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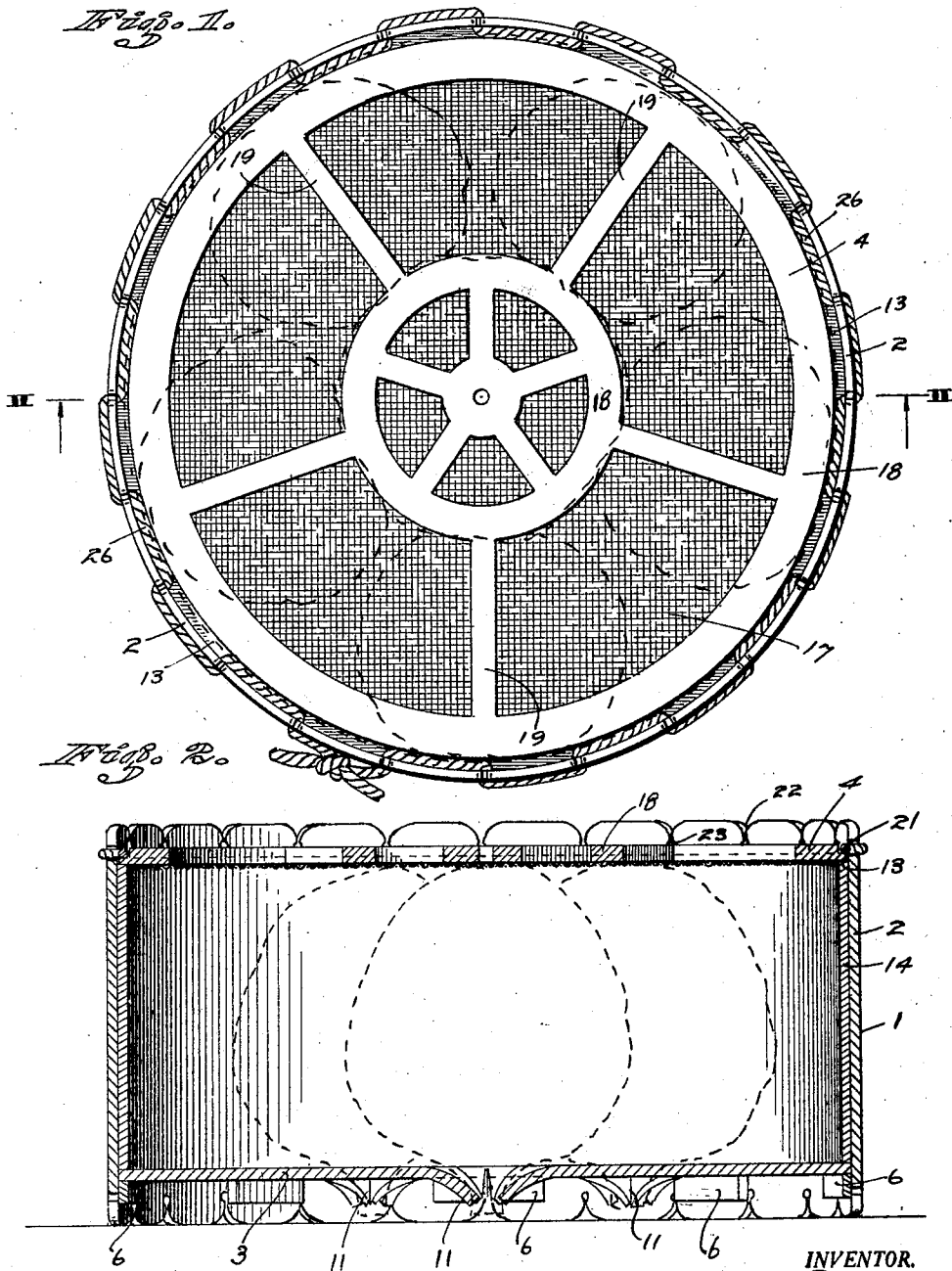
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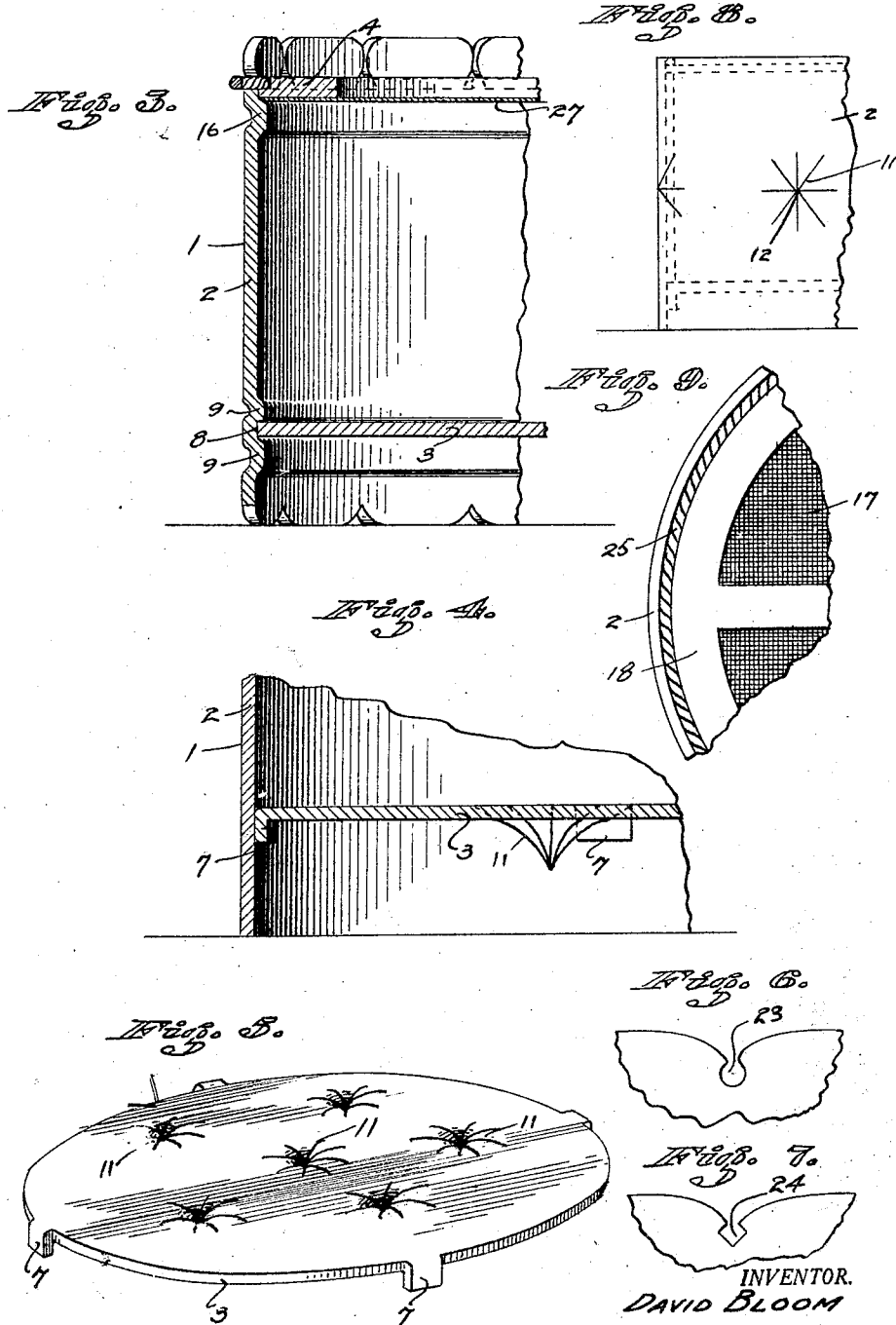
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID BLOOM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Berkeley, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented a new and useful Basket, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in baskets intended to be used principally as containers for artichokes and various kinds of fruits, green or dehydrated, particularly those that have a delicate skin and are easily bruised. A particular object of the invention is to provide a basket in which a definite place is assigned to each artichoke and in which each artichoke is held in its place against side and endwise motion. A further object of the invention is to provide means in connection with the bottom or if desired the side of the basket allowing the stem of the artichoke to be pushed therethrough and yieldingly holding the stem against removal, this means being at the same time adapted to allow of free circulation of air around the stem and around the juncture of the stem and the artichoke.

