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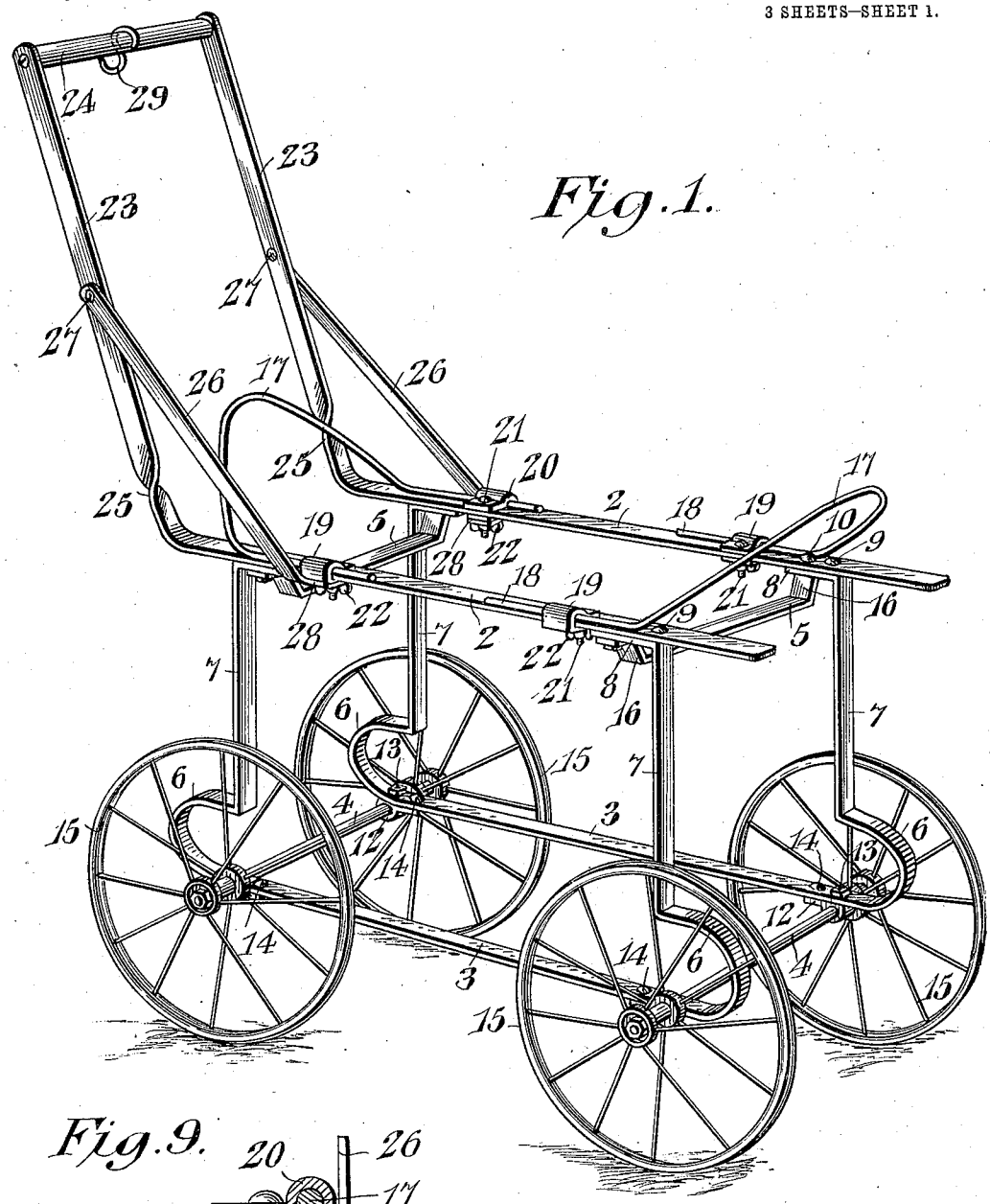
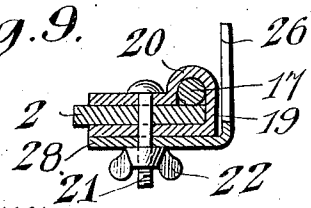


