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Fig. 1

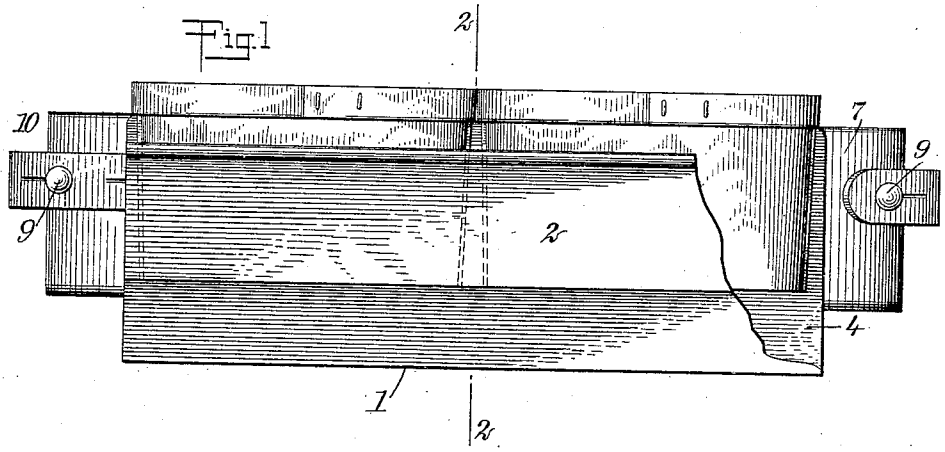


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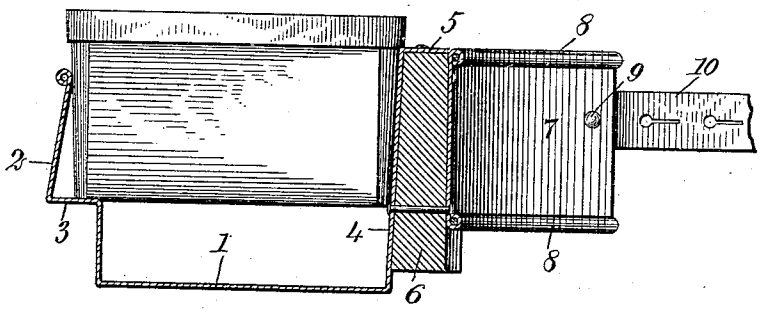


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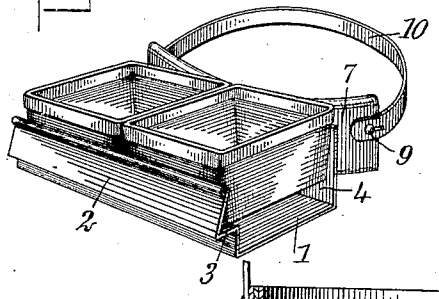


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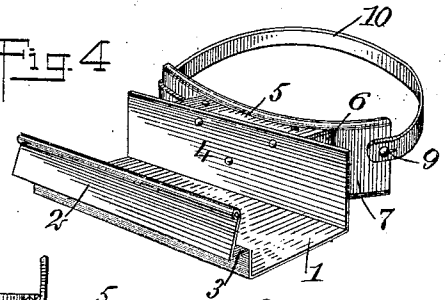
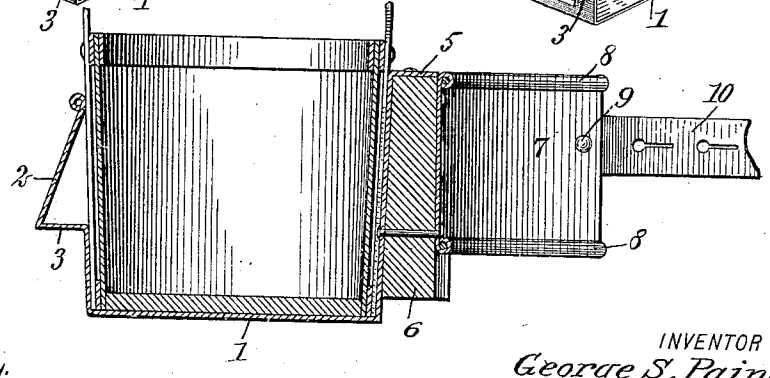


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE S. PAINE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Winslow, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved Basket-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improved basket holder, more especially constructed and adapted for fruit pickers, the nature of which provides for the free use of both hands while carrying the basket.

To this end the preferred embodiment of the invention consists of a trough-shaped member constructed of sheet metal and adapted to bindingly hold a basket or the like while seated therein. This member is attached to a curved metal band which, when in operative position, partially encircles the waist in front of the body and is secured thereto by an adjustable strap passing at the back of the waist.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the preferred form of my improved basket holder partially broken away at one end; Fig. 2 is a central, vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a section of the holder, the same as shown in Fig. 2, but with the berry boxes removed and a basket substituted in the place thereof; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder complete, and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4, with the berry boxes in place.

More specifically stated, the invention comprises a trough-shaped holder or member 1 preferably constructed of sheet metal and the outer side 2 thereof being offset on a line about midway of its width to provide a shoulder 3, the upper portion of the wall 2 being beaded at its top edge and bent inwardly to engage the outside of a box, basket or the like and bindingly hold the same within the member 1.

The inner side 4 of the member 1 is provided with an outwardly-turned flange 5 which covers the upper edge and is secured to a symmetrically-arranged block 6, said side being also riveted or otherwise secured to this block with the rivets passing through and securing a curved band 7 to the opposite face of the block. The band 7, as shown, is also constructed of sheet metal with bottom and top inwardly-turned wiring 8, said band when in operative position, partially encircling the waist in front of the body. For securing the band 7 in this position, the opposite ends thereof are provided with rigidly attached buttons 9 which are connected with a strap 10, one end of said strap being formed with a number of openings as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, whereby its length may be readily adjusted. With the holder strap about the waist by means of the band 7 and strap 10, free use of the hands while picking fruit or performing other similar operations, is had, the basket being securely retained against accidental displacement as the operator moves from place to place, by the resilient engagement of the inwardly-bent upper portion of the side 2.

It is apparent that various changes in the construction of my invention as illustrated and hereinbefore described, may be resorted to within the scope of the claims annexed.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a trough-shaped basket holder open at both ends, and means for securing said holder about the waist.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a trough-shaped basket holder having means to bindingly engage a basket or the like when seated therein, and means for securing said holder about the waist.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination of a basket holder having one side thereof constructed with an offset and with the upper portion of said side bent inwardly, whereby baskets or the like of different sizes may be seated in said holder and bindingly retained in place, and means for securing said holder to the body.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination of a trough-shaped member having one side thereof constructed with an offset providing a shoulder and the upper portion of said side being bent inwardly, whereby a basket or the like will be bindingly engaged when seated within the member, a curved band attached at the opposite side of the holder, and a strap for securing said band about the waist.

5. In a device of the character described, a trough-shaped sheet metal member having

one side thereof bent inwardly to bindingly engage a basket or the like seated within said member and means for securing said member about the waist.

6. In a device of the character described, a trough-shaped sheet metal member having one side thereof constructed with an offset providing a shoulder, and the upper portion of said side above said shoulder being bent inwardly to bindingly engage a basket or the like seated within said member.

7. In a device of the character described, the combination of a trough-shaped sheet metal member having one side thereof constructed with an offset intermediate its width, and the upper portion of said side being bent inwardly, a block secured to the opposite side of said holder, a curved band attached to said block, and a strap adjustably connected with said band for securing the same at the front of the waist.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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