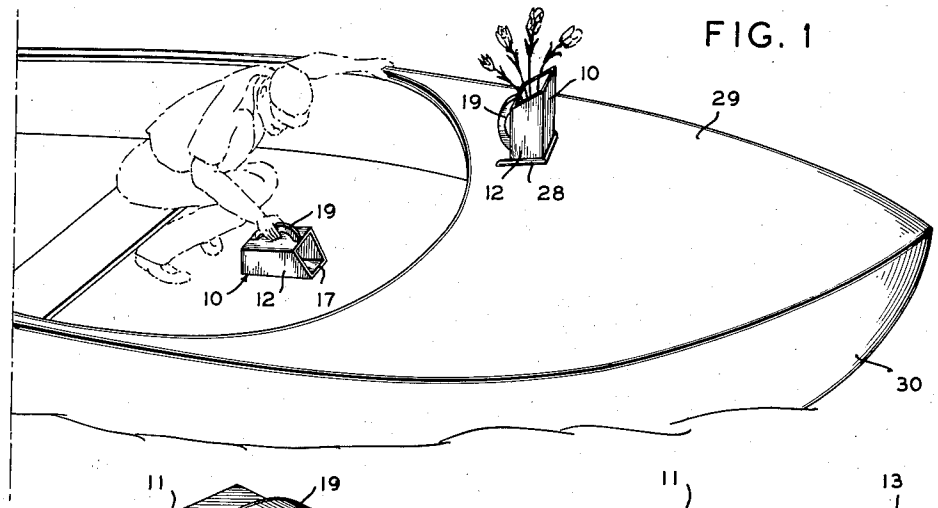
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FIG. 1



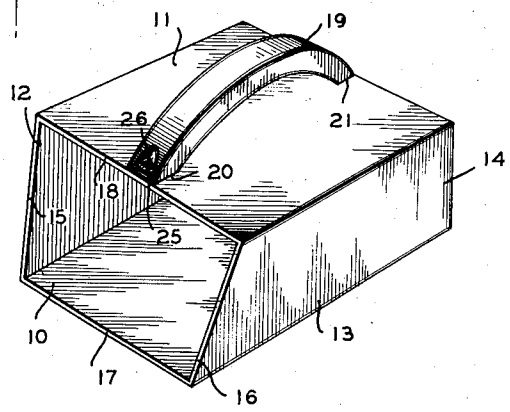


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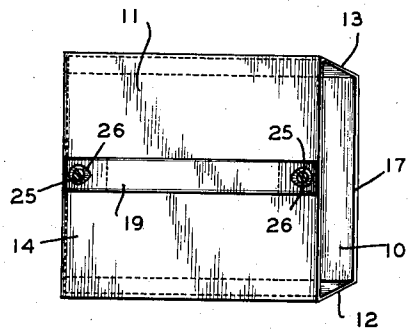


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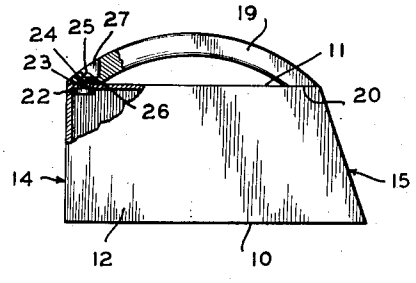


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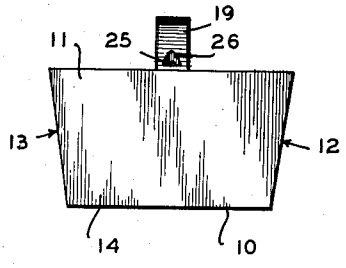


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This invention relates to the moving and handling of matter of different kinds, in both solid and liquid forms, and more particularly to a bailer or scoop capable of being used for scooping up and removing water or solid matter as well as for other purposes.

The invention relates specifically to a combination bailer and container capable of being used in scooping up water from a shallow pool such as in the bottom of a flat-bottom boat to keep such bottom dry and which receptacle can thereafter be used as a container including being set on end upon a support and used as a vase for holding flowers.

Water accumulates in relatively small flat-bottom boats and is difficult to remove so that the bottom of the boat may be kept dry. Efforts have been made to overcome this problem by using containers of various kinds to scoop up and bail out the water. Also brooms and the like have been used in an effort to dispose of the water, but this either has not satisfactorily removed the water or it has not been done neatly and cleanly as has been desired. Also, after bailers have been used, they have been in the way for lack of proper storage accommodations.

