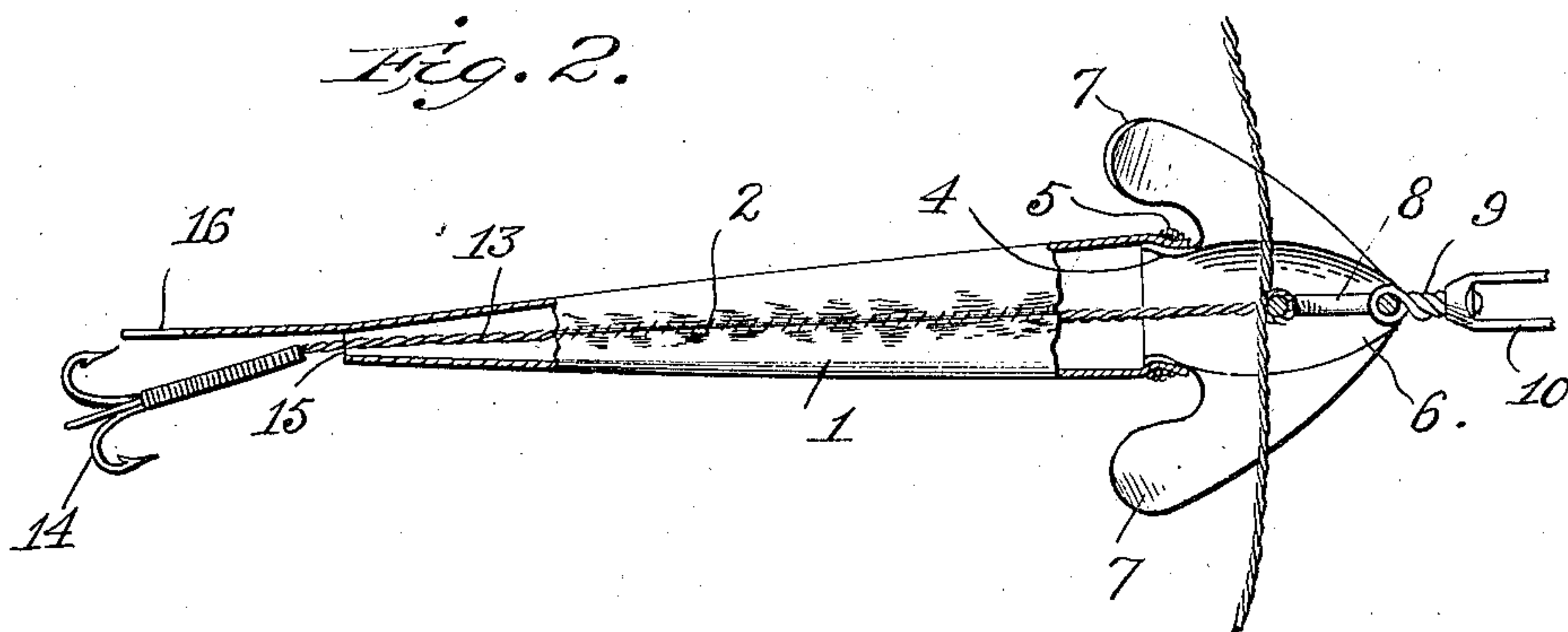
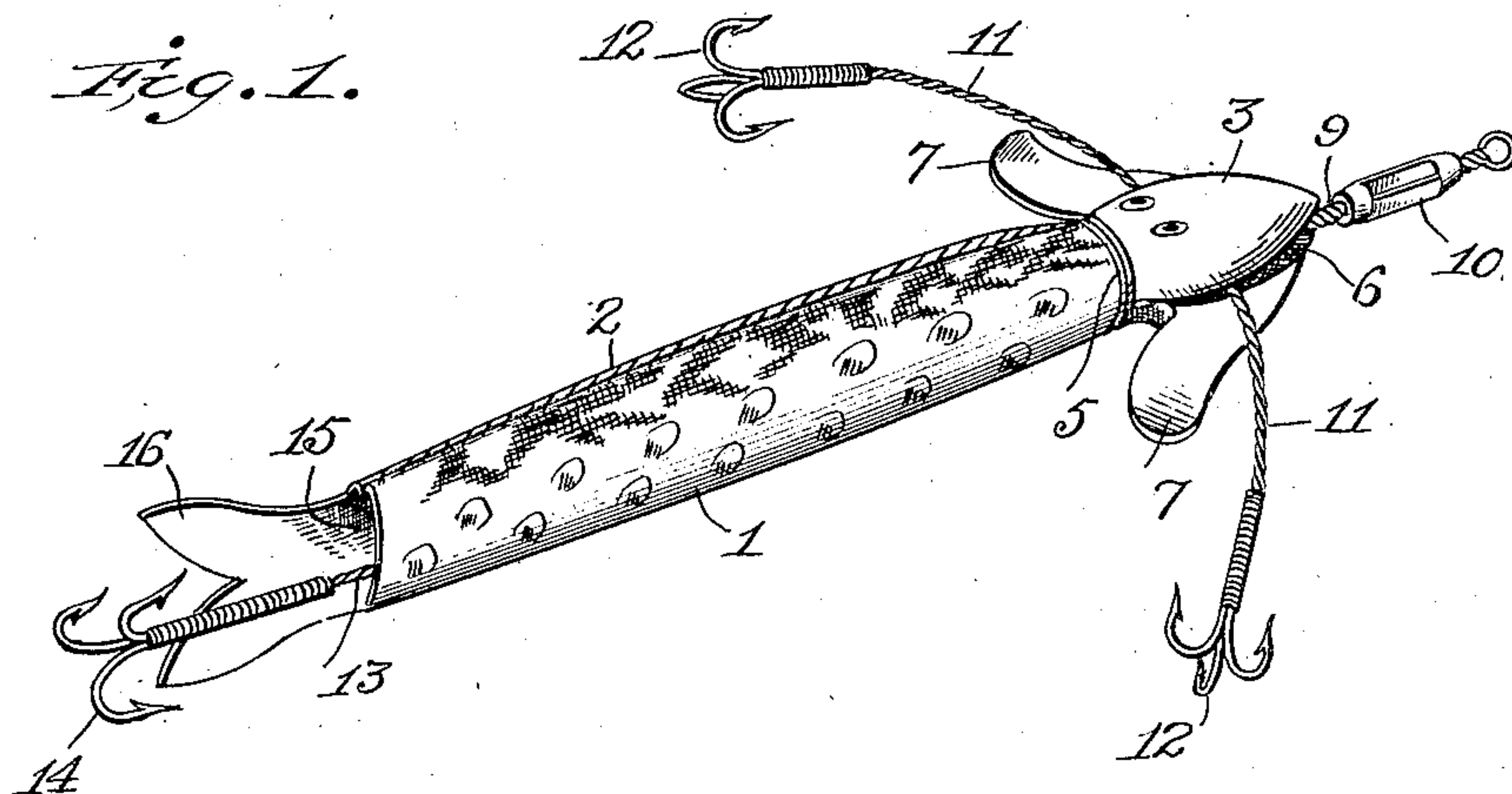


