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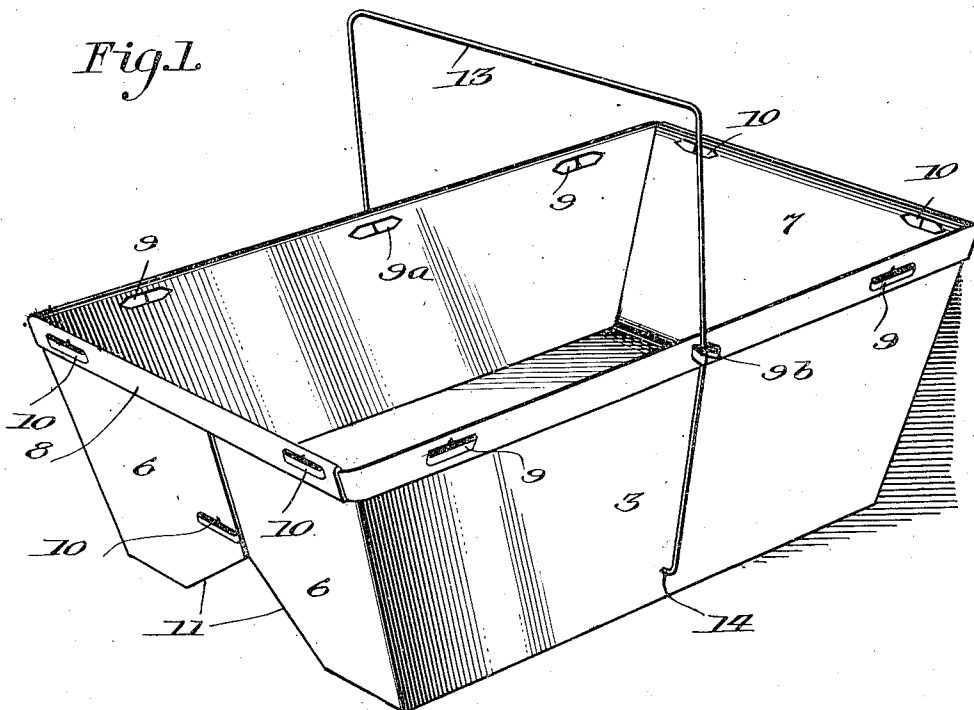
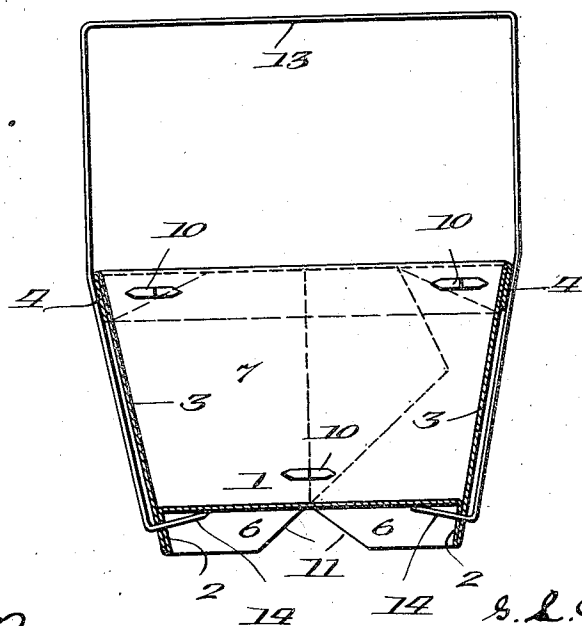


