

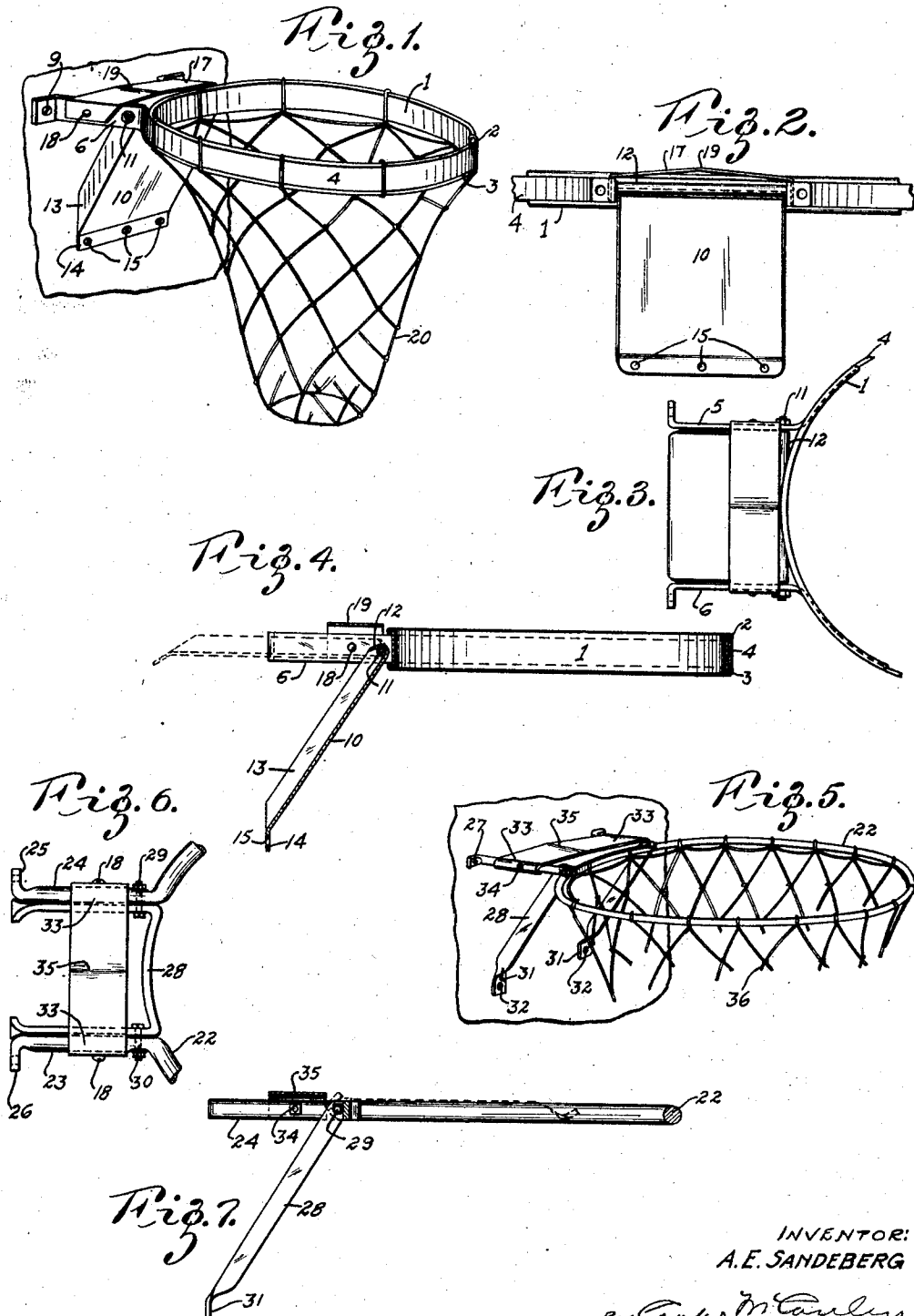
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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in basket ball goals, and has for one of its objects to produce such a goal that is light, durable, and capable of being compactly folded for shipping and storage purposes.

Another object is to provide a guard between the goal frame and the wall to primarily prevent the basket ball from lodging between the rear of the goal frame and the wall, and in addition to lend rigidity to the structure at this point.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a partial rear elevational view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a partial plan view showing particularly the guard and wall fastening means.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of my invention showing in dotted lines the position occupied by the support when folded for storage or shipping purposes.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modification of my invention.

