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BASKET BALL GOAL

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Fig. 1.

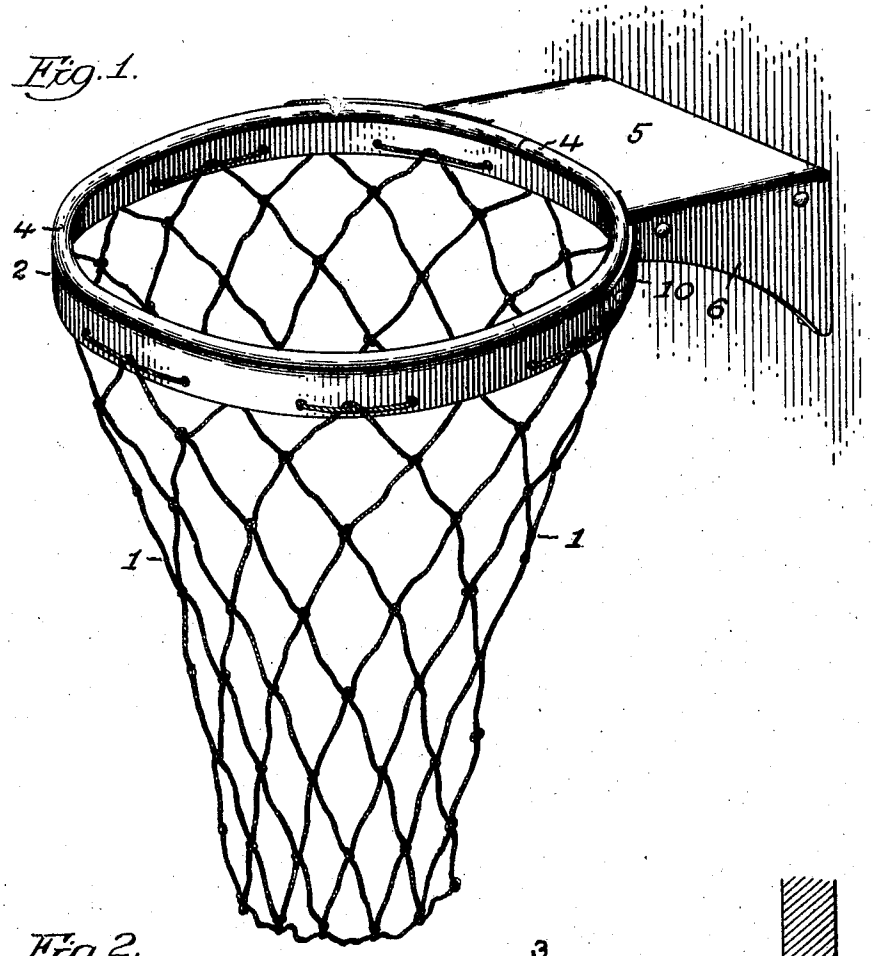


Fig. 2.

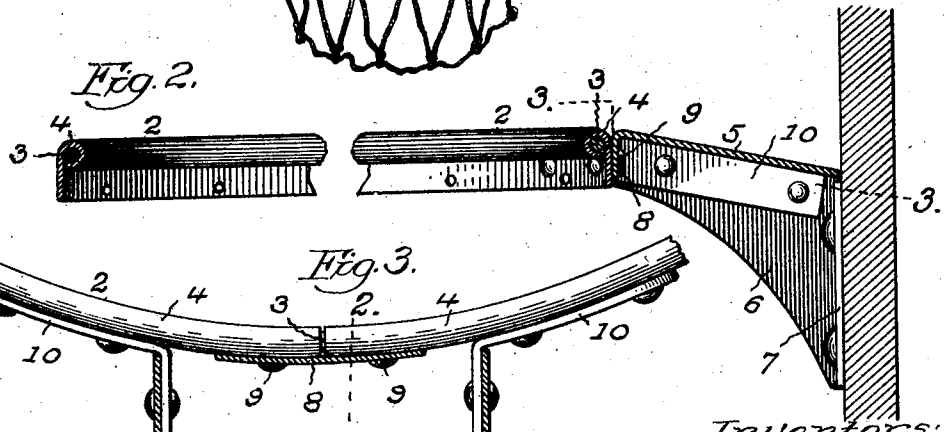
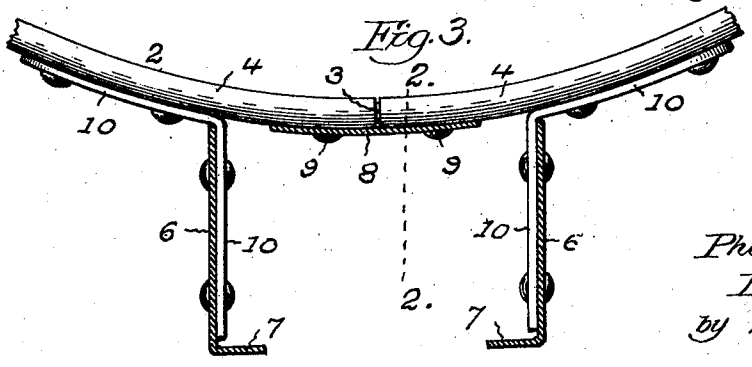


