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LEATHER BASKET.

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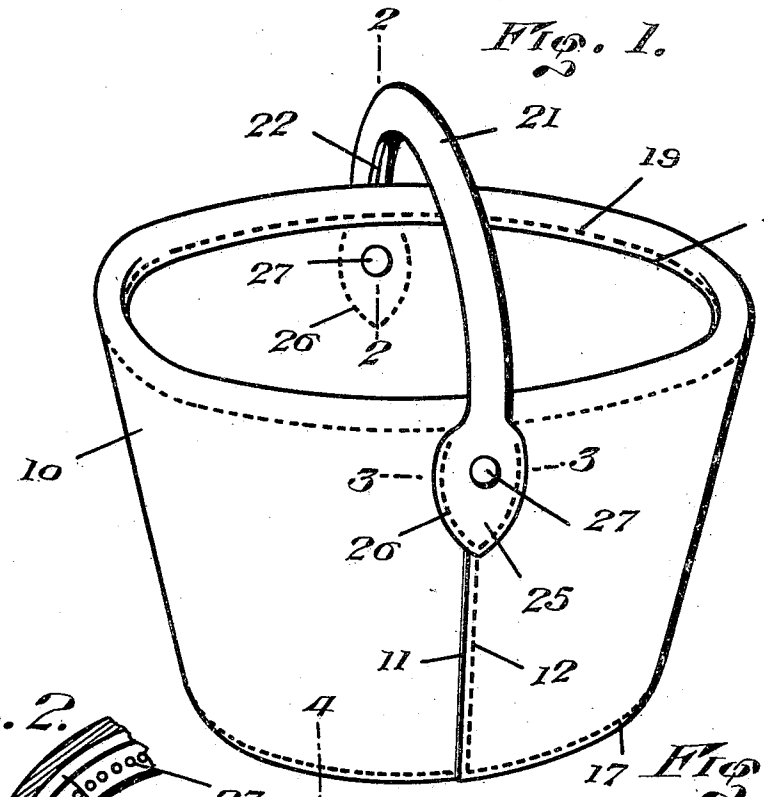


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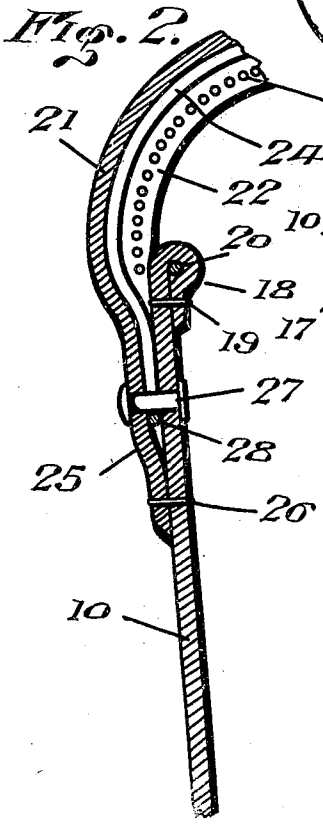


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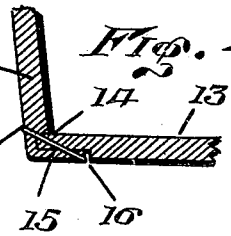


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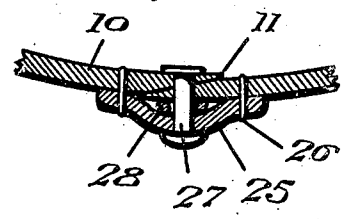


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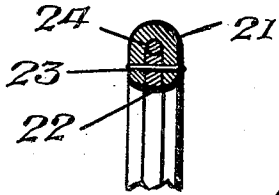
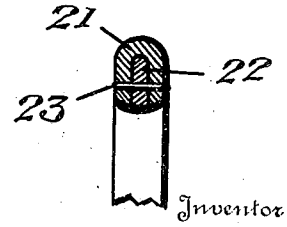


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. VOTRUBA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Traverse City, in the county of Grand Traverse and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leather Baskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to baskets and similar receptacles, and aims to provide a basket constructed of leather or equivalent material which will be serviceable and durable in use, being particularly intended for holding pool balls, although it can be used for various other purposes requiring a basket which will withstand wear and tear.

Among its objects the invention aims to provide novel means for securing the bottom and wall of the basket together, novel means for reinforcing and stiffening the rim thereof, a novel handle or bail, and novel means for attaching such handle to the body, in order that the basket will be thoroughly practical and serviceable in use, as well as being capable of convenient manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved basket.

Figs. 2, 3 and 4, are sectional details taken on the respective section lines 2—2, 3—3 and 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a cross section of the handle.

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 showing a modification.