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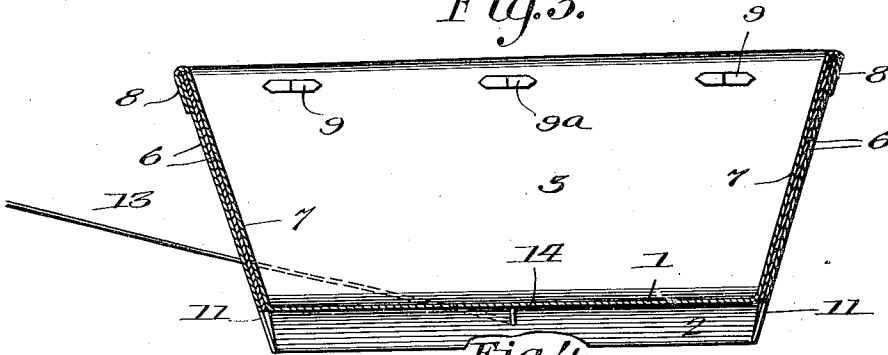
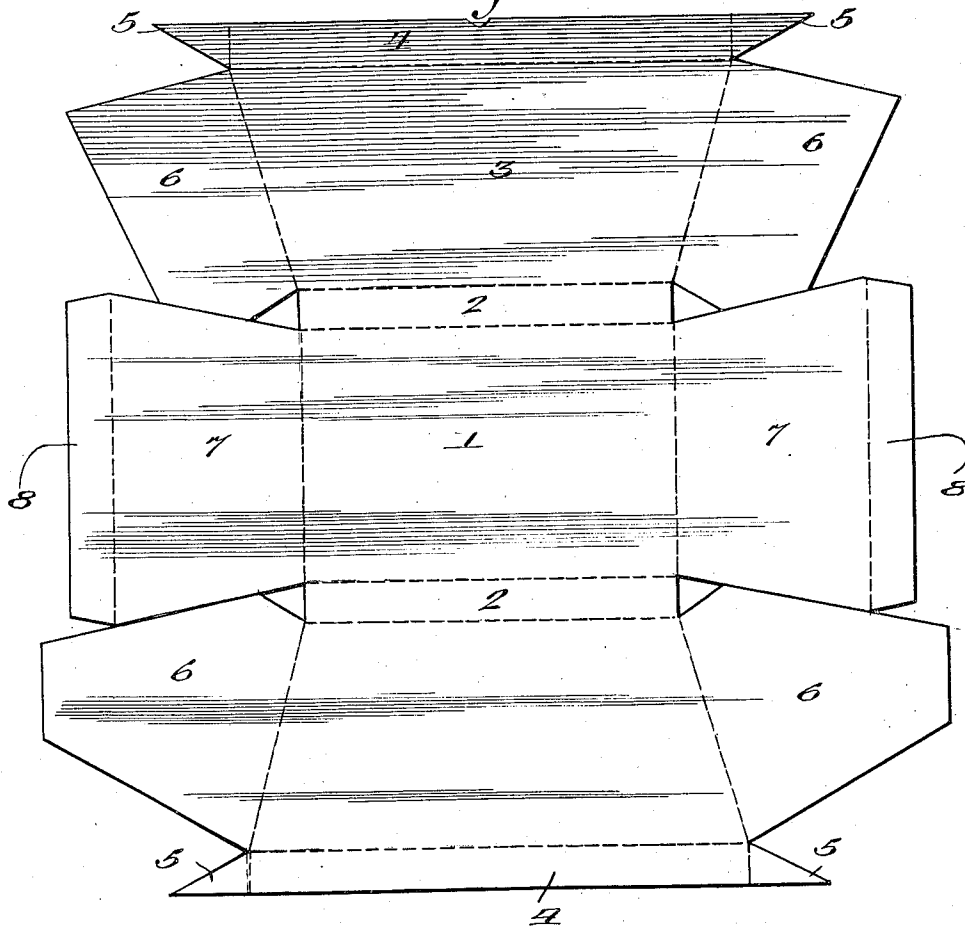


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE L. MORRISON and ALEXANDER A. FORDON, citizens of the United States, residing at Hudson, in the county of Lenawee, and Detroit, in the county of Wayne, respectively, both in the State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Baskets and Handles Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a stiff and strong basket of pasteboard or analogous material and constructed in such manner that it may be produced and sold with profit for a small price.

The invention also contemplates the provision of a basket having below its bottom a passage for the circulation of air which passage will not be shut off from the atmosphere when the basket is placed upon a table or other flat support.