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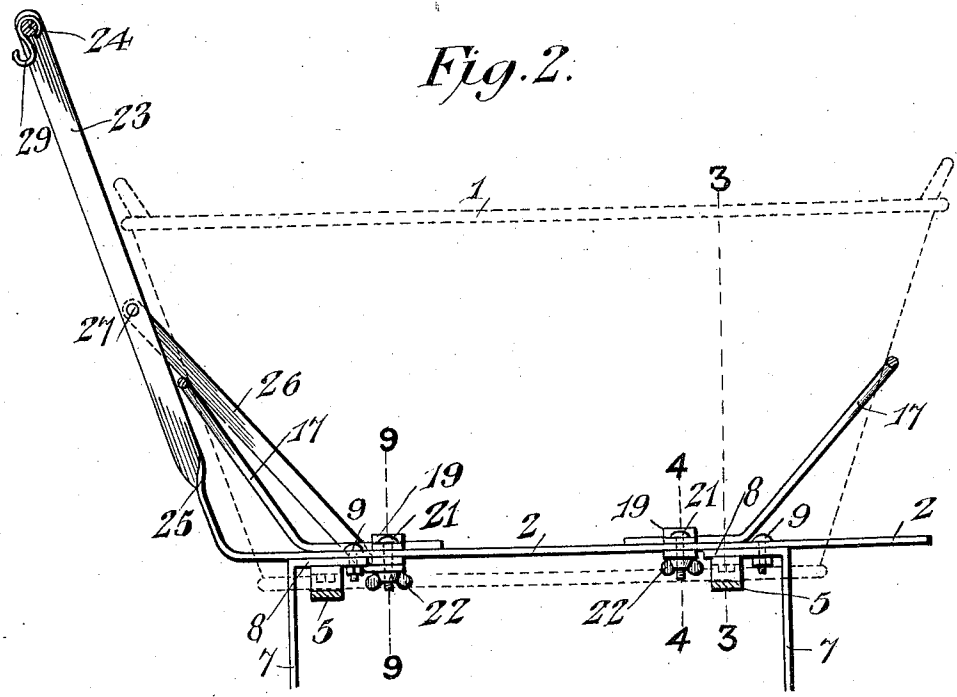


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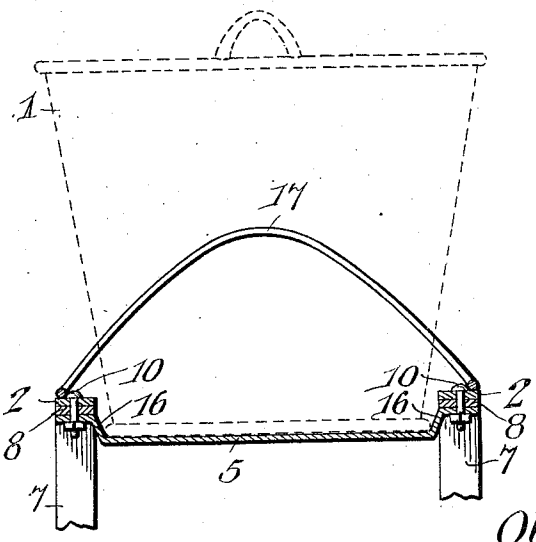


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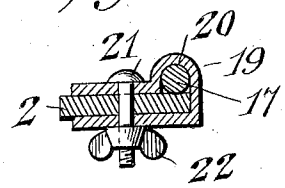
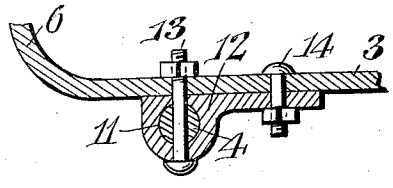


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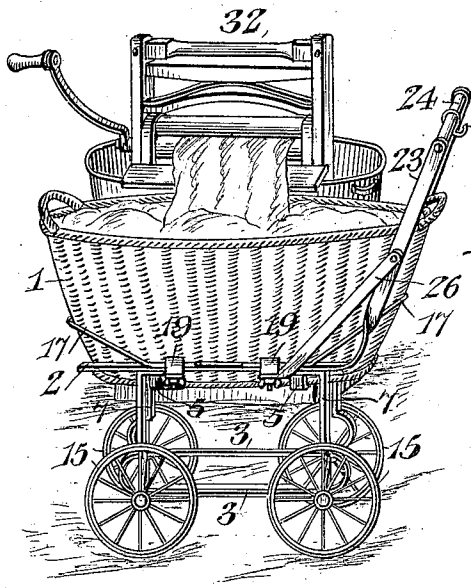


