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MINNOW BUCKET.

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Fig. 1.

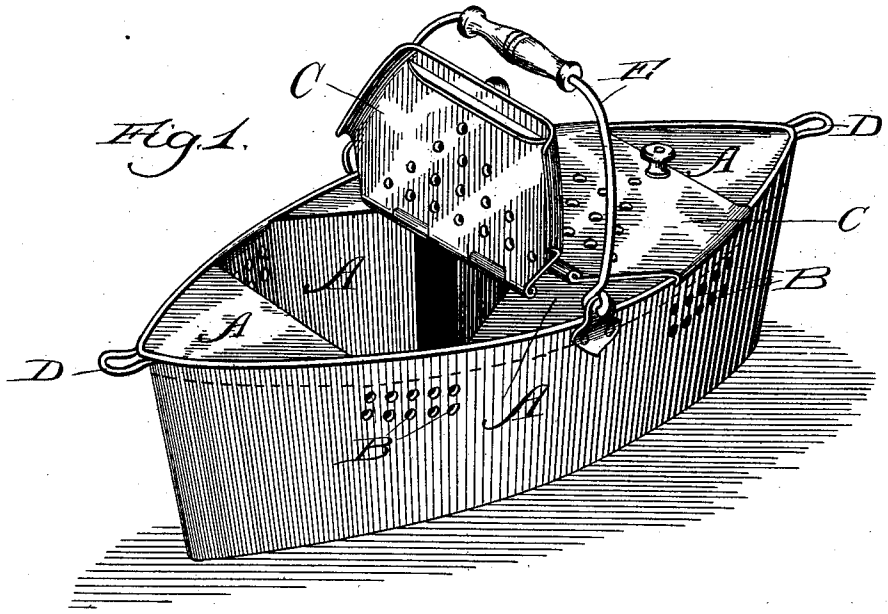


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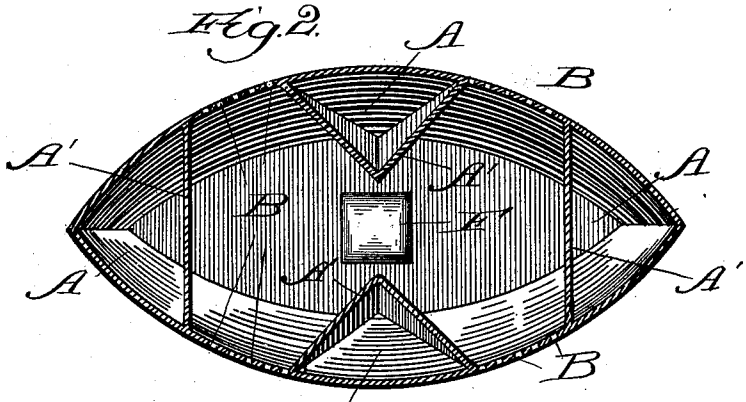
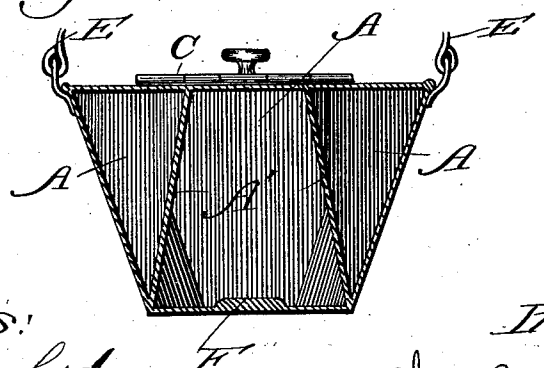


Fig. 3.



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MINNOW-BUCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. BATEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Minnow-Buckets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in metal buckets designed to confine and keep alive minnows used by anglers for bait; and its objects are to provide a floating vessel into which the angler may put his minnows, and which will not sink when in the water, though nearly submerged; to provide a bucket with means whereby a constant supply of fresh water is furnished, and which can be taken from the water and yet retain enough water to keep alive the minnows, and to provide a vessel which can be easily towed after the angler's boat. These objects I attain by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bucket with open lid. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section.

Like parts are indicated by the same letters in all the figures.

A A are the air-tight chambers, one at each end and one in the middle of each side. They increase in size toward the top, as shown.

A′ A′ are the walls of the chambers.

B B are water-holes in the sides of the boat or bucket at about the water-mark or below that line.

C is the hinged lid.

D D are the drag-eyes. E is the bail. F is ballast in the bottom.

The bucket is boat-shaped, so as to be easily drawn through the water.

The use and operation of my device are as follows: The bucket, in the form of a boat, is secured to the rear of the angler's boat and filled with water and minnows. The holes keep up a constant supply of water. The ballast keeps the boat upright. The air-chambers buoy it up. When the bucket is taken from the water, it remains full of water, and thus the minnows are kept alive. The angler can take the minnows from the bucket when it is in or out of the water by simply throwing up the lid and without otherwise disturbing the bucket.

I claim—

A boat-shaped minnow-bucket provided with suitable air-chambers therein, a supplemental ballast on or near the bottom thereof, and a series of apertures below the top of the carrying-chamber to permit the passage of water therethrough, so that the carrying-chamber will be full of water when floating, and when lifted from the water will carry a sufficient quantity of water to float the fish.

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