Fig. 6 is a partial plan view showing a modified form of my invention illustrating the guard and wall-attaching devices.

Fig. 7 is a side elevation showing in dotted lines the support folded for storage or shipping purposes.

Referring to the preferred form of my invention, 1 designates a circular member having outturned peripheral flanges 2 and 3 at its upper and lower edges, respectively. 4 is a strap adapted to pass about the member 1 between the flanges 2 and 3 and provided with two backwardly extending arms 5 and 6 (Fig. 3) with the end portions turned at right angles, as shown at 7 and 8, which are drilled with holes for the reception of screws or bolts 9 (Fig. 1).

Adjacent the member 1 is a support 10 which is pivotally mounted on the strap 4 by means of a bolt 11 mounted in holes drilled in the arms 5 and 6, respectively. The support 10 is preferably curled partially about said bolt 11, as seen at 12, to more firmly anchor said support in rigid position with respect to said strap 4. This support is preferably composed of one sheet of metal having upturned side edges 13 and a downwardly turned portion 14 which is suitably drilled with holes for the reception of screws or bolts 15 by means of which said support is attached to the wall.

17 is a guard rigidly secured to the arms 5 and 6 of the strap 4 by means of screws or bolts 18. This guard is highest at its center, as shown at 19, and tapers from the center gradually to the sides. 20 is the conventional net bag for receiving the basket ball. This net is fastened about the strap 4 and member 1 as shown at 21 in Fig. 1.

Describing my modification in Figs. 5, 6 and 7, 22 is a ring or strap preferably of round metal provided with rearwardly extending arms 23 and 24 having their ends bent at right angles and flattened, as at 25 and 26, and drilled with holes for the reception of screws or bolts 27 by means of which the ring 22 is primarily attached to the wall.

28 designates a substantially U-shaped arm pivotally secured to the arms 23 and 24 near the ring 22, as shown at 29 and 30 respectively, preferably by bolts. The open ends of the member 28 are downwardly turned, as shown at 31, and drilled for the reception of screws or bolts 32 by means of which said support is secured to the wall below the point where the arms 23 and 24 are secured. 33 is a guard rigidly secured to the arms 23 and 24 as by bolts 34 and having its center higher than the sides, whereby said guard tapers from the center toward the arms 23 and 24. 36 is a portion of the goal net fastened about the ring 22 and adapted to receive the basket ball.

When it is desired to store or ship my improved goal in its preferred form, the support 10 is pressed upwardly in alinement with the members 1 and 4, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 4.

In the modified form of my device the U-shaped frame 28 is moved forwardly and upwardly, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 7, when it is desired to store or ship my goal.

It is obvious that when my goal is secured to the wall, as shown in Fig. 1 for the preferred form and Fig. 5 for the modified form, a very rigid structure is provided securely holding the goal in exact position. The guard 17 in the preferred form and 33 in the modified form provides a means for preventing the lodging of the basket ball between the rearmost side of the goal frame and the wall. The central elevation causes the ball to slide off from one side or the other.

I claim:

1. In a basket ball goal, a member to which the goal net is adapted to be secured,

a pair of arms rigidly secured to said member whereby said goal is fastened to a goal-supporting wall, said arms being relatively widely spaced apart at their points of attachment to said member, and a support located between said arms, adapted to fill said space, and pivotally secured to said arms, immediately adjacent their connection with said member, the free end of said support being adapted to be fastened to said goal-supporting wall, substantially as described.

2. In a basket ball goal, a member to which the goal net is secured, arms carried by said member by which said goal is fastened to a goal-supporting wall, and a guard carried by said arms, said guard being higher at its center midway between said arms than at its ends, substantially as described.

3. In a basket ball goal, a member to which the goal net is adapted to be secured, arms carried by said member by which said goal is fastened to a goal-supporting wall, said arms being spaced apart from each other at their points of connection with

said member, a support pivotally secured to said arms immediately adjacent their connection with said member, the free end of said support being adapted to be fastened to said goal-supporting wall, and a guard carried by said arms between said goal and said goal-supporting wall, said guard being higher at its center midway between said arms than at its ends, substantially as described.

4. In a basket ball goal, a circular goal net supporting member provided with outturned top and bottom edges, a band adapted to encircle said circular goal net supporting member between said outturned edges, arms integrally carried by said encircling band, lugs carried by said arms through which said goal is secured to the goal-supporting wall, a pivoted support carried by said arms and adapted to be fastened to said goal-supporting wall, and a guard rigidly carried by said arms, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix by signature.

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