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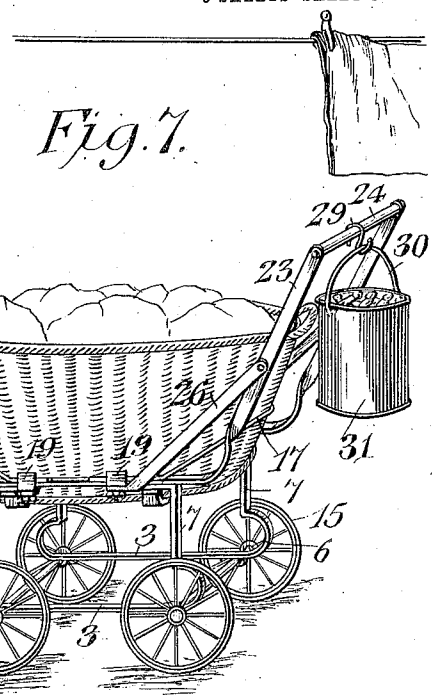
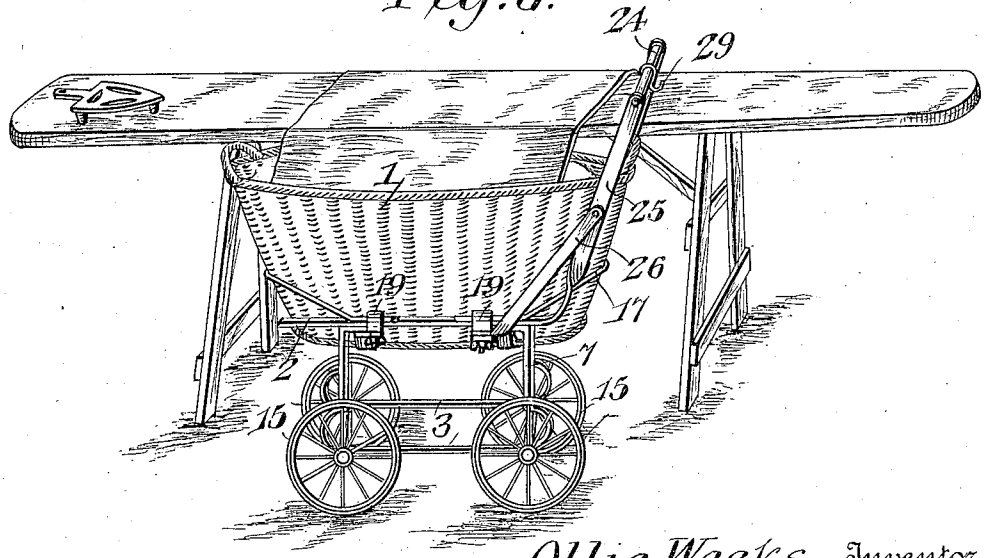


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLLIE WEEKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rapid City, in the county of Pennington and State of South Dakota, have invented a new and useful Portable Clothes-Receptacle, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a portable clothes receptacle.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of clothes receptacles, and to provide a simple and comparatively inexpensive portable clothes receptacle, designed primarily for use in laundry work to enable clothes to be handled with greater ease than heretofore, and adapted to be arranged in convenient position to receive the wet clothes from a wringer, and capable of enabling such wet clothes to be quickly transferred to a clothes line or other clothes hanging means and of supporting a clothes pin or receptacle within easy reach, so that the clothes may be removed from the receptacle and hung on a line with greater ease and without any unnecessary walking.

A further object of the invention is to provide a portable clothes receptacle of this character, adapted to enable clothes to be readily gathered from a line, and capable also of being arranged adjacent to an ironing board, so as to receive the garments and other fabrics as they are ironed.

