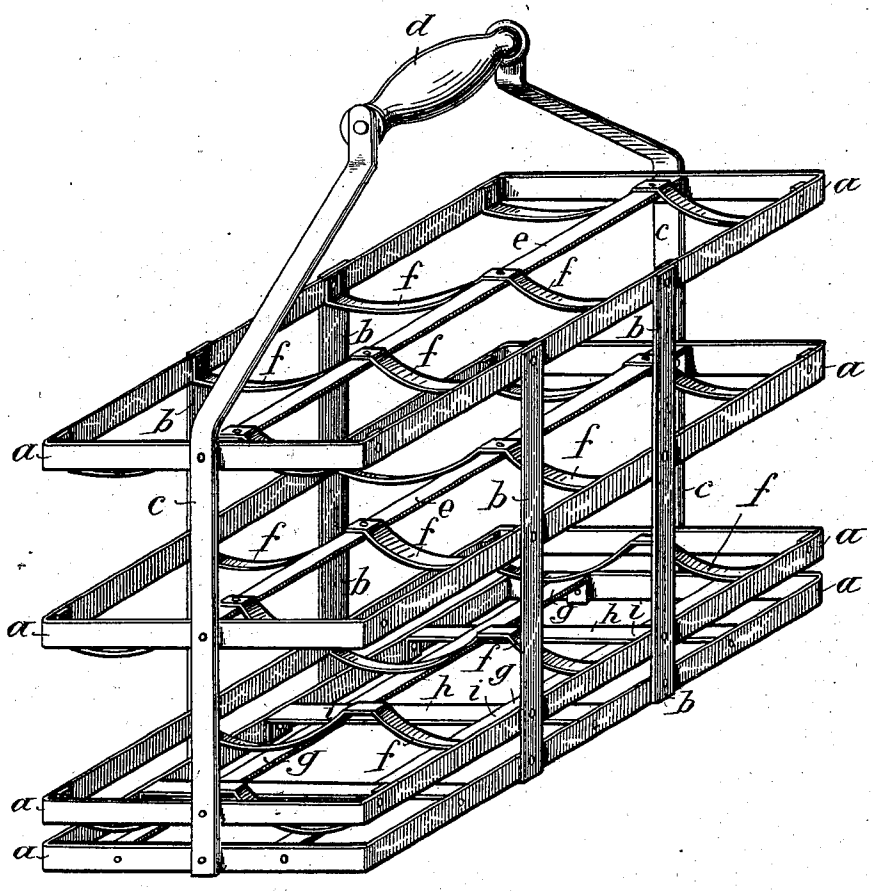
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ADOLPHE ROUDIL, a citizen of the French Republic, and a resident of Paris, France, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bottle-Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

In the bottle-baskets actually in use the bottles are generally placed in an upright position. In carrying wines and certain liquors the bottles must not be shaken and must be transported in the same position in which they are kept in the cellar.

The object of the present invention is to satisfy these conditions by enabling the bottles to be carried vertically or horizontally, according to requirements.

The drawing shows a perspective view of this bottle-basket.

This basket consists of four rectangular frames *a*, made of hoop metal, the two lower frames being placed close together. The frames are kept in their relative positions and structurally connected by bands *b*, connecting their sides, as well as by two upright straps *c*, placed at their ends and projecting above the top frame. The prolongations of the two uprights *c* are bent and are provided with a handle *d*, by which the basket may be carried. To the inside of each of the two upper frames are attached the ends of a longitudinal band *e*, upon which are fixed four cross-bands *f*, provided with a raised flat portion bearing upon band *e*, and upon each side of the latter a concaved portion, as shown in the drawing. The third frame is also provided with four bands *f*, similar to those above-mentioned; but in this case they are simply fixed by their ends to the inner sides of the frame *a*. Finally the bottom frame is provided with two flat bands *h*, placed crosswise to the bands *g*, each of the bands *h* being placed at equal distances, so as to be midway between and under bands *f* of the third frame and crossing the bands *g*, which are placed under the lowermost part of the curvatures of the bands *f*. In the present example the bands are all riveted to the frames.

It is easily seen from the drawing that the basket thus constructed is divided into six compartments, so as to receive six bottles which are to be maintained in a vertical position. These bottles will stand firmly on the intersections *i* of the bands *g* and *h* and will be maintained in that position by the curved bands *f* and longitudinals *e*. It will also be seen that two bottles may be placed in a horizontal position in each of the three upper frames and rest on the concaved portions of the bands *f*, the bottom of each bottle bearing against one of the ends of the corresponding frame, while its neck rests on the opposite end of the same frame, thus keeping the bottles steady in their horizontal position. In this manner six bottles can be placed in the basket.