The invention also contemplates providing such a basket with a handle adapted to be swung down when the baskets are to be nested for storage or shipment, and also adapted to be swung up and secured in the latter position when the baskets are to be used.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when the same are read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective showing a basket constructed in accordance with our invention as the same appears when ready for use. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the basket, showing the handle in its working position. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the basket, showing the handle in its idle position. Fig. 4 is a plan of the blank of pasteboard or analogous material of which the major portion of the basket is made.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, and by comparison of Figs. 1 to 3 with Fig. 4, the construction of the major portion of the basket from pasteboard or like material will be readily understood.

The bottom 1 of the basket is provided with opposite depending flanges 2 which form the inner thicknesses of the depending side supports of the basket. The outer

thicknesses of the said side supports are formed by the side walls 3 which extend upward from the lower edges of the flanges 2 and alongside said flanges, and are provided at their upper edges with outwardly and downwardly extending side flanges 4 and outwardly extending end flanges 5 at the ends of said flanges 4, for a purpose hereinafter set forth. Carried at the ends of the side walls 3 and extending throughout the height thereof—i. e., upward from the lower edges of the depending side supports, are flaps 6 which are bent at right angles to the side walls 3, and adapted to be lapped as illustrated. Extending upward from the ends of the bottom or bottom wall 1, are end walls 7, and these latter rest within the pairs of end flaps 6 and are provided at their upper ends with outwardly and downwardly extending flanges 8, which rest at the outer sides of the extensions 5 on the flanges 4, and also at the outer sides of the lapped flaps 6. The flanges 4 are simply bent outward and against their side walls 3, and are connected to said side walls 3 through the medium of through and through fasteners 9; the purpose of the said flanges 4 being to give finish and lend increased stiffness and strength to the upper edges of the side walls 3. The end flanges 8 rest over and are connected by through and through fasteners 10 with the extensions 5 on the flanges 4, the end flaps 6 and the end walls 7, so as to strongly connect the said parts together and strengthen the upper end portions of the basket. It will also be understood in this connection that because of the interposition of the extensions 5 on the flanges 4 between the flanges 8 and the end flaps 6, and the connections at such points, the reinforcement on the upper edge portion of the basket is rendered practically continuous which of itself contributes to the stiffness and strength of the basket.

The pairs of flanges 6 are notched or cut at their lower edges, as indicated by 11. Because of this atmospheric air can freely circulate under the bottom wall 1 when the basket is placed on a table or other flat surface.

The outer portions of the two middle through and through fasteners 9^a are shaped, as indicated by 9^b to form keepers of approximate V-shape in plan. These keepers serve to receive and hold the side portions of the

bail or handle 13 so as to assist in maintaining the bail or handle in the upright, working position shown in Fig. 2. At the lower ends of its side portions the bail or handle 13 is provided with inwardly-directed portions 14, journaled in the depending side supports of the basket. The said portions 14 are also directed upward, Fig. 2, and hence it will be seen that when the bail or handle is in upright position, the ends of the portions 14 will engage the underside of the bottom wall 1, and thereby assist in holding the bail or handle in fixed relation to the basket. The side portions of the bail or handle are sprung into the keepers 9^b and are retained by their resiliency therein, and said side portions are also adapted to be sprung out of the keepers when the bail or handle is to be swung down to the position shown in Fig. 3.

Having described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. In a basket, the combination of a body having a bottom wall and supports depending from opposite edges thereof and also having side walls each of which is made up of a plurality of thicknesses of material, through and through fasteners extending through and connecting said thicknesses of material and having outer portions, of V-shape in plan, and a resilient bail having side portions adapted to be sprung into and out of the V-shaped portions of the fasten-

ers and also having inwardly and upwardly extending terminal portions at the ends of the bail; said terminal portions being journaled in the supports of the body at points slightly below the bottom wall thereof and having their inner ends positioned to engage the bottom wall of the body when the side portions of the bail are in the V-shaped portions of the fasteners.

2. In a basket, the combination with a body having a bottom wall and supports depending from opposite edges thereof and also having side walls and open keepers carried by and extending laterally outward from said side walls; of a resilient bail having side portions adapted to be sprung into and out of said open keepers, and also having inwardly and upwardly extending terminal portions at the lower ends of the side portions, journaled in the supports in a plane slightly below the bottom wall of the body and having ends constructed to engage said bottom wall when the side portions of the bail are in the open keepers, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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