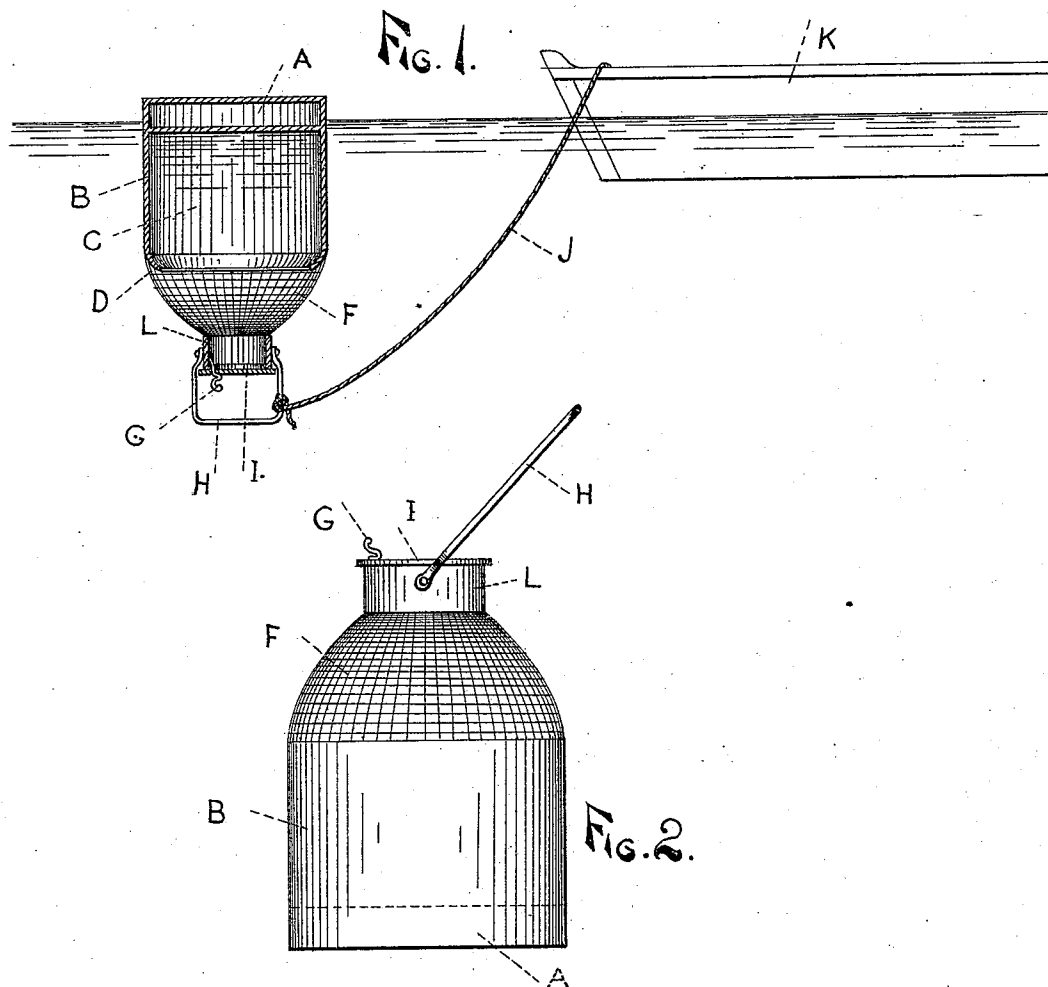


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID B. WEIGHTMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floating Minnow-Baskets; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a sectional view of basket in use. Fig. 2 is a side view.

Similar letters refer to similar parts.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for keeping minnows alive for bait, and has for its object a can or basket constructed with an air-tight section to float the same, and with the top made of open-work, permitting the free entrance of water.

I describe my invention as follows: The can or basket B is made with a false bottom, thus giving us the air-tight section A, and the top

of basket is constructed of wire or other open-work, F, surmounted by the collar L, having the cover I, the catch G, and the bail H. The top of the body of basket B curves inwardly, forming the rim D, so that when water is carried therein it will not slop over. The rope by which the basket is held is shown as J.

It will be seen that when in use the basket will take an inverted position, floating on the surface of the water, whereby the minnows are constantly supplied with fresh water without any care.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a minnow-basket having a reticulated top, F, and cover I, and in the bottom an air-tight chamber, A, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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