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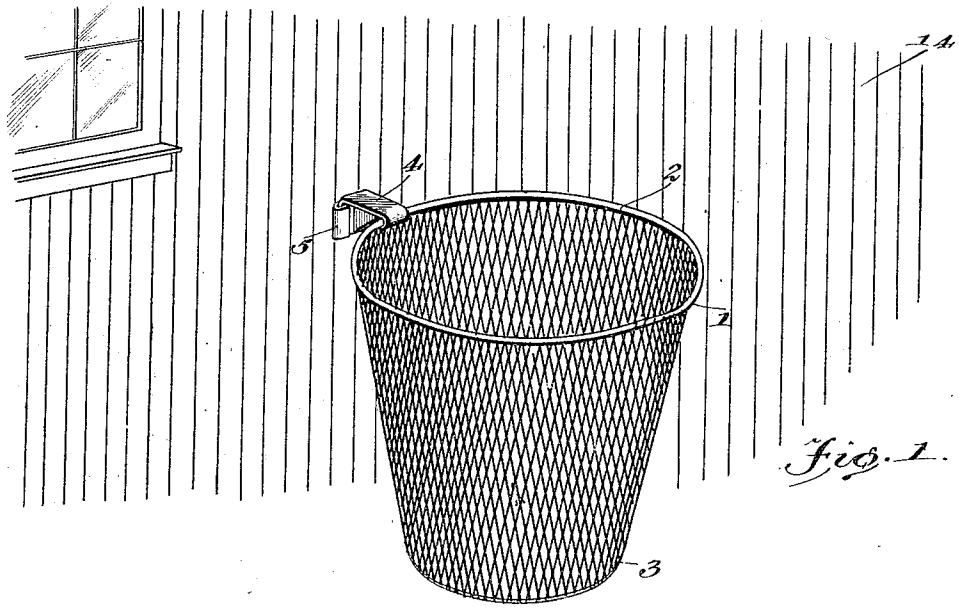


Fig. 1.

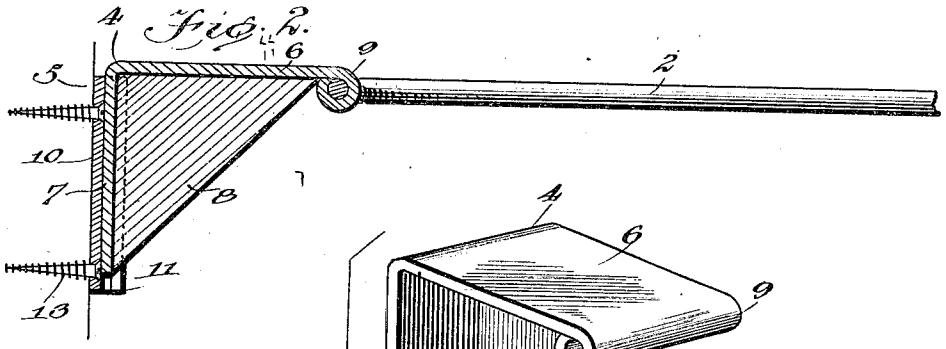


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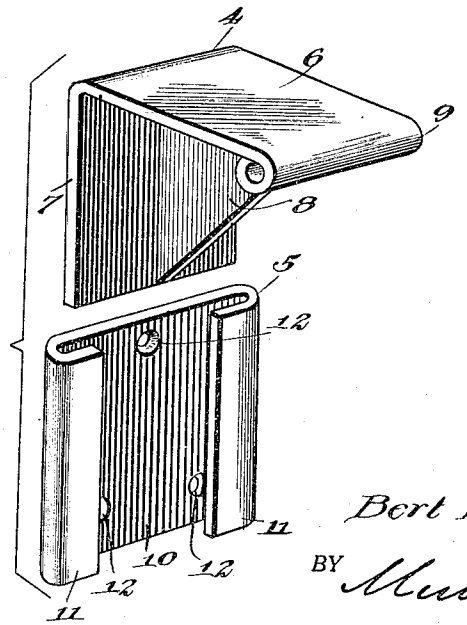


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERT KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Gloversville, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Basket-Ball Goals, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in basket ball goals, and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a basket ball goal having means whereby it may be detachably supported upon a supporting wall in such manner as to be instantly removable for the purpose of safe keeping or for any other cause.

