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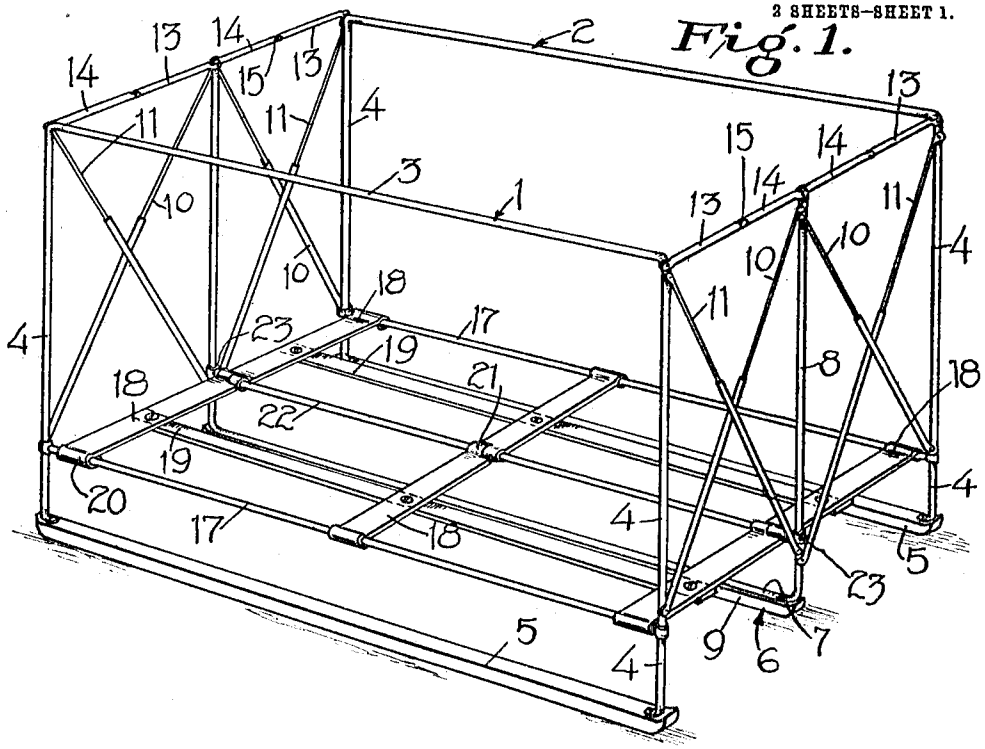
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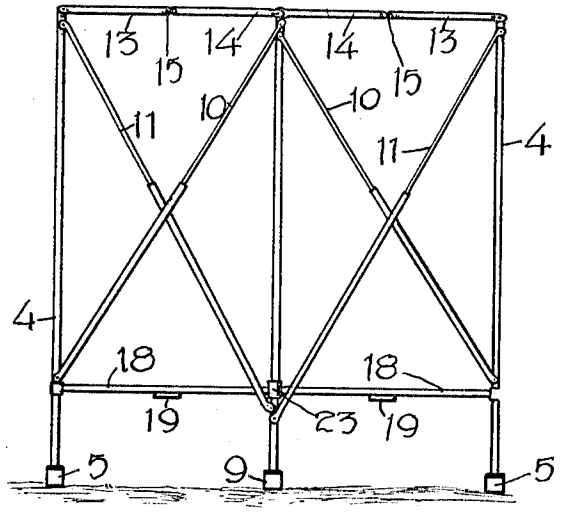




