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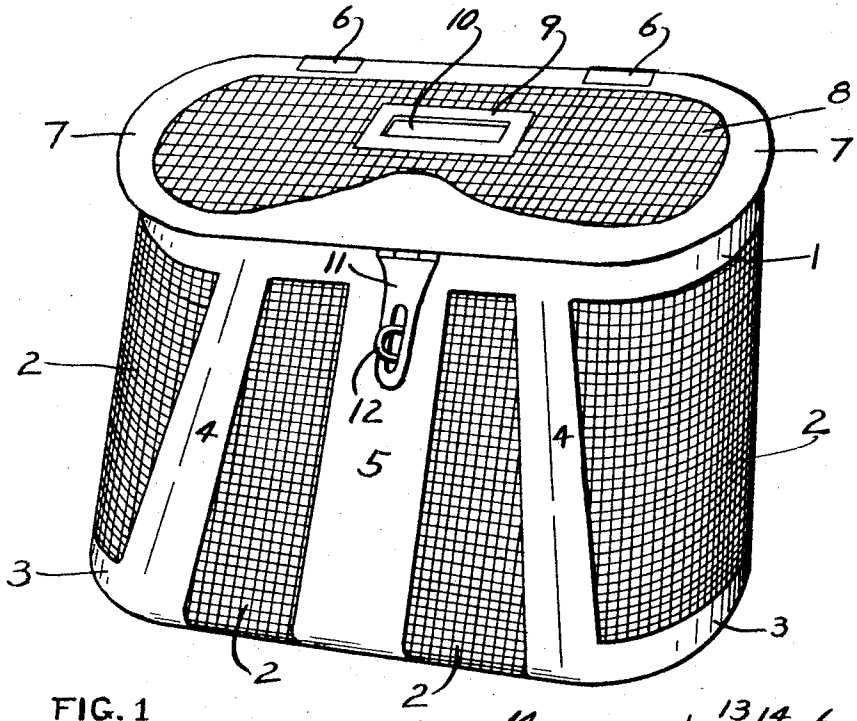


FIG. 1

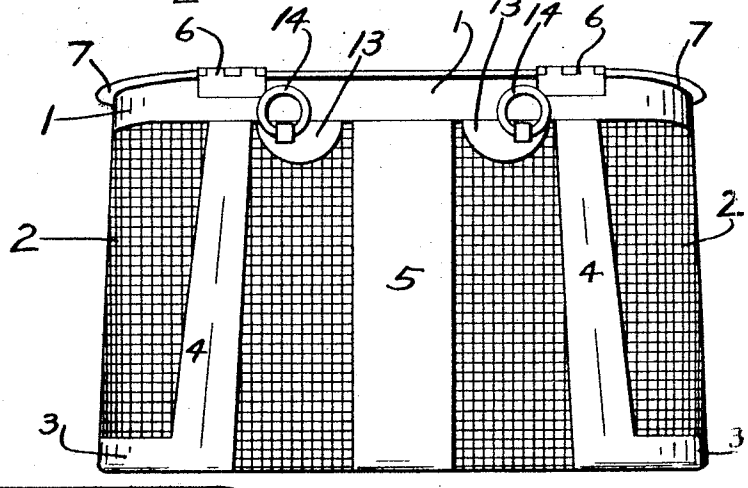


FIG. 2

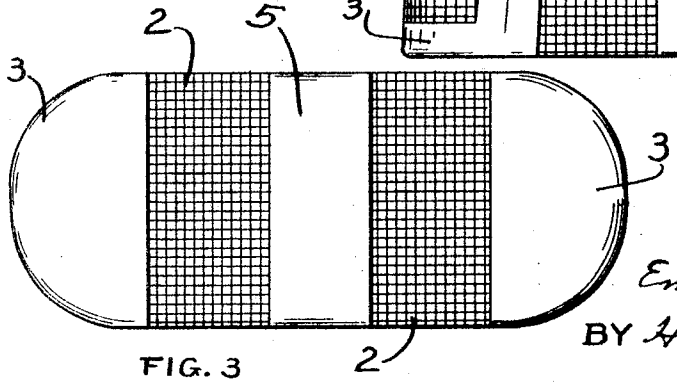


FIG. 3

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## BAIT CREEL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMIL ECKENBRECHT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Dayton, county of Montgomery, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bait Creels, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bait creels.

It is the principal object of my invention to provide for the reception of bait such as crabs, a strong and attractivt creel or basket which affords good visibility and is well ventilated. It is also admirably adapted to receive and hold live fish after they have been caught, and may be conveniently carried by a fisherman.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bait creel. Figure 2 is an end view thereof. And Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the same.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a detailed description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a substantially elliptical metal band that is turned upon itself to form a strong marginal rim for the creel. The front part of this band is in a lower horizontal plane than its rear to give the top of the creel a sloping effect.

Tightly received between the turned over parts of the top marginal band 1 of the creel is a strong wire netting 2 of large mesh to safely enclose small bait and still assure the free entrance of water to it and afford good visibility. This wire netting inclines outwardly at its front and ends to provide more space at the bottom of the creel than at its top.

Each lower end portion of the wire netting 1 is received for reinforcement by an upwardly flanged metal plate 3. Projecting upwardly from each inner corner of the flanged part of the plates 3, is a flat integral rib 4 which is connected at its top end to the marginal band 1. A wide reinforcing metal band 5 projects around the middle part of the bottom of the wire netting 2 for connection at its upper ends to the top marginal band 1.

Secured by the hinges 6, 6 to the rear top part of the marginal band 1 is a substantially elliptical metal band 7 which serves as a top cover frame for the creel. This band 7 is doubled to receive between its turned over parts a top wire netting 8. At its middle part the top netting 8 has been cut away in such a manner as to permit it to be secured to a rectangular metal frame 9 which provides a central elongated slot 10 through which bait such as crabs may be slipped into the creel.

Hingedly secured to the front part of the metal band 7 is a slotted member 11 that is adapted to receive a staple 12 secured to the upper part of the middle band 5 for the purpose of fastening the cover down upon the body portion of the creel. (See Figure 1).

Projecting downwardly from the rear part of the top marginal band 1 are two centrally located ears 13, 13 which carry rings 14, 14 respectively to receive a flexible band (not shown). This band may be passed over a fisherman's shoulder to enable the creel to be conveniently carried by him. (See Figure 2).

It will be noted that my improved creel is so meshed and reinforced as to provide a strong, attractive and efficient basket for the reception of bait and live fish after they are caught.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A bait creel comprising a wire-netting basket substantially elliptical in longitudinal section, a marginal band around the top edge of said netting, a semi-circular plate under each bottom end of said basket and having a flange projecting upwardly around its sides, and a flat rib projecting upwardly along the wire-netting from each inner corner of said plate to the top marginal band.

2. A bait creel comprising a wire-netting basket substantially elliptical in longitudinal section, a marginal band around the top edge of said netting, a semi-circular plate having an upturned flange reinforcing each bottom end of the basket, a flat rib projecting upwardly, in an inclined manner, along the wire netting from each inner corner of said plate to the top marginal band, the front portion of said band being lower than its rear part, and a meshed cover having a central slot hingedly secured to the rear portion of said band.

3. A bait creel comprising a wire-netting basket substantially elliptical in longitudinal section, a marginal band around the top

edge of said netting, a semi-circular plate having an upturned flange reinforcing each bottom end of the basket, a flat rib projecting upwardly along the wire netting from each corner of said plate to the top marginal band, and a wide central band projecting around the bottom of said basket between the flat ribs from the middle portion of the front part of the top marginal band to the middle portion of the rear part of the latter.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of December, 1925.

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