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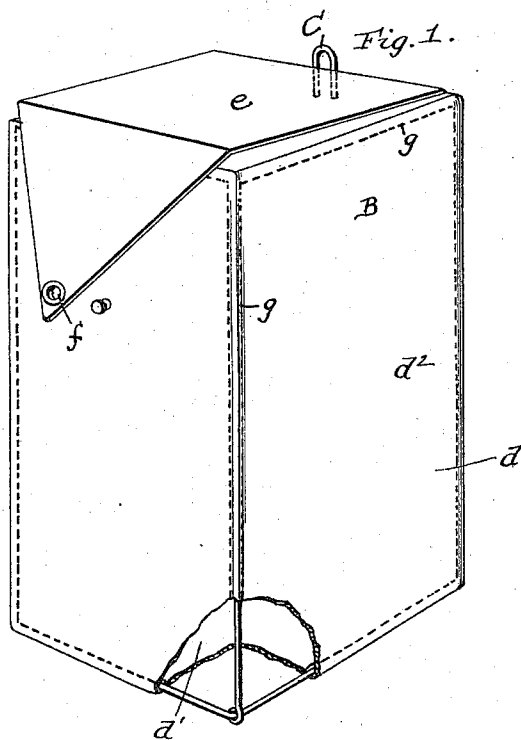
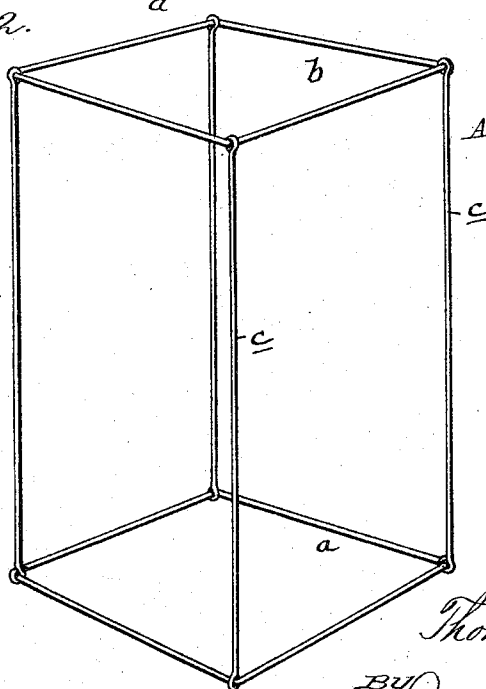


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS PATERSON, a citizen of Canada, residing at Peterborough, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Cases; 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.

My invention has for its general object to provide a very cheap, simple, and light receptacle in which small articles, as collars and cuffs, may be placed and in which they may be conveniently carried to and from the laundry without danger of their being crushed or pressed out of shape; and its novelty and advantages will be fully understood from the following description and claim when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, partly broken away, of my improved receptacle; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the frame removed.

Referring by letters to said drawings, A indicates the frame of my improved receptacle, which is preferably of a general rectangular form, and is preferably made of resilient metal, such as steel wire. When made of such material, it will be observed that the said frame A may be made very light, and while it will be sufficiently rigid to prevent crushing or pressing of the contents of the receptacle it will not be liable to be pressed or bent out of shape by the striking of the receptacle against objects when said receptacle is in use. The said frame A comprises the lower subframe *a*, the upper subframe *b*, both of which are preferably of rectangular form, and the upright corner-rods *c*, which are fixedly connected to the corners of the frames *a* *b*, and it is designed and adapted to give shape to the covering B, which is preferably of white duck, although it may be made of any other washable material. This covering B comprises the body *d*, which is shaped to conform to the frame A, and has the bottom *d'* and the four sides *d''*, and the cover-flap *e*, which is connected to the upper end of the rear wall of the body *d* and is designed to close the receptacle and to be detachably connected to

the front wall of the body *d* by a suitable fastener, (indicated by *f*.) The body *d* of the said covering B is detachably connected to the frame A by stitches *g*, and it will therefore be seen that when the covering is soiled it may be readily removed from the frame and laundered and may then be as readily replaced on and attached to the frame A.

C indicates a loop of some suitable material, which is attached to the upper end of the rear wall of the covering-body *d* and is designed to serve as a means for hanging the receptacle upon a nail or the like.

It will be seen from the foregoing that my improved receptacle may be manufactured very cheaply and that in virtue of its construction and the fact that the covering may be removed and laundered it will last for an indefinite period of time. It will also be observed that the resiliency of the frame A admits of the said frame being made very light and yet enables it to preserve the shape of the receptacle and prevents it from being bent or pressed out of shape and also prevents crushing or pressing of the receptacle.

While I prefer to employ a frame of resilient material, I do not desire to be understood as confining myself to the same, as when desired a frame formed of stiff material may be employed.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described laundry-receptacle comprising essentially the frame A, having the lower and upper rectangular subframes and the upright bars fixedly and permanently connected to the corners of the subframes and connecting said subframes together, the removable textile covering arranged on the frame and having the bottom *d'*, sides *d''*, hook C, on the rear wall thereof and the flap connected to the upper end of the rear side *d''*, and adapted to be detachably connected to the front side and the stitches detachably connecting the covering and the bars of the frame, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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