It is also the object of the invention to provide a portable clothes receptacle, which will facilitate the collection and delivery of laundry, and in which the clothes basket may be removed to enable a box or other receptacle to be substituted therefor, so that the device may be used for carrying various other articles.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portable device, constructed in accordance with this invention, the clothes basket being removed. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view on the upper portion of the frame, the clothes basket being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view, illustrating the manner of mounting the axles. Fig. 6 is a perspective view, showing the portable clothes receptacle arranged to receive the clothes from a wringer. Fig. 7 is a similar view, the portable clothes receptacle being arranged for hanging the clothes upon a line. Fig. 8 is a perspective view, the portable clothes receptacle being arranged to receive the clothes from an ironing board. Fig. 9 is a detail sectional view on the line 9—9 of Fig. 2.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings in which is illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention, the portable clothes receptacle comprises in its construction a wheeled carrier having a supporting frame upon which a clothes basket 1 or other receptacle is mounted, composed of upper and lower side bars 2 and 3, constructed of flat bar metal, or other suitable material and connected by front and rear axles 4 and upper transverse front and rear supporting bars 5. The lower side bars 3 are arranged in parallelism, and the metal of which they are constructed is curved upwardly and inwardly to form integral front and rear approximately U-shaped spring bends 6, and is extended vertically from the upper sides of the spring bends to provide front and rear vertical standards 7. The lower side bars, the vertical standards and the connecting bends of each side of the frame, are constructed of a single continuous piece of metal, and the terminals of the same at the upper ends 8 of the vertical standards are bent horizontally at right angles and are extended inwardly along the lower faces of the upper side bars 2, and they are secured to the latter by bolts 9 and 10. The bolts 9 pierce the horizontal terminals 8 and the side bars 2, and the other bolts 10 also extend through the terminals of the transverse supporting bars 5, and secure the latter to the sides of the frame.

The axles 4 extend through openings 11 of bearing plates 12, which are secured to

the lower faces of the lower side bars 3 by bolts 13 and 14. The bolts 13 pierce the bearing plates, the axle and the lower side bars and rigidly secure the axles in the openings of the plates 12, which are enlarged at the said openings. The other bolts 14 extend through the side bars and the plates 12 beyond the axle. The axles extend beyond the side bars and are provided with spindle portions for the reception of wheels 15, which may be of any preferred construction.

The transverse supporting bars 5 are provided at opposite sides of the frame with depending angular bends 16, which depress the body portions of the cross bars 5 and support the same below the plane of the upper side bars to form a depressed seat, so that the clothes basket or other receptacle will be arranged between the side bars 2 and will be held against lateral movement by the same. The basket is held against longitudinal movement, and is securely retained in place on the supporting frame by means of end clamping members 17, constructed of resilient rod metal, which is bent into approximately U-shape, the terminals 18 of the end clamping members being bent horizontally and arranged within clips 19. The clips 19 are approximately U-shaped having upper and lower sides or portions arranged at the upper and lower faces of the upper side bars and embracing the latter. The upper sides or portions are bent or bowed upwardly at 20 to form openings for the horizontal terminal 18 of the end clamping members 17. The clips are secured to the upper side bars 2 by means of bolts 21, equipped at their lower ends with thumb nuts 22, adapted to be readily turned to grip and release the horizontal end portions 18 of the clamping members, which are capable of inward and outward adjustment to engage clothes baskets, or other receptacles of different sizes. The end clamping members extend upwardly and outwardly at an inclination, and are designed in practice to be arranged so as to exert a spring clamping action on the ends of the clothes basket, which fits within the inclined U-shaped portions of the clamping members. By this construction, the clothes basket is clamped on the supporting frame and is securely held against longitudinal and lateral movement, so that there is no danger of the clothes basket becoming accidentally displaced.

The upper side bars 2 are extended upwardly at the rear end of the supporting frame to form inclined portions or arms 23, which are connected by a transverse handle bar 24. The inclined arms 23 are provided at their lower portions with quarter bends 25, which arrange the metal flatwise to the ends of the handle bar 24, and which also cause the inclined arms to present flat side faces. The upwardly extending arms 23 are supported by inclined braces 26, secured by rivets 27, or other suitable fastening devices to the outer faces of the arms 23, and having their lower terminals 28 bent horizontally and extending inwardly beneath the upper side bars 2 and secured to the same by the bolts 21 of the rear clips 20. The handle bar 24 is equipped with a double or S-shaped hook 29, the upper loop or portion of which embraces the handle bar 24 for securing the hook to the same. The lower portion of the hook 29 is located beneath and in rear of the handle bar and is in convenient position to receive the bail 30 of a bucket 31, or other suitable receptacle for clothes pins to enable the same to be carried to and from a clothes line.

