

11 denotes an elongated holder having extending outwardly from its opposite ends the elongated cylindrical members 12 and 14, the member 12 being slidably disposed through an opening 15 in the upper portion of the end wall or panel 2 at one side of its transverse center while the member 14 is slidably disposed through an opening 16 in the upper portion of the end wall or panel 1 at one side of its transverse center. The openings 15 and 16 are positioned at the same side of the transverse center of the box B.

Secured to the end portion of the holder 11 remote from the end wall or panel 1 is a retractile member 17 herein disclosed as an elastic band. This member or band 17 overlies the holder 11 and is secured, as at 18, to the end wall or panel 1 at a point below the opening 16 and to the opposite side portion of said wall or panel 1.

Engaged with the under face of the holder 11 is a sounding member 19 preferably of slate or glass and which extends beyond one side of the holder 11, as is particularly illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

The member 17, hereinbefore referred to, contacts with the extended portion of the member 19, whereby said member 17, in addition to automatically moving the member 11 lengthwise in one direction, serves to maintain the sounding member 19 at all times in contact with the edge of the bridge or wing 10. The face of the member 19 opposed to the bridge or wing 10 is substantially flat with said surface smooth and unobstructed.

The movement of the member 19 over the bridge or wing 10 and in contact therewith results in the production of the desired sound in simulation of the wild turkey. Movement of the holding member 11 in one direction is accomplished manually by pressing with the digit of a hand the extended portion of the member 14 and, as before stated, the return movement of the member 11 is effected by the elastic band 17 or its equivalent.

With but little practice, a person can readily learn how to manipulate my improved device in order to produce a call in close simulation of the calls of wild turkeys of different species.

Threaded through the bottom panel or wall 5 at opposite sides of its longitudinal center are the screws 20 or the like which extend inwardly of the sound box and provide means whereby the movement of the board 7 toward the bottom wall or panel 5 may be limited as required. By adjusting the sound board 7 relative to the inner or inserted extremities of these screws 20 or the like, the desired tones or sounds may be obtained with a greater degree of naturalness and, after the device is assembled, this

adjustment can be readily effected through the medium of the screw 9 adjacent the end wall or panel 2.

It is to be understood that the various parts comprised in my device, with the exception of the sounding board 19, are to be made preferably of wood, although I want it to be understood that I reserve the right to employ any other material which may be used to the same advantage.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a sounding device constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described comprising a sound box, a sound board therein provided with an outstanding wing, a sounding member supported for sliding movement within the box and contacting with the wing, automatic means for moving the sounding member in one direction and for maintaining the same in contact with the wing, and means extending exteriorly of the box for manually moving the sounding member in the opposite direction.

2. A device of the class described comprising a sound box, a sound board therein provided with an outstanding wing, a sounding member supported for sliding movement within the box and contacting with the wing, automatic means for moving the sounding member in one direction and for maintaining the same in contact with the wing, means extending exteriorly of the box for manually moving the sounding member in the opposite direction, and tuning means associated with the sound board.

3. A device of the class described comprising a sound box, a sound board therein provided with an outstanding wing, a sounding member supported for sliding movement within the box and contacting with the wing, automatic means for moving the sounding member in one direction and for maintaining the same in contact with the wing, and means extending exteriorly of the box for manually moving the sounding member in the opposite direction, said sound board being integrally connected with a wall of the sound box.

4. A device of the class described comprising a sound box, a sound board therein provided with an outstanding wing, a sound-