A further object of the invention is to provide a basket of the character described that is particularly pleasing in appearance and well adapted to enhance the appearance of the artichokes and their marketability when exhibited in the stores or other marketing places.

A further object of the invention is to provide a particularly convenient means for securing a cover to the basket which does not require the use of nails but relies on the lacing of a cord into the suitably prepared side wall with portions of the cord resting on the cover and holding the latter in place. A further object of the invention is to form a basket of the character described of open construction, allowing of free ventilation of air all around the artichokes. Further objects and advantages of my device will appear as the specification proceeds.

The preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which Figure 1 shows a top plan view of my basket; Figure 2 a vertical section taken along line II—II of Figure 1; Figure 3 a vertical section through a slightly modified form of basket; Figure 4 a vertical

section showing a further modified form; Figure 5 a perspective detail view of the bottom of my basket, as used in Figure 4; Figures 6 and 7 modified forms of the top of the side wall of my basket; Figure 8 a modified form allowing the stem of the artichoke or fruit to be secured in the side wall of the basket; and Figure 9 a modified form for securing the cover to the basket. While in the following description the basket will be described with reference to the packing of artichokes, it should be thoroughly understood that the principles of the invention may as well be used in connection with the packing of other vegetables and fruits resembling in any manner artichokes in their general outlines.

