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BASKET.

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FIG. 1.

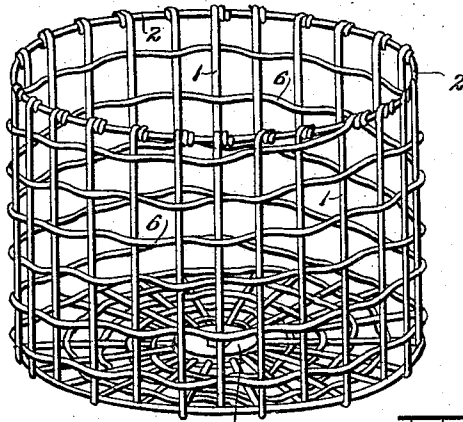


FIG. 2.

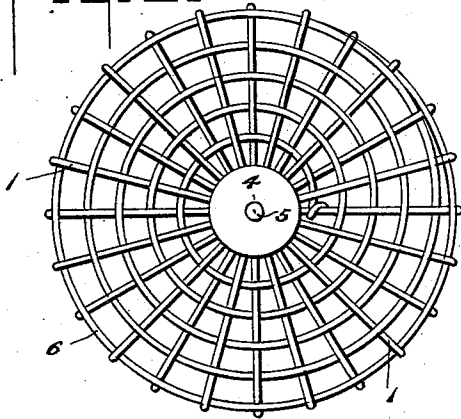


FIG. 3.

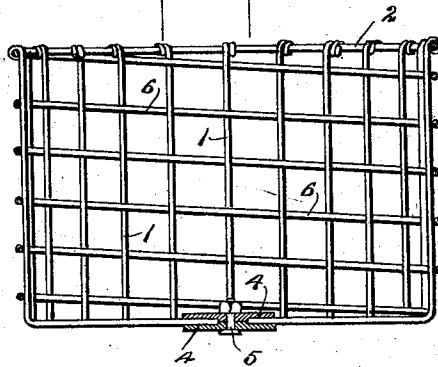


FIG. 4.

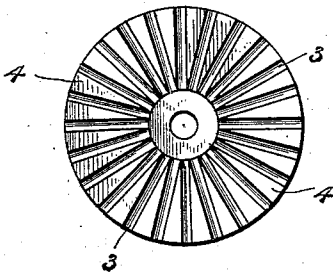
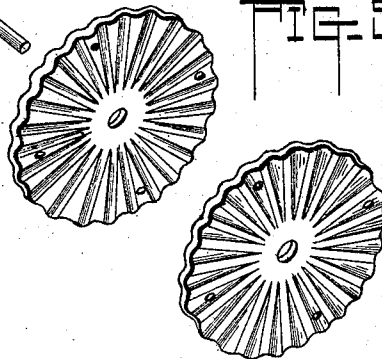


FIG. 5.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buda, in the county of Hays and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Basket, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a produce-basket adapted for handling vegetables, fruits, groceries, seed-cotton, lint-cotton, and the like, the object in view being to provide a simple, strong, and efficient metallic basket of sufficient lightness to be handled with facility.

Further objects and advantages of this invention will appear in the following description and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a central section. Fig. 4 is a plan view of one of the fastening-disks. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a slightly-modified form of fastening device for the contiguous extremities of the rib-wires.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The basket embodying my invention is constructed of wire, which is preferably galvanized, and consists of a plurality of rib-wires 1, which extend radially from the center of the bottom and thence in an approximately vertical direction to the rim-wire 2, the contiguous extremities of said rib-wires at the center of the bottom being fitted in radial grooves or seats 3 in the upper and lower parallel fastening-disks 4, which are connected together centrally by a bolt 5. The upper extremities of the rib-wires are coiled around the rim-wire 2 a number of times to give the latter stiffness, or said rim-wire may be made of heavier material or of larger gage-wire.

Interlocked with the rib-wires and extending spirally around the basket is a filling-wire 6, which preferably has one of its extremities near the center of the bottom, as shown clearly in Fig. 2, and the other extremity attached to the rim-wire. This fill-

ing-wire is interwoven in and out with the rib-wires and may, if preferred, be coiled around the same at its points of intersection therewith to secure greater stiffness.

The advantage of the construction above described resides in the fact of the strength of the article and the facility with which it may be grasped, the spaces between the rib and filling wires being such as to provide the necessary handholds without special handles. When bent out of shape, the improved basket may be readily returned to its original condition without fracture, and being of wire is practically indestructible.

It will be understood that while the spiral arrangement of the filling-wire is preferable it is not indispensable and may be varied, provided the same is arranged to hold the rib-wires at the desired intervals and secure the same against displacement, and, furthermore, that various other changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a slightly different form of fastening device, wherein the disks, which are provided with seats, preferably formed by crimping, are held together by means of a central brad or rivet instead of the bolt shown in the other form of the device. A plurality of additional openings are formed in the disks near their peripheries and between the seats for the reception of auxiliary brads (not shown) for use when the central brad is found to be insufficient to maintain the parts with the proper pressure upon the wires.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A wire basket comprising a series of rib-wires extending radially outward from the center of the bottom of the basket and then upward to form the sides thereof, a continuous filling-wire attached to one of the ribs near the center of the bottom and interwoven spirally with the rib-wires at the bottom and sides of the basket, and the clamping device for the ends of the rib-wires, said clamping device comprising two plates or disks, each

having a centrally-perforated boss upon one  
face and a series of radial grooves extending  
from the boss to the periphery of the disk,  
and a rivet passing through the central per-  
5 forations and clamping the ends of the rib-  
wires between the two disks, substantially as  
described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
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