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST A. PFLUEGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Akron, in the county of Summit, State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Artificial Bait, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bait for luring fish, and more particularly to that class known as artificial minnows, and has for its object to provide certain improvements in the construction of the same as will be hereinafter more definitely pointed out and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an artificial minnow embodying my improved construction. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, the head and tail thereof being shown in section.

Similar numerals of reference denote corresponding parts in the two views.

In the said drawing the reference numeral 1 denotes the body of the minnow, the same being formed of a single piece of material folded and united, by stitching or otherwise, longitudinally along the back, as shown at 2. I prefer to form this body 1 of water-proofed silk, linen or other flexible fabric, and, instead of decorating the same with paint applied by hand, as has been the practice heretofore, I lithograph or print the material with the desired design prior to its formation into the article. In this manner I can not only imitate the various colors and shadings of the natural minnow more accurately and at less expense than can be done by hand, but will also render the articles more flexible, and will obviate all danger of peeling or cracking of the applied ornamentation.

The body 1 is connected to the head 3 of the minnow by applying the same to the neck 4 thereof and fastening it thereto by means of the wrapping 5 in the usual manner. Said head 3, which is formed of metal, is provided with the usual mouth 6 and with the wings 7 formed integral therewith. Within said head is fixed a ring 8 to which is attached the stem 9 of the usual swivel joint 10, and to which are also attached the lines

11 of the side hooks 12 and the line 13 of the tail hook 14.

In my improved construction the tail end of the minnow is left open at 15 whereby the formation of a pocket at that point is prevented, and whereby the water that passes into the body 1 through the mouth 6 can pass as freely out through said tail end, thereby inflating the body 1 and causing air bubbles to rise to the surface of the water in a more natural imitation of a live minnow. The tail 16, instead of being formed separate from the body 1, is formed integral therewith, and preferably co-extensive in width with one of the side sections of the body 1 when formed.

If desired, the metal head 3, instead of being painted, may be formed of polished metal, thereby attracting fish from a greater distance, as well as presenting a more showy appearance from a purchaser's standpoint.

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

1. An artificial minnow, embodying a body portion, and a head portion, said head portion having an open mouth communicating freely with said body portion, and said body portion having its tail end entirely open to permit the unrestricted passage of water therethrough.

2. An artificial minnow, embodying a body portion, a head portion, and a tail portion, said head portion having an open mouth communicating freely with said body portion, said body portion having its tail end entirely open to permit the unrestricted passage of water therethrough, and said tail portion being formed integral with said body portion and being co-extensive in width with one of the side portions of said body portion.

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

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