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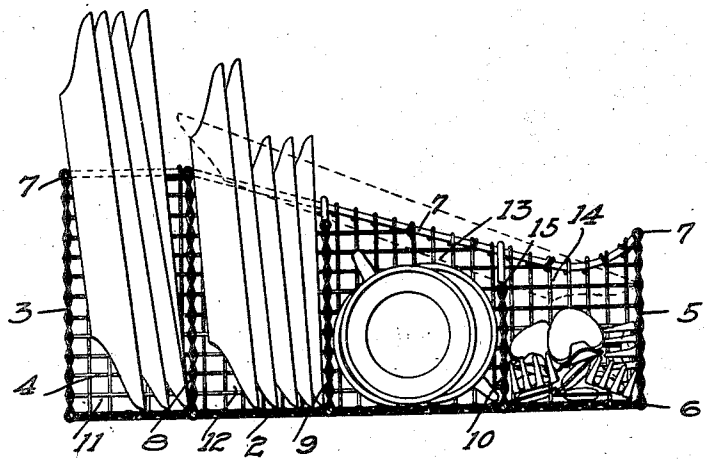


FIG. 2.

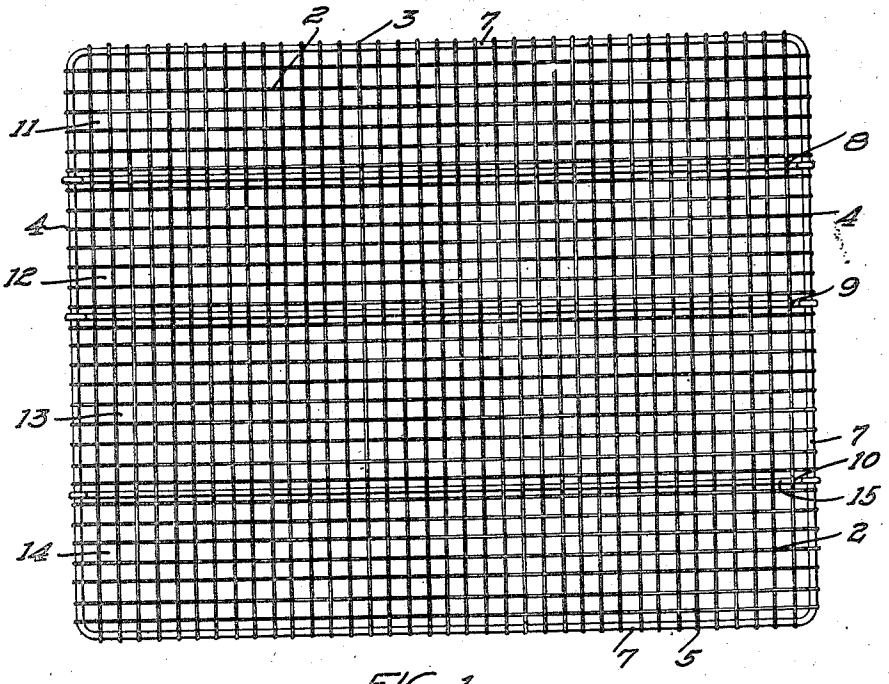


FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THURSTON McGILL, citizen of the United States, resident of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dish-Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a receptacle in which a quantity of dishes may be nested or stacked and thoroughly scalded or rinsed.

A further object is to provide a device having compartments or spaces adapted for dishes of various sizes and an independent compartment in which such articles as knives and forks and small kitchen utensils of various kinds may be placed.

The invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of a dish nester and scalder embodying my invention, Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the device in use.

In the drawing, 2 represents the bottom of the device, having a rear wall 3, side walls 4 and a front wall 5. These walls are preferably made of suitable wire mesh. At the bottom is the usual strengthening rail or rod 6 and a similar rod 7 is provided at the top and curved to conform to the upper edge of the walls 4. These walls, as shown in Fig. 2, have substantially straight upper edges at the rear of the device and are then forwardly and downwardly inclined, terminating in upwardly curved forward portions which merge into the wall 5. This construction provides for compartments of less depth for the smaller dishes and also adds to the ornamental appearance of the article.

The interior of the device is divided by partitions 8, 9, and 10 into a series of compartments 11, 12, 13 and 14. The compartment 11 is provided at the rear of the device and is adapted to receive the large plates placed on edge therein, the plates being sufficiently separated to allow the boiling water to flow down between them. The next compartment 12 is designed for the smaller plates, and the compartment 13 for the cups and saucers, and the compartment 14 for the knives and forks and small pieces of silver. The partition 10 has its upper rail 15 provided with upwardly turned ends to engage the rail 7 and the middle portion of this partition is below the level of the walls 4, thus adapting the device to receive a large platter, which may be laid upon the partitions 9 and 10, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, and supported thereby for the scalding operation.

The device will usually be placed in the sink or on a draining board to receive the dishes as fast as they are washed. Hot water will then be poured over the dishes, thoroughly scalding and rinsing them preparatory to wiping.

The dishes are nested according to size as they are taken from the dish water in an upright, edgewise position, thereby permitting a thorough flush with the scalding rinse water on both sides of the dishes, insuring the removal of any food or particles of grease that may be adhering to the surfaces of the dishes.

The dishes, supported by the walls and partitions of the scalder, cannot slip and become broken or nicked and their weight will be evenly distributed in the nester. The knives and forks and spoon compartments being separated from the compartments used for the dishes obviates the danger of breakage of the dishes or nicking thereof by contact with the metal of the silverware. A large tureen can be placed on the lower partition and thoroughly scalded without danger of breakage and it is unnecessary with the use of this scalder and nester to put the hands in the boiling rinsing water or be under the necessity of handling the hot, steaming dishes.

I claim as my invention:—

A device of the class described comprising a receptacle having a perforated bottom and side and end walls and transverse partitions dividing the interior of said receptacle into

a series of compartments, said partitions decreasing in height from the rear to the front of said receptacle, and the front wall of said receptacle being higher than the adjacent partition, said compartments being adapted to receive dishes placed on edge therein, said forward partition being adapted to support a platter placed flatwise thereon, and said front wall engaging the end of the platter and forming a stop therefor.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May 1913.

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