The supporting frame is made high enough to hold the clothes basket under a wringer 32 in position to receive the wet clothes after the same have passed through the wringer, thereby obviating the necessity of catching the clothes by hand and placing them in a basket, or other receptacle in order to prevent them from going down the side of a tub and onto the floor, or other supporting surface, which is often the case when a basket is placed upon the floor for this purpose. After the clothes have passed through the wringer and the basket is full of wet heavy fabrics, the latter may be wheeled out to the clothes line, thereby relieving a tired woman, or other person of this laborious part of laundry work. As the clothes pins are held in convenient reach, the clothes may be hung upon a line without the person taking an unnecessary step, the portable clothes receptacle being wheeled along the line as the clothes are hung thereon. The device is equally advantageous in taking the clothes in from a line, as the clothes may be placed in the basket as they are removed from the line and the clothes pins placed in the receptacle suspended from the handle. It obviates the necessity of gathering a few clothes and a handful of clothes pins and running back and forth from a clothes basket, as the portable clothes receptacle may be pushed along the line and is always within reach of the person removing the clothes. The portable clothes receptacle will also be found of great convenience in handling the clothes and other fabrics as the same are ironed, as the device may be placed adjacent to an ironing board in position to receive the ironed pieces. The portable clothes receptacle is adapted for collecting and delivering the wash, and will enable a child to easily do this without labor. When the clothes basket is removed, the carrier is adapted to receive a box and may be used as a hand cart around the house to bring in vegetables from the garden, or for carting wood and analogous purposes.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A device of the class described including a supporting frame comprising upper and lower side bars, front and rear standards connected with the upper and lower side bars, and transverse supporting bars connecting the upper side bars and having depending bends extending downwardly from the upper side bars to form a depressed seat for a receptacle, means for retaining a receptacle on the supporting bars, axles supporting the frame, and wheels mounted on the axles.

2. A device of the class described comprising a wheeled frame including spaced side bars, and transverse supporting bars connecting the side bars, and end clamping members extending upwardly from the side bars of the wheeled frame and across the same and forming loops for embracing the ends of a clothes basket or other receptacle to retain the same on the supporting bars.

3. A device of the class described comprising a wheeled frame including spaced side bars and transverse supporting bars connecting the side bars and extended downwardly therefrom to form a depressed seat for a receptacle, and end clamping members mounted on the cross bars and arranged to embrace and engage the ends of the receptacle and retain the same on the said seat.

4. A device of the class described comprising a supporting frame provided with a seat adapted to receive a removable receptacle, and resilient end clamping members of approximately U-shape extending across the frame and projecting upwardly therefrom and arranged to engage and embrace the ends of a receptacle to retain the same on the said seat.

5. A device of the class described including a supporting frame provided with a seat adapted to receive a removable receptacle, and resilient end clamping members projecting upwardly from and extending across the frame and having terminal portions located at opposite sides of the said frame, and means for securing the terminals of the clamping members to the frame, said means permitting an adjustment of the terminals to arrange the clamping members to engage clothes baskets and other receptacles of different sizes.

6. A device of the class described comprising a supporting frame including side bars and having a seat for a removable receptacle, approximately U-shaped end clamping members projecting upwardly from the supporting frame and extending across the same and having terminal portions arranged on the said side bars, and clips embracing the side bars and provided with bends to receive the terminals of the clamping members and having fastening means adjustably securing the clamping members to the side bars of the frame.

7. A device of the class described including a wheeled frame comprising upper and lower side bars, the upper side bars being extended to form inclined arms, transverse supporting bars connecting the upper side bars and having depressed portions forming a seat between the side bars, and a handle bar connecting the arms, axles secured to the lower side bars, wheels mounted on the axles, and approximately U-shaped clamping members mounted upon the upper side bars at the ends of the frame and arranged to embrace the ends of a clothes basket or other receptacle to retain the same on the said seat.

8. A device of the class described including a supporting frame comprising upper and lower horizontal side bars, front and rear standards supporting the upper side bars and provided at their lower ends with spring bends connecting the standards with the lower side bars, front and rear axles connecting the lower side bars, transverse supporting bars connecting the upper side bars and forming a seat for a receptacle, and end clamping members extending upwardly from the upper side bars of the supporting frame and across the latter and arranged to embrace and engage a receptacle to retain the same on the said seat.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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