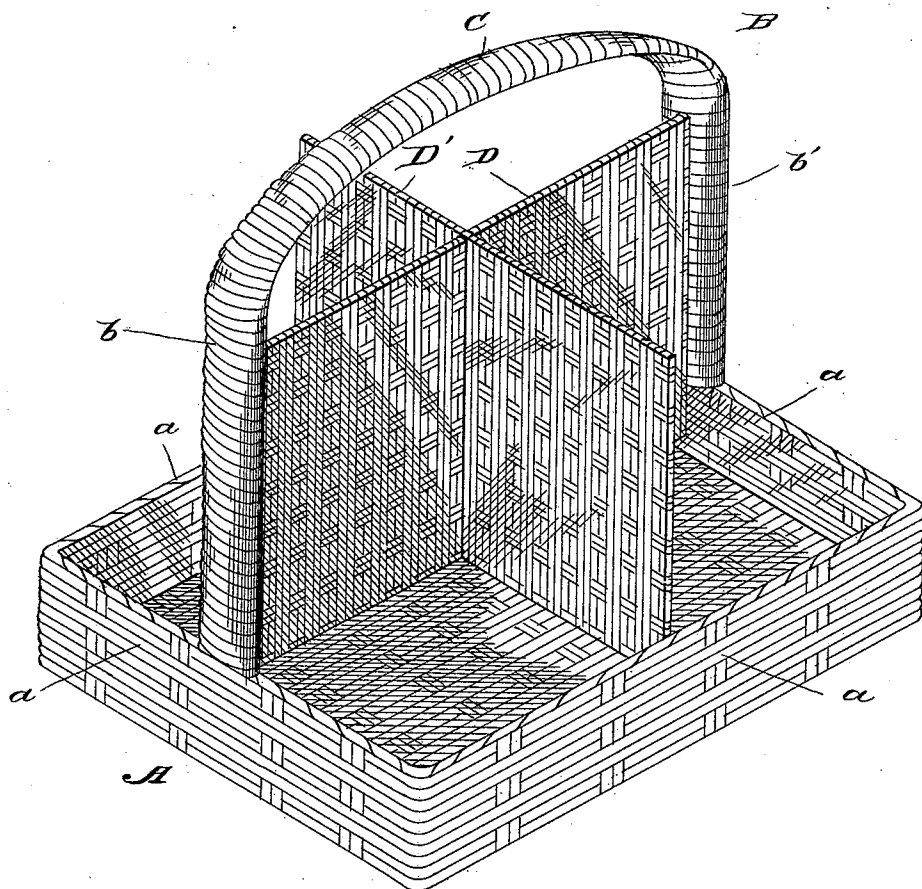


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY T. BLAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manitou, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pitcher-Carrying Baskets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to trays or baskets for carrying pitchers or other handled vessels of glass or earthenware, the said basket being one of that class in which a separate compartment is provided for each one of the articles to be carried. An objection to existing compartment baskets for similar use is that where the compartments for the same are placed closely together to secure a convenient and compact arrangement of the articles to be carried, the projecting noses and handles of the pitchers are liable to be chipped and broken by contact with each other if the tray be tilted or jostled by the person carrying the same. To overcome this difficulty I have invented and constructed the improved tray or basket the arrangement of which is such that without sacrificing convenience and compactness in placing the compartments, the vessels contained in the several compartments are nowhere in contact with each other and so all danger of chipping or breaking the same is overcome, while suitable provision is made to permit the handles on the pitchers to project over the sides of the basket or tray.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this specification I have shown in perspective my improved tray or basket.

In the said drawing I have shown a basket or tray A, which is preferably made of the ordinary basket-willow, although it may be made of any suitable material, as wood-veneer, wire netting, &c., without departing from the spirit of my invention. The said tray or basket has upturned sides or outer flanges *a* entirely surrounding it and of a height sufficient to prevent the articles carried in the said basket from falling out of the same. To the two opposite edges of the basket A is attached a handle B consisting of two upright portions or posts and a connecting portion.

In the same vertical plane with the handle

B is a partition D dividing the said basket A into two compartments, the upper portion of said partition D being attached to the posts or upright parts of the handle B and thus serving to give rigidity to said handle B, while the lower portion of the said partition D, is attached to the sides *a* of the basket A. This partition D is of much greater height than the outer sides *a* for the reasons hereinafter set forth. Placed at right angles to the partition D and midway of the same is a second partition D' which is of the same height as said first named partition D and is secured, at its middle to the same. The outer ends of partition D' are secured at their lower portions to the sides *a*. These partitions D and D' and the manner in which they are secured, serve to brace the basket and its supporting handles B.

It will be seen that I provide a compartment basket having vertical outer sides inclosing the same and inner dividing partitions of much greater height than the said outer sides. The outer sides *a*, although of sufficient height to prevent all danger of the pitchers or other articles from slipping from the basket, do not interfere with the handles or noses of the said articles and so prevent the same from resting firmly on the bottom of the basket A. The dividing partitions D D', on the other hand, are of such height that the articles in the several compartments cannot come in contact with each other and become chipped or broken.

It will be understood that I do not confine myself to the particular arrangement of compartments and dividing partitions which I have shown herein and described, since these may be altered to suit the particular purpose for which the basket is designed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A compartment basket or tray having outer inclosing vertical sides and inner dividing partitions of greater height than said sides.

2. A compartment basket having outer inclosing sides a supporting handle attached thereto and inner dividing partitions of greater height than said sides.

3. A compartment basket having outer in-

closing sides, a handle attached thereto, an inner dividing partition attached to said sides and to said supporting handle, and a second dividing partition at right angles to the first
5 and secured thereto and to the said outer sides, said partitions being of a height greater than the said outer sides.

4. In a compartment basket, the combination of the basket A, having the outer vertical sides *a*, the handle B attached to said sides

and the partitions D, D' attached to said outer sides *a* and to said handle B, said partitions D, D' being of greater height than the said outer sides.

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

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