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SAP BUCKET.

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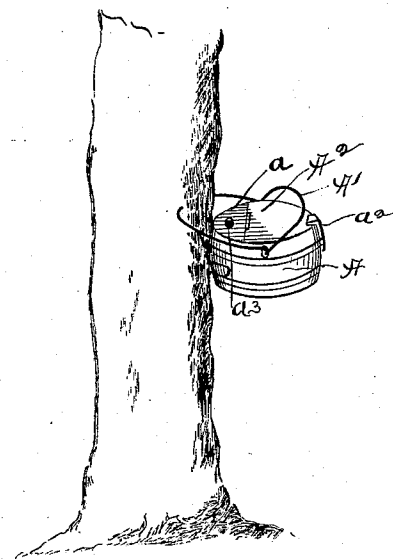


Fig. 1.

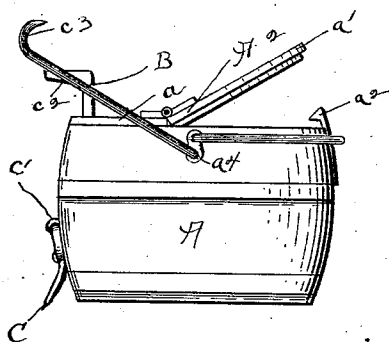


Fig. 2.

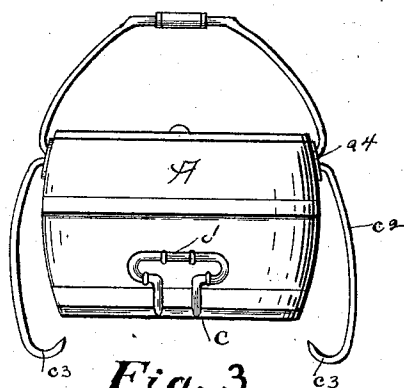


Fig. 3.

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SAP-BUCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JACKSON A. TAYLOR and JAMES S. PARKER, citizens of the United States, residing at Woodville, in the county of Jackson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sap-Buckets; and we 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.

Our invention relates to an improvement in sap-buckets, our object being to provide a construction of bucket which is convenient for use in catching the sap from maple-trees and the like and one which can be readily and securely attached to a tree.

To these ends the invention consists in the various matters hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective showing the present bucket attached to a tree. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the bucket itself, showing the lid of said bucket slightly raised. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the bucket.

Referring now more particularly to these drawings, A represents the body portion of a bucket which is of any ordinary construction, said body portion being provided with the usual bail and handle A'. The bucket is provided with a top A², the rear portion a of which is fixed upon the body portion of the bucket, while the forward portion of the top a' is hinged to the fixed rear portion. A suitable catch a² is provided for holding the hinged portion of the bucket-top in place. The fixed portion of the top is provided with an opening a³ for the reception of one end of an angular spout B, the other end of which spout is adapted to fit in the tree.

Means are provided for attaching the bucket securely to a tree, and these are now to be considered. Downwardly-extending prongs c are provided at the back of the body portion of the bucket, these prongs being, as

here shown, the free ends of a single piece of wire, the body portion c' of which lies against and is fastened to the back of the body portion of the bucket, while the ends c extend outwardly and downwardly therefrom to form the prongs before mentioned. Hinged to the staples a⁴, to which the bail of the bucket is secured, are wires or arms c², said arms having inwardly and backwardly bent ends c³ to form hooks. It will now be seen that if the prongs c are inserted into a tree and the hooks c³ then engaged with the tree, as shown in Fig. 1, the bucket will be securely held in position, the increased weight of the bucket as the syrup flows within the same only tending to press the prongs c more firmly into the tree and to pull the hooks c³ more fully therein.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bucket provided with a cover, backwardly and downwardly extending prongs near the bottom of the bucket, and pivoted hooks attached to the upper end of said bucket.

2. A bucket provided with a cover having a stationary section and a hinged section, a sap-spout extending from said stationary section, downwardly and backwardly projecting prongs near the bottom of said bucket, and pivoted hooks near the upper end of said bucket.

3. A bucket provided with downwardly and backwardly projecting prongs near its bottom, and pivoted arms at its upper end portion, said arms being provided with backwardly-bent end portions to form hooks.

In testimony whereof we have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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