An object of the invention is to overcome the difficulties aforesaid and to provide a combination bailer and flower vase of a character which can be readily used for removing water from a relatively shallow pool in a relatively flat-bottom boat or elsewhere and thereafter employed for decorative purposes as a vase for flowers.

A further object of the invention is to provide a relatively simple, inexpensive, efficient, and sturdy container of a structure which can be handily used which is a configuration to pick up maximum water and which has a relatively flat end and so it may rest solidly upon a support and not easily be upset.

Further objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective illustrating one application of the invention;

Fig. 2, a perspective of the combination bailer and vase;

Fig. 3, a top plan view;

Fig. 4, a side elevation, and

Fig. 5, a rear end elevation.

Briefly stated, the invention comprises a scoop or bailer in the form of a generally five-sided container or tapered box, open at one end, and having a top which is shorter and wider than its bottom. A handle is fastened to the top along the full length of the latter on the center line so that the narrow or bottom side may be used in scooping up water or other substance.

The closed end of the container is disposed at right angles to the top, bottom and sides, however, the sides extend from the bottom outwardly, at equal diverging angles, to the top and the sides are inclined at the open

end of the device so that the bottom side will provide a scooping edge which can be moved in intimate contact along the relatively flat bottom of a boat during the use of the device. It is intended that when used as a boat bailer the scoop will be held in one hand and slid along the bottom of the boat so that it scoops up water that is too shallow to be picked up by pumps or other removal means. The narrow bottom and sloping sides of the device allow it to pick up substantially all the water from most flat-bottom and open boats.

With continued reference to the drawings, the combination bailer and vase or container of the present invention comprises a receptacle of generally trapezoidal configuration having a substantially flat bottom **10** with a slightly wider and shorter top **11**, a pair of sides **12** and **13** and a flat end **14** at right angles to said top, bottom and sides.

The sides **12** and **13** incline or slope outwardly and connect the narrow bottom to the wider top. Also, they are provided with inclined front edges **15** and **16**, so that the front edge of the bottom provides a straight and substantially at right angles to scooping edge located slightly in advance of the front edge **18** of the top **11**.

The handle **19** extends the full length of the top along the center of the same and is provided with relatively flat end portions **20** and **21** which engage the upper outer surface of the top. The ends of the handle are secured to the top by means of fasteners in the form of bolts having relatively large heads **22** with integral internally threaded sleeves **23** receiving externally threaded shanks **24** having heads **25** which engage and fit upon the upper surfaces of the handle, each fastener being located in openings **26** and **27** in the container and handle respectively.

It will be understood from the foregoing that a combination bailer and container is provided which is particularly appropriate for bailing and can be readily used for removing shallow water from the flat bottom of a boat or the like and it can be made of plastic, light metal or other substance of attractive appearance. It can be placed within a retaining molding **28** on the deck or upper surface **29** of a boat **30**.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof and therefore the invention is not limited by that which is illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification, but only as indicated in the accompanying claim.

What is claimed is:

A watertight boat bailer and receptacle comprising a receptacle having a rectangular imperforate bottom wall of greater length than width, a top wall of less length and greater width than said bottom wall and positioned above and spaced from said bottom wall, the rear ends of said top and bottom walls defining a single plane substantially at right angles to a plane midway between said top and said bottom walls, imperforate side walls extending between the side edges of said top and bottom walls, said side walls flaring upwardly from said bottom wall toward said top wall, a rear wall fixed to the rear ends of said top, bottom, and side walls, said walls being sealed and fixed together to provide a watertight compartment which is open at its forward end, the forward end having an inclined mouth, the bottom edge of the side walls being of same length as the adjacent edges of the bottom wall, an arch shaped handle substantially the length of the top wall fixed centrally of and extending longitudinally along said top wall to provide for balanced manipulation of the bailer, said bailer being of a size and shape to be se-

curely grasped by the entire hand with the fingers between the handle and the top wall, the shape of said bailer being such that the side of the bailer may be positioned closely adjacent the sloping sides of a flat bottom boat for removing water from said boat whereby improved bailing can be obtained with a minimum number of bailing operations, said bailer serving to remove a maximum amount of water from a limited space so that a boat can be bailed substantially dry without requiring additional equipment.

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