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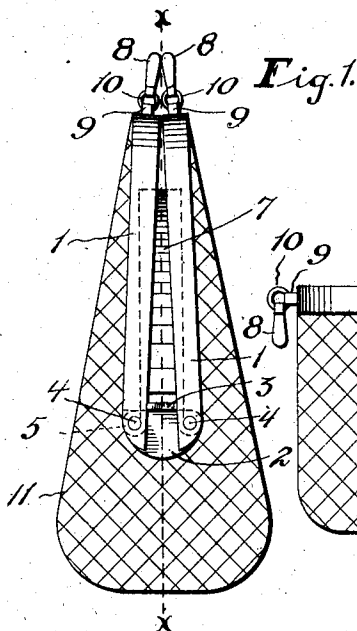


Fig. 1.

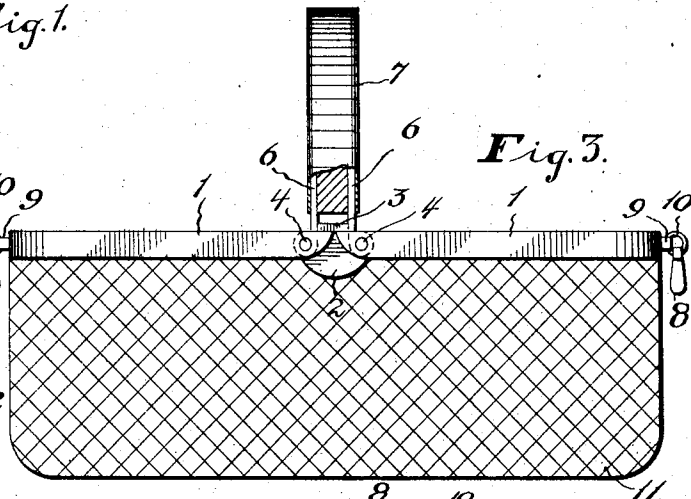


Fig. 3.

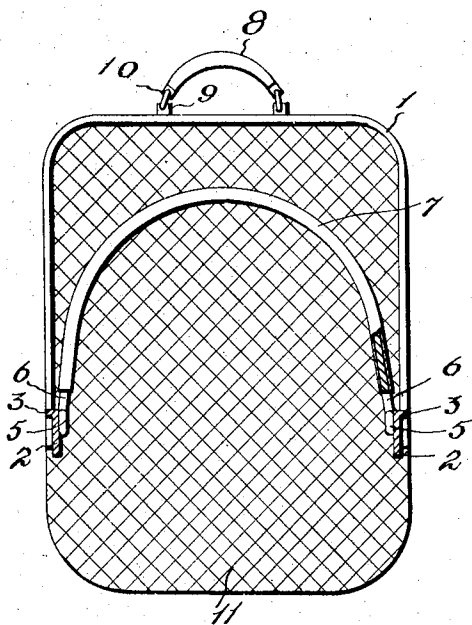


Fig. 2.

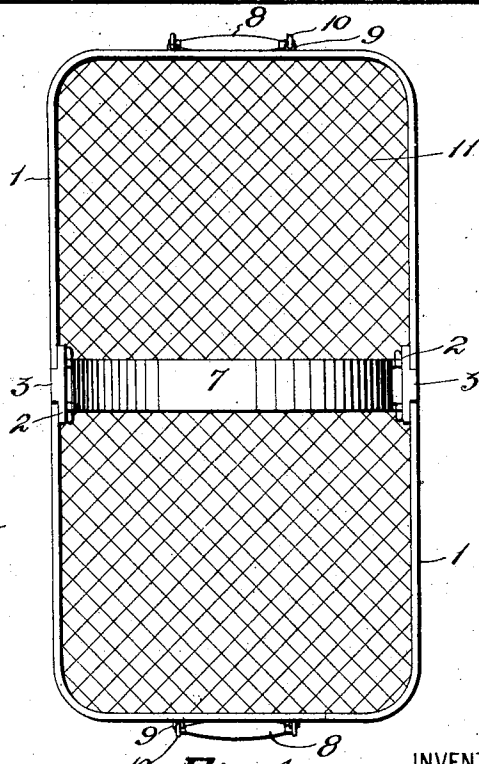


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. HENRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Package-Carriers and Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement relates to improvements in combined package-carriers and baskets.

The object of the invention is to provide a device which when open will form a large and strong basket and when folded produce a package-carrier of neat appearance and great carrying capacity.

Another feature resides in the construction whereby the device may be readily and easily converted into either a package-carrier or a basket.

Finally, the object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described that will be strong, durable, efficient, and simple and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel details of construction and operation, a preferable embodiment of which is described in the specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is an end elevation showing my invention in its folded position or as a package-carrier. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my invention opened in basket form, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the parts shown in Fig. 3.

In the drawings the numeral 1 designates oppositely-extending U-shaped frame members which are pivoted near their inner ends to pivot-plates 2, the said plates standing opposite one another and each provided at their upper central portions with outwardly-projecting lips 3, under which the extreme ends of the frame members are adapted to engage when the frame is opened out, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Rivets 4, passing through the ends of the frame members and the pivot-plates 2, project inwardly therefrom and receive the lower coiled ends 5 of curved wire handle-bails 6. These handle-bails 6 are provided with a suitable covering 7, which produces a substantial handle of neat appearance. At their outer ends the

frame members are provided with handles 8, which are suitably connected to lugs 9, projecting from the frame members, by rings 10. The body of the device may be formed of any suitable material—such as fabric, canvas, leather, &c. However, I have found it more desirable to use a suitable cord-netting, which I have illustrated in the drawings at 11.

In the position shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the frame members are opened and extend in the same plane horizontally. The outer ends of the frame members are prevented from drooping and held in place by the contact of their extreme inner ends with the under side of the lips 3. The handle 7 being securely connected to the pivots 4 prevents the basket from accidentally closing and greatly simplifies the construction. The handles 8 being pivotally connected to the frame members 1 will hang down, as shown in Fig. 3, thus not interfering with the use of the device as a basket.

When it is desired to use the device as a package-carrier, it is merely necessary to swing the frame members upward and together. The handle 7 being connected to the inner sides of the pivot-plates 2 will thus stand within the frame members to all purposes concealed and out of the way, while the handles 8 provide means for carrying the carrier and holding the frame members together. The lips 3 are of such length as to permit the frame members to be readily swung upward, as will be apparent from an observation of Fig. 1. To improve the appearance of the device, the free ends of the frame members and the lower portion of the pivot-plates are rounded, so that when the device is converted into a package-carrier, as shown in Fig. 1, the said ends of the frame members will stand approximately flush with the rounded edge of the pivot-plates. The device may as readily be converted into a basket by simply swinging the frame members downward.

What I claim is—

1. In a combined package-carrier and basket, the combination with a body portion, of a foldable frame, handles connected to each end of the frame, and a handle connected with the frame and adapted to stand therein when the frame is folded.

2. In a combined package-carrier and basket, the combination with a body portion, of pivot-plates, frame members pivoted to said

plates, handles connected to the frame members, and a handle connected with the pivot-plates.

3. In a combined package-carrier and basket, the combination with a body portion, of
5 pivot-plates having projections, frame members pivoted to said plates and having their ends adapted to engage with the projections

of said plates, and a handle connected with said plates. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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