The wall 10 of the basket is composed of a sheet of suitable leather or other equivalent material, and the basket can be of elliptical, circular or other suitable form, as well as being capable of construction in various sizes and proportions. The side wall sheet is bent into shape with its ends chamfered and overlapped, as at 11, and such overlapping ends are secured together by a line of stitching 12, or the like. The bottom 13 is also cut from a sheet of leather or equivalent material, and is of a size and shape to fit within the lower edge portion of the wall 10, said wall having an inner shoulder 14 near its lower edge seating on the edge portion of the bottom 13, as seen in Fig. 4. This shoulder 14 is formed by rabbeting the lower edge portion of the wall 10, at the inside, forming a thin lip 15 that extends downwardly across the edge of the bottom 13. The bottom 13 has a lower marginal rabbet 16 into which the lip 15 is bent, and the wall and marginal portion of the bottom 13 are secured together by a line of stitching 17, the stitches extending from the outer side of wall 10 diagonally downward through the edge portion of the bottom 13 above the rabbet 16 and then through the edge portion of the lip 15, thereby not only clamping the wall 10 against the margin or edge of the bottom 13, but also securing the lip 15 within the rabbet 16, thereby providing a strong seam, which will prevent the wall and bottom separating even under considerable strain.

The rim of the wall 10 is reinforced and strengthened by bending the upper edge portion of the wall 10 inwardly and fastening it in reflexed position, by a line of stitching 19, and a wire ring 20 is preferably concealed within the bead thus formed, thus providing a rim which will hold its shape and which will avoid the wall 10 tearing or breaking at the edge.

The handle or bail is also made of leather or equivalent material, and comprises a strip 21 of such material doubled on a longitudinal line so that it is substantially U-shaped in section, and a filler strip 22 is disposed between the edge portions thereof, and said strips are secured together by a line of stitching 23 extending through the edge portions of a strip 21 and the strip 22. The handle thus formed is quite stiff, although being flexible, and, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, a stiffening wire 24 is located within the bend of the strip 21 behind the strip 22 to afford additional means for strengthening the handle, although as shown in Fig. 6 this wire can be omitted. The handle is curved longitudinally, and the edges of the strip 21 extend downwardly toward the body of the basket, so as to be at the under side of the handle.

In order to fasten the ends of the handle to the walls 10 at opposite sides thereof, the

end portions of the strips 21 are opened out, or the edge portions spread apart, to form attaching ears 25 which overlap the opposite sides of the body, and the edges of the ears 25 are secured to the wall 10 by stitching 26. A rivet 27 also preferably secures the central portion of each ear 25 to the wall 10, whereby to provide a strong anchor for the handle. The seam of the wall 10 is located at one side, and the rivet 27 at such side extends through the overlapping portions, as seen in Fig. 3, whereby to strengthen such seam at the upper end where the greatest strain exists tending to open such seam. This provides additional means for securing the ends of the wall together at the rim of the body. If the wire 24 is used in the handle, the terminals thereof are bent into loops or eyes 28 through which the rivets or clamping elements 27 extend, thereby affording additional means of preventing the handle tearing loose from the body.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A basket comprising a wall of leather or equivalent material, a bottom of similar material having a lower marginal rabbet, the wall seating on said bottom and having a lip at its lower edge extending downwardly across the edge portion of the bottom and bent inwardly and fitted within said rabbet, and means extending through said wall, edge portion and lip and clamping them together.

2. A basket comprising a wall of leather or equivalent material, a bottom of similar material having a lower marginal rabbet, the wall having an inner shoulder at its lower edge seating on the edge portion of said bottom and having a lip extending across the edge of the bottom and bent under said edge portion of the bottom in said rabbet, and stitching extending through the edge portions of the wall and bottom and through said lip to clamp the wall against the edge of the bottom and the lip in said rabbet.

3. A basket comprising a wall of leather or equivalent material, having a stitched lap seam extending to its upper edge, a handle having its end portions stitched to opposite sides of said wall, with one of said end portions overlapping said seam and the stitching of said end portion at opposite edges of the seam, and securing elements extending through said end portions and wall, one of said elements extending through said seam.

4. A basket comprising a body of leather or equivalent material, and a handle of similar material including a strip doubled on a longitudinal line with its edge portions projecting toward the mouth of the body, said strip being of U-shaped cross section, and a filler strip between the edge portions of said strip, said strips being secured together and the end portions of the first named strip being opened out and projecting beyond the second named strip, said end portions overlapping and being secured to the wall of the body at opposite sides thereof.

5. A basket comprising a body of leather or equivalent material, a handle including a strip of similar material doubled on a longitudinal line with its edge portions secured together, the end portions of said strip being opened out and overlapping and being secured to opposite sides of the wall of the body, said securing means including clamping elements extending through said end portions and wall, and a wire inclosed within the handle and having its ends engaging said elements to assist in anchoring the handle to said wall.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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