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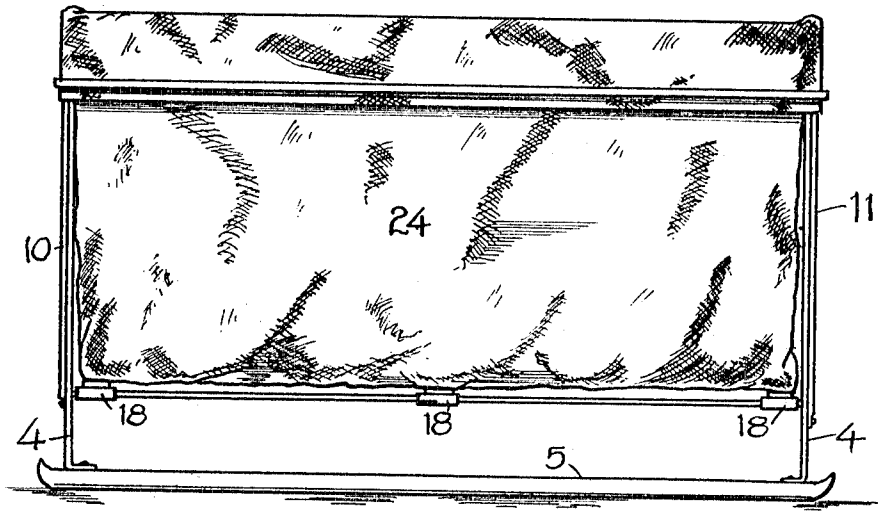



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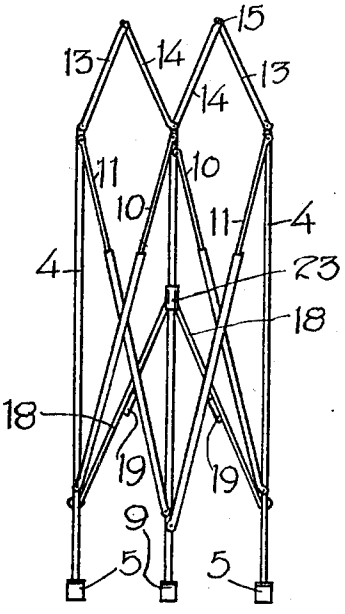



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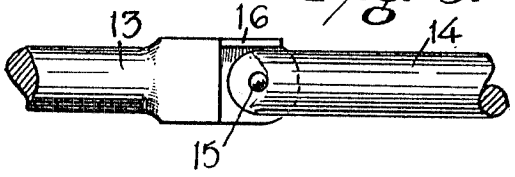
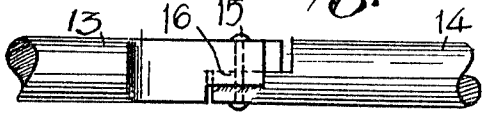



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS H. JETTER, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Baskets; and I do hereby 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.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a collapsible basket which, when not in use, may be folded into a very compact form; which is of extremely simple and practical construction; and which may be manufactured at a relatively low cost.

Another object of the invention is to provide a basket especially designed for use in laundries for holding and conveying clothes, said basket being provided with runners which form part of the side and central frame of the basket.

With these and other objects in view as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved collapsible basket with the lining omitted, Fig. 2 is an end elevation, Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the lining in place, Fig. 4 is an end elevation, showing the basket partially collapsed, Fig. 5 is a side elevation of one form of joint employed, Fig. 6 is a top plan view of Fig. 5.

Referring in detail to the drawings by numerals, 1 and 2 designate, in their entireties, the side frames of the basket. Each frame comprises a top bar 3, end bars 4 integrally connected to the top bar and a bottom bar 5 connected to the lower terminals of the end bars and serving in the capacity of a runner.

6 designates, as an entirety, a central frame which parallels the side frames and which comprises a bottom bar 7 to the ends of which are integrally connected end bars 8 and which carries a runner 9 paralleling the runners 5.

The end bars 4 are each connected to the end bars 8 by a pair of telescopic cross rods 10 and 11. The rods 10 are pivotally connected at their upper ends to the bars 8 adjacent their upper ends and at their lower ends to the bars 4 near the lower ends thereof, while the rods 11 are connected at their upper ends to the rods 4 adjacent the upper extremities thereof and at their lower ends to the bars 8 near the lower terminals thereof. The rods 10 and 11 cross one another and may be connected to each other by rings, if desired. As a further connection between the bars 4 and 8, I provide the pivoted struts 13 and 14. The struts 13 are pivotally connected at their outer ends to the bars 4 adjacent their upper terminals and the struts 14 are pivotally connected at their inner ends to the bars 8 at the upper terminals thereof. The meeting ends of the struts 13 and 14 are connected by pivot pins 15, and the struts 13 are formed with ribs 16 which prevent the meeting ends of the struts being swung below the pivot points of the other ends. The pivot pins for the struts 13 and 14 and the telescopic rods 10 and 11 lie in horizontal planes when the basket is set up for use and supported on a horizontal surface.