A further object of the invention is to provide an article of the character described which is adapted to be firmly although detachably supported in a desirable position on a supporting wall.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing a practical embodiment of the invention supported upon a wall,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary vertical section through a portion of the embodiment of the invention, showing the means for releasably securing the embodiment of the invention to a supporting wall or like support, and

Figure 3 is a perspective group view showing cooperative elements of the securing means in separated position.

In Figure 1, I show a basket ball goal indicated generally at 1 which is of the usual basket form and which may be of any other suitable known or preferred form. The goal 1 comprises a ring 2 from which depends the netting 3 constituting the body of the basket.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a bracket 4 and a bracket holder 5. The bracket 4 comprises two flat members 6 and 7 respectively which are integral with each other and extend at right angles to each other in the embodiment of the invention exhibited in the drawing although obviously these bracket members may have any desirable angular relation in respect to each other.

The bracket members 6 and 7 are further merged one into the other and are stayed to each other by a reinforcing web 8.

The bracket member 6 has a transversely extending sleeve portion 9 at its outer end receiving a portion of the basket ring 2 and engaging with the portion of the basket ring which extends therethrough in such manner that the ring will be held rigid with the bracket and cannot be moved relatively to the latter.

The bracket holder 5 comprises a flat plate section 10 having inwardly turned vertical edge portions or flanges 11 extending toward each other for part of the width of the section 10 and cooperating with the latter to provide a pair of spaced vertical guides in which the bracket member 7 is adapted to slide until the bracket member 6 rests upon the upper ends of the flanges 11. The edges of the flanges 11 are spaced apart a distance sufficient to accommodate the reinforcing web 8 when the bracket 4 is slid vertically in the holder 5 with the bracket member 7 in sliding contact with the inner face of the section 10 and with side edge portions of the bracket member 7 also in sliding contact with the inner walls of the flanges 11. In other words, the width of each of the guides at the side edges of the section 10 is but slightly greater than the thickness of the bracket member 7 so that no appreciable play between the bracket 4 and the holder 5 is permitted when the bracket 4 is supported by the holder 5 in the manner just described.

The section 10 of the holder is provided with openings 12 for receiving fastening devices such as screws 13 for securing the section 10 flatwise against a support, such as the wall 14.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. The holder is attached to the support 14 in a desirable position on the latter. When desired, the basket 1 and the bracket 4 may be supported as a unit on the holder by placing the bracket 4 which is rigid with the ring 2 of the basket in engagement with the holder. When desired, the basket 1 and the bracket 4 may be instantly detached from the holder 5 and placed elsewhere for safe keeping or carried to some other place to be supported upon another one of the holders for use in the usual manner. The reinforcing web

tends to distribute any stress imparted to the bracket 4 at the outer end of the member 6 uniformly throughout the bracket and throughout the holder 5, whereby the basket is not likely to be torn loose from its support even under the impact of a relatively heavy blow.

Obviously, my invention is susceptible of embodiment in forms other than that illustrated in the accompanying drawing and I therefore consider as my own all modifications and adaptations of the form of the device herein disclosed as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

In a device for securing a basket to a fixed support, a bracket consisting of two right angular members and a reinforcing web portion intgral with said members and staying the members to each other, one of said bracket members being formed at its outer end for engagement with the rim portion of the basket in such manner as to hold said rim portion of the basket against movement relatively to the bracket, and a holder for said bracket, said holder comprising a flat section attachable to a fixed support and having a pair of spaced apart U-shaped guide portions at the side edges thereof for engaging with the side edge portions of the second bracket member when the latter is slid downward against said section, said bracket being slidable downward in said holder until the first bracket member rests upon the upper ends of said guides.

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