

Fishing



"The Crappie Catcher" INFORMATION

HAVE YOU BEEN PUZZLED about how to put a second hook on your fishing rig, so that it will remain free of tangling with your line? This problem was recently solved by The Crappie Catcher, as he was attempting to replace a leaking faucet. I am certain that each of you nimrods has uttered similar words of disgust about the stupidity of the people who package those 29¢ sets of assorted washers for water faucets. There are usually a dozen or more washers in a package, but only two or three of the damn things are the right size for your spigots, and the balance of them are either too large or too small. I have just found out why all those bastard-size washers were packaged. They were thrown in to solve that extra hook problem.

Take one of those washers, and a common paper clip or heavy hairpin, and you have all the materials needed to make a gadget for attaching that second hook. Lay the washer, flat side down, on a piece of wood. Hold it with a pair of pliers, and drill a hole on either side of the center hole. The hole should be the same size as the wire from which the paper clip or hairpin, was made. Straighten the paper clip out to one straight piece of wire, or cut off a 4- to 6-inch piece of bailing wire. A heavy hairpin should be used instead of the paper clip, or the bailing wire. Push the ends of the hairpin shaped like wire through the two holes you made in the washer. Push the ends through so that a quarter inch of wire projects on the opposite side of the washer, and bend them so that they won't pull out.

At this point, use two pairs of pliers. Grasp the loop end of the hairpin wire about 1/2 inch down from the loop. With the second pliers, grasp the two wire shanks 1/4 inch below the first pliers. Now, twist the pliers so as to make a small, separate loop on the end of the hairpin. This loop is to hold your snelled hook.

THE GADGET which you have made is attached to your line by pushing a loop of it through the center hole of the washer, and pulling it through far enough to loop it over the far end of the hairpin. Then pull your line snug to grasp the gadget firmly. Fasten your snelled hook to the opposite end--in the twisted loop you made with the two pliers. This will solve your problem of keeping the second hook from tangling with your line, and will also put those extra washers to use.

Place a swivel between your line, and the rig, to prevent twisting of line.

P.S. See you at Ugly Ike's hole Saturday and we will wish you a Merry X-mas.



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