Longitudinal bars 17 are connected rigidly to the bars 4 of each of the frames 1 and 2 at a distance from the runners 5 substantially equal to the distance of the lower pivoted ends of the telescopic rods 11 from the runner 9. The bottom of the basket is formed in two sections each of which comprises a plurality of cross bars 18 and one or more longitudinal bars 19 connected to the cross bars 18. The outer ends of the cross bars 18 are formed with sleeves 20 which encircle the rods 17, said rods acting as pivots. The inner ends of the cross bars 18 are formed with sleeves 21 which surround a bottom bar 22. It will be noted that the cross bars 18 are equal in length to half the width of the basket and that the bars 18 of one section lie in the same transverse planes as the corresponding bars 18 of the other section, which construction is made possible by having the sleeve 21 equal in length to one half the width of the bars. The longitudinal bar 22 is formed upon its terminals with sleeves 23 which slide upon the bars 18 and which are stopped in their downward movement by the pivoted telescopic rods 11.

A lining 24 of some flexible material, such

as leather or canvas, is fitted within the basket and is left unattached thereto except around its upper edge. If desired, a strip of flexible material, not shown, may be fixed around the outside of the basket to strengthen the structure and operate as a secondary or supplemental wall.

Having described the construction of my improved collapsible basket, it now remains to explain briefly the manner in which the same may be folded. To accomplish this end, it is only necessary to swing the meeting ends of the struts 13 and 14 upwardly and to slide the bottom rod 22 upwardly along the end bars 8. This last operation will draw the side frames 1 and 2 toward the central frame 6, as illustrated in Fig. 4, thus collapsing the basket into a very compact form.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. In a collapsible receptacle, a pair of side frames, a central frame paralleling the side frames, two equal bottom sections, each side frame having one of the bottom sections hinged thereto, a bottom rod slidable vertically on the central frame and means for pivotally connecting the opposed edges of the bottom sections to said rod.

2. In a collapsible receptacle, a pair of side frames, a central frame interposed between the side frames and having parallel end bars, a bottom rod slidable along said end bars and a pair of bottom sections hingedly secured at their inner ends to said sliding rod and at their outer ends to the side frames respectively.

3. In a collapsible receptacle, a pair of side frames, a central frame paralleling said side frames, a horizontal pivot rod secured to each of the side frames, a bottom section hinged to each of said pivot rods, a slidable rod connected to the central frame and means for pivotally connecting the opposed edges of the bottom sections to said sliding rod.

4. In a collapsible receptacle, a pair of side frames, a central frame paralleling said side frames, a horizontal pivot rod rigidly secured to each of the side frames, a pair of equal bottom sections pivotally connected at their outer edges to the pivot rods respectively, a central bottom rod to which the meeting edges of the bottom sections are pivotally connected, and a sliding connection between each terminal of the bottom rod and the opposed end bar of the central frame.

5. In a collapsible basket, a pair of side frames having vertical end bars, a central frame paralleling the side frames having parallel end bars, a pair of cross telescopic rods connecting each of the end bars of the side frames to the opposed end bar of the central frame, said telescopic rods being pivotally connected to the end bars, a horizontal pivot rod rigidly secured to each of the side frames, a bottom section pivotally secured to each of said pivot rods, a central bottom rod slidable along the end bars of the central frame, and means pivotally connecting the inner edges of the bottom sections to the central bottom rod.

6. In a collapsible basket, a pair of side frames having parallel end bars, the central frame paralleling the side frames having parallel end bars, a horizontal pivot rod rigidly secured to each of the side frames, a bottom section hinged to each of said pivot rods, a central bottom rod slidable along the end bars of the central frame to which the inner edges of the bottom sections are pivotally connected, and a pair of telescopic crossed rods connecting each of the end bars of the side frames to the opposed end bar of the central frame, said telescopic rods being pivotally connected to the various end bars.

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

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