It is to be noted that in the basket shown in the drawing three bottles can be placed vertically and three horizontally, the former on one side of the basket's longitudinal center line and the latter bottles on the other.

The bands composing this basket may be of any suitable metal, but are preferably of galvanized iron.

This basket may be constructed for carrying more bottles than shown in the drawing, and, according to the size of the basket and the number of curved and flat bands, certain parts of this basket may be hinged, so that the basket may be folded up, if required.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bottle-basket the horizontal parallel frames *a*, the cross-bands *f* affixed to the sides of said frames, and having a raised flat portion, and on each side thereof concaved portions.

2. In a bottle-basket the frames *a*, the cross-bands *f* affixed to the sides of said frames, and having a raised flat portion and on each side thereof concaved portions, the longitudinal flat band *e* affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-bands *f*.

3. In a bottle-basket, the horizontal parallel frames *a*, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spacing apart and structurally connecting said frames, the cross-band *f* affixed to the sides of said frames and having a raised flat portion and on each side thereof concaved portions.

4. In a bottle-basket, the horizontal parallel frames *a*, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spac-

ing apart and structurally connecting said frames, the cross-band *f* affixed to the sides of said frames and having a raised flat portion and on each side thereof concaved portions, the longitudinal flat band *e* affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-band *f*.

5. In a bottle-basket, the horizontal parallel frames *a*, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spacing apart and structurally connecting said frames, the cross-band *f* affixed to the sides of said frames and having a raised flat portion and on each side thereof concaved portions, the longitudinal flat band *e* affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-band *f*, the upright bands *c*, projecting above the top frame *a*, the bent prolongations of the said upright bands *c*, the handle *d*, affixed to the said prolongations.

6. A bottle-basket having a plurality of horizontal parallel frames *a*, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spacing apart and structurally connecting said frames, in the bottom frame the longitudinal bands *g*, and the bands *h* crossing the bands *g*, the cross-bands *f* having a raised middle portion and a concaved portion at each side of the raised portion, the ends of the cross-bands *f* being secured to the inner sides of the frames, the longitudinal flat bands *e*, in the upper frames, affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-bands *f*, the combination of the frame *a*, the cross-bands *f* in a vertical position and the longitudinal flat band *e*, the intersections *i* of the cross-bands *h* forming compartments for holding the bottles and the longitudinal bands *g* being spaced to come under the middle of the said compartments.

7. A bottle-basket having a plurality of horizontal parallel frames *a*, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spacing apart and structurally connecting said frames, the upright band *c* projecting above the top frame, the bent prolongations of the said upright band *c*, the handle *d* affixed to the said prolongations, in the bottom frame the longitudinal bands *g*, and the bands *h* crossing the bands *g*, the cross-bands *f* having a raised middle portion and a concaved portion at each side of this raised portion, the ends of the cross-bands *f* being secured to the inner sides of the frames, the longitudinal flat bands *e* in the upper frames affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-bands *f*, the combination of the frame *a*, the cross-bands *f* and the longitudinal flat band *e*, the intersections *i* of the cross-bands *h* forming compartments for holding the bottles and the longitudinal bands *g* being spaced to come under the middle of the said compartments.

8. A bottle-basket having a plurality of horizontal parallel frames *a*, the frames next to the bottom frame being placed close to the said bottom frame, the vertical bands *b* and *c* spacing apart and structurally connecting said frames, the upright band *c* projecting above the top frame, the bent prolongations of the said upright band *c*, the handle *d* affixed to the said prolongations, in the bottom frame the longitudinal bands *g*, and the bands *h* crossing the bands *g*, the cross-bands *f*, having a raised middle portion and a concaved portion at each side of this raised portion, the ends of the cross-bands *f* being secured to the inner sides of the frames, the longitudinal flat bands *e* in the upper frames affixed to the ends of said frames and supporting the said raised flat portions of the cross-bands *f*, the combination of the frame *a*, the cross-bands *f*, and the longitudinal flat band *e*, the intersections *i* of the cross-bands *h* forming compartments for holding the bottles and the longitudinal bands *g*, being spaced to come under the middle of the said compartments.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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