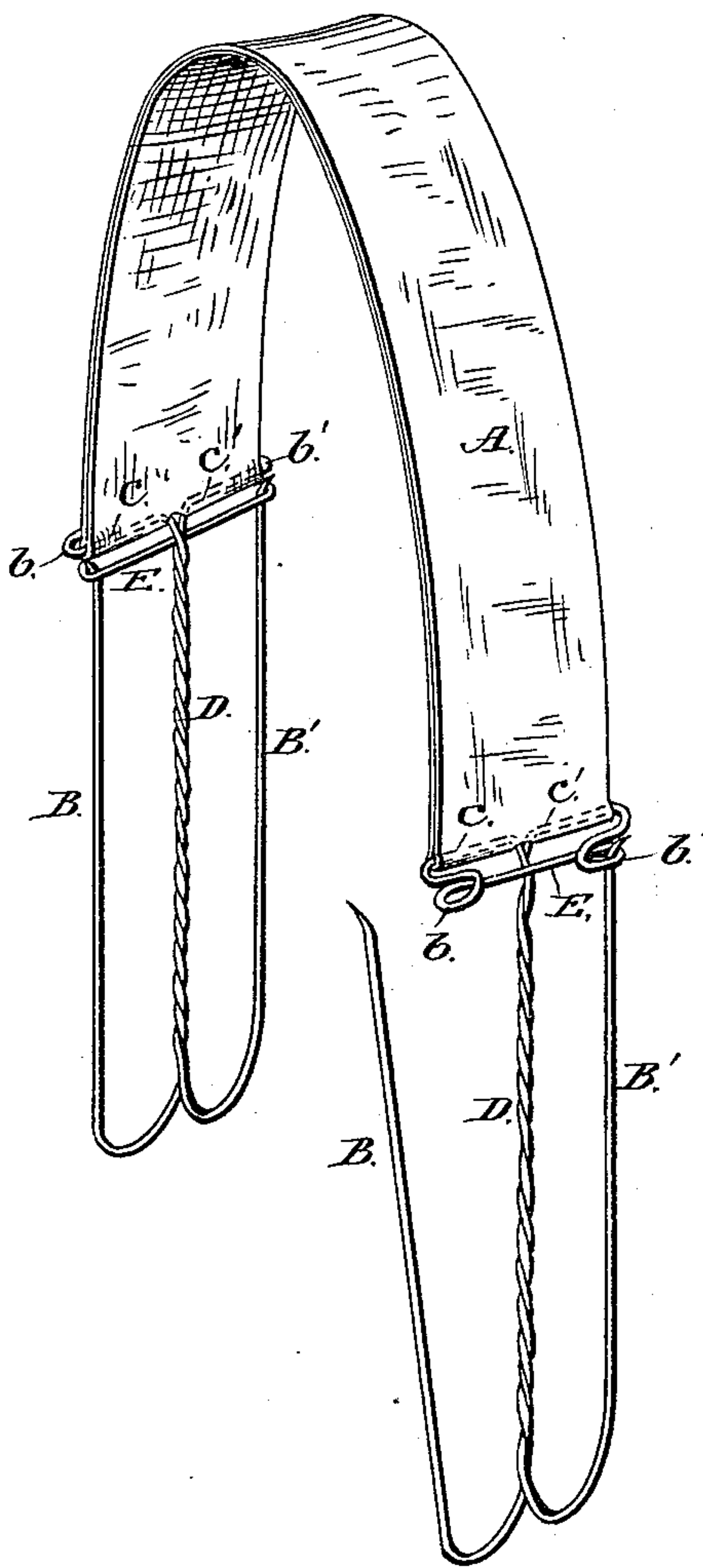
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER CUNNINGHAM, of Brightwater, in the county of Benton and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and
5 Improved Game-Carrier, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to game-carriers, and has for its object to produce a light carrier for small game or fish, adapted to be worn across
10 the shoulder, suspended from a belt, or carried in the hand, and which, when not in use, may be compactly folded and placed in the pocket.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will
15 be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure illustrates my game-carrier in perspective.

20 The body A of the carrier is constructed of a strip of webbing, canvas, thin leather, or other equivalent material, but preferably of the class of narrow fabrics provided with a selvaged edge or thin leather.

25 To each end of the body-strip A, I attach, in any suitable manner, twin hooks B B', provided with looped guards b b', the said hooks and looped guards being constructed from a single piece of straight wire pointed at the ends.

30 In process of formation one end of the wire is bent up with a round turn parallel with the main body, forming the hook B, then at right angles toward the said hook B. The wire is now turned and bent back a short distance in
35 line with the upper horizontal portion C, another round turn is taken downward, and the wire carried in a parallel horizontal line back toward the hook B, partially forming the U-shaped loop-guard b, which is completed by
40 carrying the wire with a round turn back parallel with the lower arm of the U-shaped loop-guard b and horizontally across the shank of the said hook B. The wire is now again bent in a similar manner, as above described, but
45 in a reverse direction, whereby is formed the opposite U-shaped loop-guard, b', and the upper horizontal portion C'. When the two horizontal lines C C' meet, the wire is bent downward and twisted around with the shank
50 of the hook B, and then upward parallel with the united shanks, to form the hook B', the

twisted shank D and the twin hooks B B' forming in outline a W. The sharp ends of said hooks B B' are adapted to be sprung into their respective loops b b', where they are held
55 and guarded until released to receive the game. The hooks B B' are usually attached to the body A by means of the upper divided horizontal portions, C C', of the hook-guards, as shown, the lower undivided horizontal portion, E, thereof constituting a brace.

The carrier will accommodate any small game—such as squirrels, rabbits, ducks, and quail—and is particularly applicable for use
65 with fish. The hooks are usually run through the under lip of the animals or fish, which are strung thereon upon each side of the shank. In conveying feathered game—such as ducks, quail, &c.—the head is usually passed over the point of the hook, the neck bearing upon the
70 shank, the head being upon one side and the body upon the other, and the hook sprung within its looped guard. It is sometimes convenient, however, to pass the hook, as aforesaid, through the under beak and out at the
75 mouth.

When folded, the carrier occupies but a space of about six inches, and is readily carried in the vest-pocket or hung in a button-hole. When strung with game, the carrier is usually
80 thrown over the shoulder or held in the hand. It is also conveniently suspended from a belt.

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

85 1. A game-carrier consisting of a body, A, of webbing or similar material, having attached at each end twin hooks B B', provided with a common vertical shank, D, and integral loop-guards b b', substantially as shown and
90 described, and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. A game carrier consisting of a body, A, of webbing or similar material, having attached at each end hooks B B', provided with a common shank, D, looped guards b b', brace
95 E, and divided horizontal top portion, C C', the said hooks, shank, looped guards, brace, and top portion made of a single piece, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

100 3. In a game-carrier, the combination, with a body, A, of webbing or similar material, of

the twin hooks B B', provided with a common shank, D, looped guards *b b'*, brace E, and divided horizontal top portion, C C', the said top portion, C C', adapted for engagement with the
5 said body A, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

4. A hook for carrying game, consisting of the twin hooks B B', provided with a common shank, D, looped guards *b b'*, brace E, and di-

vided top portions, C C', the whole constructed 10 of a single piece of wire, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

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