My basket (1) comprises a side wall (2) which may be cylindrical as shown in the drawing, or of any other suitable form, a bottom (3) and a top (4). The bottom (3) is preferably raised and may be held in place in many different ways, as for instance by means of small blocks (6) glued to the inside of the side wall as shown in Figure 2, or by means of downwardly extending flaps (7) glued to the side wall as shown in Figures 4 and 5, or by being forced into a circumferential groove (8) formed between corrugations (9) in the material of the side wall as shown in Figure 3. The bottom end of the basket is preferably formed in an artistic manner as shown in the various drawings, preferably so as to match with the form of the top of the basket, the construction of which will be described hereinafter.

The bottom of my basket is formed with suitable means for receiving the stem of the artichoke and for yieldingly holding the same against removal. This idea is preferably carried out by cutting into the bottom along straight lines in such a manner that a plurality of cuts (11) intersect at one point (12) whereby a star formation is produced. The stem of the artichoke when forced through the bottom at the point of intersection causes the various tongues formed by the cuts to yield so as to allow the stem to pass through the bottom with the tongues lying snugly against the stem and offering considerable resistance to its removal, while at the same time allowing air to circulate freely around the stem. The number of stars provided in this manner de-

pend upon the size and capacity of the basket, and if desired these stars may be arranged in the side wall of the basket as shown in Figure 8.

5 Near the top of the basket a seat (13) is formed either by the use of an inside wall (14) or by a corrugation (16) as shown in Figure 3. The cover (4) which is adapted to rest on this seat is preferably made of
10 open construction with netting (17) filling the space between circumferential members (18) and radial members (19). The marginal portion of the cover is recessed to form a ledge (21). The upper end of the side
15 wall is formed with slits (22) terminating in recesses (23) which may be round as shown in Figure 6 or angular as shown at (24) in Figure 7 or of any other suitable form allowing a cord (26) to be squeezed
20 through the slit and to rest in the recess so that the latter cord may be laced into the wall in the manner shown in Figure 1, running alternately for short distances along the inner side and the outside of the wall.
25 The height of the recesses in the wall is such that the cord when in place rests on the ledge and thereby holds the cover in place. If it is desired, glue may be applied to cement the cord to the ledge and to the inside
30 of the wall, and the cord may be placed on the ledge of the cover without being laced into the side wall as shown in Figure 9 at (25), in which case it should be cemented to the side wall and to the ledge.

35 The advantages of this construction are apparent. The manner of seating and nesting the artichoke in the bottom of the basket has a cushioning effect and allows the most delicate fruits or vegetables to be handled
40 in the basket without causing any injury to the skin. It holds the different fruits or vegetables separated and intact so that they cannot bruise. Ample ventilation is provided for, and the whole basket presents a
45 pleasing and attractive appearance. If desired, part of the netting may be replaced by some kind of transparent material as shown in the form of Figure 3 at (27).

50 The range of my invention may further be broadened by applying the principles in-

volved to the packing of confectionery, candy and dehydrated products.

I claim:

1. In a basket of the character described, an element cut to present coacting tongues
55 merging into the body of the element in unbroken lines and formed to yield to a stem forced between the same and to individually adapt themselves to the shape of the stem
60 for yieldingly resisting the removal thereof.

2. In a basket of the character described, an element cut along intersecting lines to present radial tongues merging into the
65 body of the element in unbroken lines and formed to yield to a stem forced between the same and to individually adapt themselves to the shape of the stem for yieldingly resisting the removal thereof.

3. In a basket of the character described, a raised bottom formed to allow stems of
70 individual fruits or the like to be forced therethrough and to offer yielding resistance to the removal thereof and a top member spaced from the bottom, yieldingly bearing on the tips of the fruits for holding the latter
75 in spaced relation.

4. In a basket of the character described, a raised bottom formed to allow stems of
80 individual fruits or the like to be forced therethrough and to offer yielding resistance to the removal thereof and a top member spaced from the bottom yieldingly bearing on the tips of the fruits for holding the latter in spaced relation

5. A basket of the character described
85 comprising a side wall formed with an internal seat, a cover adapted to rest on the seat formed with a marginal ledge and a cord laced into the side wall resting on said ledge for holding the same in place.

6. In a basket of the character described, a side wall formed with an internal seat, and
90 a cover adapted to rest on the seat formed with a marginal ledge, the side wall being slit and recessed to allow a cord to be laced
95 therewith with the inside portions of the cord resting on the ledge and holding the cover in place.

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