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MINNOW BUCKET.

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Fig. 1.

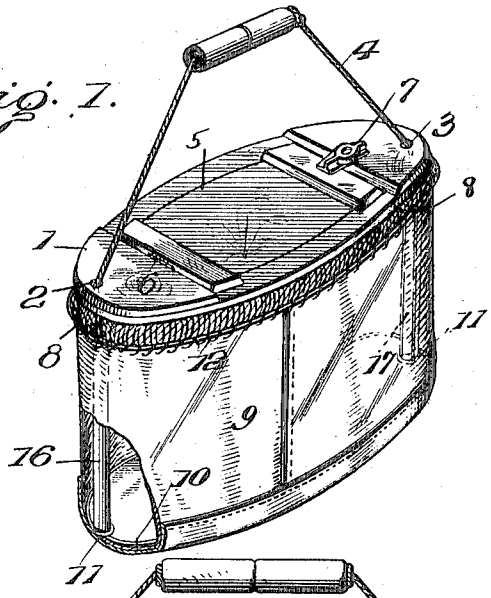


Fig. 4.

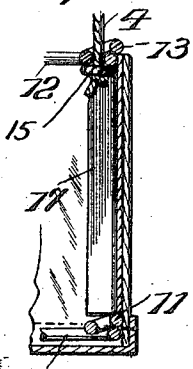


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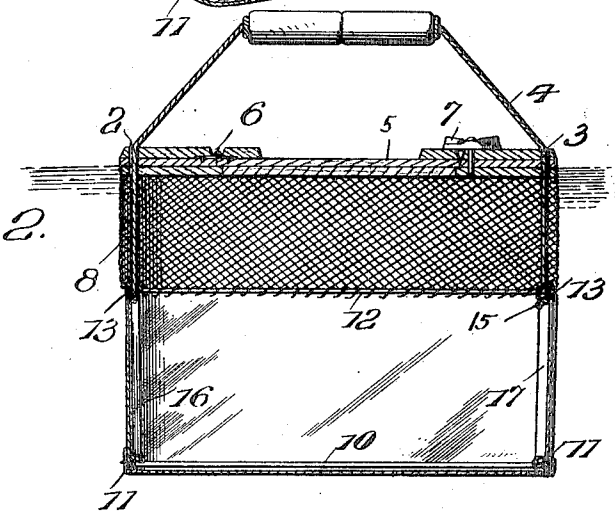
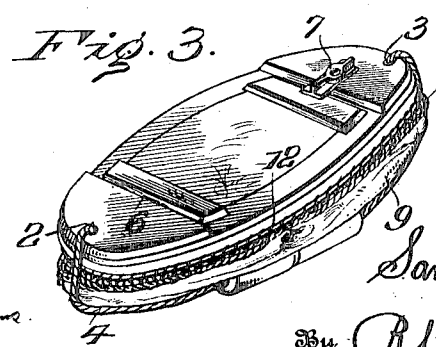


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Fresno, in the county of Fresno and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Minnow-Buckets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in minnow buckets, and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind which may be folded into a very small space, and which may also be extended and used as a floating bucket well adapted to keep the minnows alive and fresh.

The invention consists in the construction and the arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and then claimed at the end hereof.

In the drawing accompanying and forming part hereof: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a minnow bucket made in accordance with my invention, but with the netting collapsed. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same when fully extended in the position it would occupy when floating in the water. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the parts of the bucket folded compactly together. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail.

Referring now to the details of the drawing by numerals: 1 designates a cover having apertures 2 and 3 therein, large enough to permit the bail 4 of rope or other material to move readily in said apertures. This cover or top 1 is of wood or other material so that it will float in the water as illustrated in Fig. 2, and its central part is provided with a door 5 hinged at 6 and provided with any form of locking device 7. To the under part of the cover or top 1, I secure a netting 8 which, in use, extends downwardly from the cover or top and completely surrounds the same. To the bottom of this netting, I secure a canvas bucket 9 which, when in use, occupies the position shown in Fig. 2. To the bottom of this canvas bucket 9, I secure a stiff reinforcing wire 10 having a loop 11 at each end of the bucket. A similar reinforcing wire 12 is secured to the top of the canvas bucket 9 and is also provided with loops or eyes 13. The ends of the bail 4 hereinbefore referred to pass down through the eyes or loops 13 of the upper reinforcing wire 12, the ends of the bail being knotted below said eyes as indicated at 15. The result of the construction so far described is that when the bail is drawn through the apertures 2 of the top or cover 1, the effect is to draw the canvas bucket up against the bottom edge of the top or cover 1, the collapsible netting readily permitting this to be done. The bucket may be carried in this position if desired, or the bucket may be entirely collapsed into the position shown in Fig. 3. When in use, the bucket is in the position illustrated in Fig. 2 and while it will hold itself extended, when filled with water, a further degree of rigidness may be obtained by placing detachable struts of wood or metal between the eyes 13 of the wire reinforcement 12 and the upper reinforcement 10, these struts being indicated at 16 and 17.

From the foregoing and the accompanying drawing it will be seen that I have provided a very simple form of bait bucket which may be entirely collapsed as illustrated in Fig. 3 or which may be carried in the position shown in Fig. 1, or which may be entirely opened and used as a floating bucket as illustrated in Fig. 2.

I am aware that it has been proposed to have a bucket for fish consisting of a floating top and a wire body suspended therefrom, and I do not claim such as my invention; however, I believe I am the first to provide a bait bucket in which there is a collapsible canvas bucket suspended from a floating top with an intervening section of mesh between the two.

What I claim as my invention, is:—

1. A bait bucket comprising a top or cover of buoyant material, canvas sides and bottom for said bucket, and netting connecting said canvas sides with the top or cover of buoyant material, said sides and bottom of canvas and the netting between said sides and the buoyant top or cover being collapsible against the latter and forming one continuous bucket when extended, substantially as described.

2. A bait bucket comprising a top or cover of buoyant material, netting projecting downwardly therefrom, a canvas bottom projecting from said netting and a bail projecting through the cover and extending down through the netting and securing the netting to the top of the canvas bucket, substantially as described.

3. A bait bucket comprising a top or cover, netting projecting downwardly therefrom,

a canvas bottom projecting from said netting, and a reinforcing wire at the top of the canvas bottom to which the netting is connected, substantially as described.

4. A bait bucket comprising a top or cover, netting projecting downwardly therefrom, a canvas bottom projecting from said netting, a reinforcing wire at the top of the canvas bottom to which the netting is connected, and a bail projecting through the cover and extending down through the netting and secured to the said reinforcing wire, substantially as described.

5. A bait bucket comprising a top or cover projecting downwardly therefrom, a canvas bottom projecting from said netting, a reinforcing wire at the top of the canvas bottom, and a reinforcing wire at the bottom of said canvas bottom, and struts located between said reinforcing wires, substantially as described.

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

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