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Fig. 1.

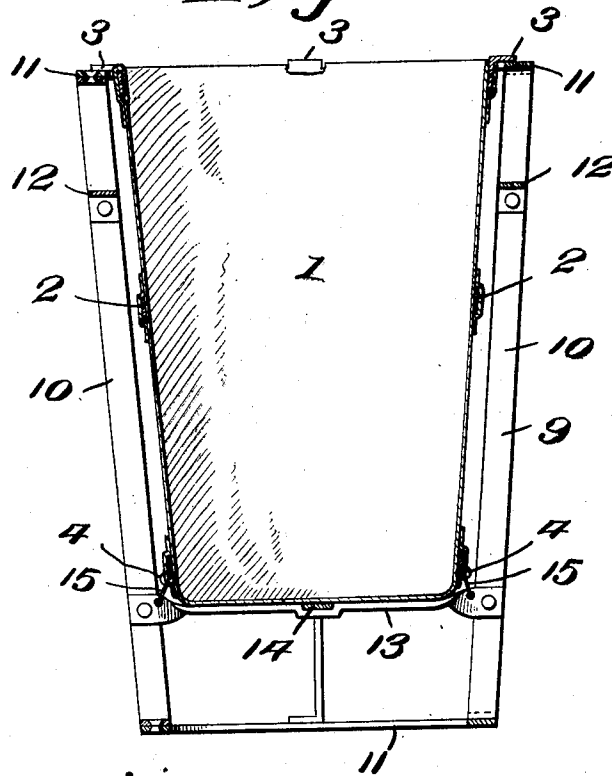


Fig. 2.

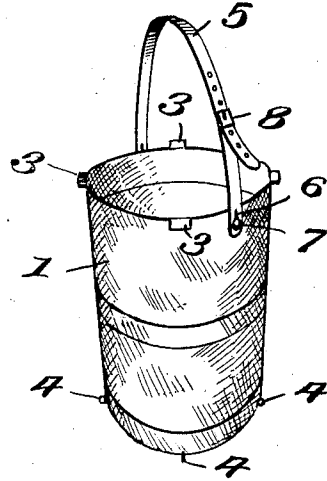
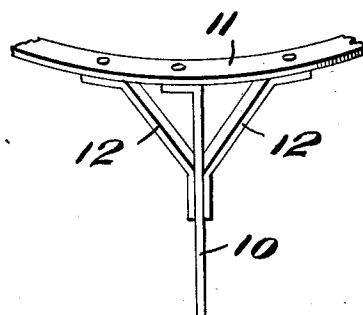


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES KUENSTING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodburn, in the county of Marion and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Basket and Support Therefor; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in combined baskets and supports therefor, and more particularly to that class adapted to be used for gathering hops, and my object is to provide a flexible basket, and one that can be swung from the shoulder of the picker.

A further object is to provide strengthening bands for the basket.

A still further object is to provide a support, or frame, in which the basket is adapted to be placed, while the same is being filled with hops.

A still further object is to so construct the frame, that the basket will be supported above the ground, and a still further object is to provide means for holding the basket in the frame.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a vertical central sectional view through the basket and support therefor. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the basket removed from the support, and, Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the support.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the body of my improved basket, which is preferably constructed of any suitable flexible material, said body being preferably flared from the bottom to the top, and in order to reinforce the body at its ends and central portion, I provide a plurality of bands 2, which are secured around the body in any preferred manner, the band at the upper end of the body having angular extensions 3 formed integral therewith, while to the lower band is secured a plurality of rings 4 for a purpose to be hereinafter set forth.

When the basket is filled, the same is pref-

erably swung from the shoulder of the picker, and to this end, I provide a strap 5, which is provided at each end with slots 6, through which extends studs 7 carried by the band at the upper end of the body, and said strap is preferably formed in two sections and secured together by means of a buckle 8, so that said strap may be lengthened or shortened, as desired.

The body of the basket being formed of flexible material, would collapse if placed directly upon the ground, and to this end, therefore, I provide my improved form of support, or frame, 9, which consists of a plurality of standards 10, to the upper and lower ends of which are secured circular plates 11, the standards 10 at their juncture with the upper end, being reinforced by means of brackets 12, while the standards are connected together at a point above the lower plate by means of cross arms 13 and 14, said arms being at right angles to each other, and forming a rest for the lower end of the basket, while the angular extensions 3 on the band 2 at the upper end of the basket extend over and engage the upper surface of the upper plate 11, the object in placing the cross arms above the lower ends of the standards, being to support the basket above the earth's surface, and thereby protecting the bottom of the basket from wear and from becoming soiled by the damp earth adhering thereto.

The basket when being used for picking purposes is secured to the support by directing hooks 15, carried by the cross arms 13 and 14, into engagement with the rings 4 at the lower end of the basket, the length of the basket being such that the cloth forming the same will be stretched taut and the extensions 3 firmly seated on the plate 11 when the hooks 15 are secured in the rings 4. After the hops have been removed from the basket, the basket may be pressed together, so that the bands will telescope with each other, thereby occupying a very small space, and by flaring the supports, said supports may be placed one within the other, when shipping, so as to occupy a minimum amount of space.

Any suitable form of cloth may be used for forming the baskets but I prefer to use a cloth which has been treated with oil thereby protecting the same against shrinkage caused by dampness.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a very cheap and economical form of basket,

particularly adaptable for picking hops. It will further be seen that the parts of the basket may be readily folded together to occupy a small space when shipping, and by constructing the parts of the basket of fibrous material, and employing a frame for supporting the same, a very light, as well as durable, basket is produced.

What I claim is:

- 10 The combination with a basket having a plurality of metallic bands surrounding the same, angular extensions integral with the band at the upper end of said body and rings secured to the lower band; of a support
15 for said basket, comprising a plurality of standards, circular plates secured to each end of said standards, the upper plate being

adapted to receive and form a bearing for the integral extensions on the upper band, cross arms connecting the standards adjacent their lower ends and hooks pivotally secured to said cross arms adjacent their juncture with the standards, said hooks being adapted to engage the rings in the lower band and hold the bracket against casual removal from the support.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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