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, PHILIP S. MEDART and FRANK ALBACH, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Basket-Ball Goals, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the type of goal brackets for indoor basket ball and like games in which a flexible body of netting is carried by an annular top rim, which in turn is secured to the wall of a building or like support, and the present improvement has for its object:—

To provide a structural formation and association of parts whereby the annular rim of the goal basket is secured to the face of a wall or like support in a firm and substantial manner with full clearance around and beneath the body of the basket, all as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Fig. 1, is a perspective view of a basket ball goal, embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2, is a sectional elevation of the same, on line 2—2, Fig. 3.

Fig. 3, is detail sectional plan view on line 3—3, Fig. 2.

Like reference numerals indicate like parts in the different views.

In the present construction the body 1 of the basket is of the usual netting type and depends from and is wholly supported by an annualar plate metal border rim 2 of substantially the same formation as the rim of the prior Albach Patent No. 1,308,831 of July 8, 1919, with the exception that in the present structure the rim 2 is of a split form, with the split ends connected and reinforced by a core rod 3 inserted in the interior of the tubular upper portion 4 of the aforesaid border rim.

The main feature of the present improvement, involves in connection with a basket structure of the type above set forth, a supporting bracket by means of which the basket is fixedly attached to the face of a wall or like support, with such bracket comprising a detail construction as follows:

The main body portion 5 of the bracket is formed of plate metal having downturned flanges or bracing webs 6 at its respective sides, with such side webs 6 bent inwardly at their rear ends to provide flanges 7 by which the bracket is attached to the face of a wall or like support. To such end the flanges 7 are formed with orifices for the passage of attaching screws or bolts.

At its forward end the body portion 5 of the bracket is formed with a central downturned flange or web 8 arranged to span the heretofore described split in the border rim 2, and be secured thereto by rivets 9 passing through said flange 8 and the depending web of the rim 2.

Supplementary to the bracket structure just described, angle bars 10 are riveted or otherwise secured by their rear portions to the inner faces of the respective side flanges or webs 6 of the bracket body 5, while their forward and curved end portions are in like manner secured to the depending flange of the border rim 2 aforesaid.

With the described construction, a substantial means of support for a goal basket is provided, with full clearance all around the body of the basket and without any depending accessories to interfere with proper playing of the game.

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

1. In a goal basket, the combination of a flexible basket body, an annular rim supporting said body, an attaching bracket having a flat body portion, depending side flanges on said body portion formed with attaching flanges at their rear ends, a central downturned flange at the forward end of the body portion for attachment to the aforesaid annular rim, and angle bars secured to said side flanges and to said annular rim.

2. In a goal basket, the combination of a flexible basket body, an annular rim of a split form supporting said body, an attaching bracket having a flat body portion, depending side flanges on said body portion formed with inturned attaching flanges at their rear ends, a central downturned flange at the forward end of said body portion for attachment to the aforesaid annular rim and spanning the split in the same, and angle bars secured to said side flanges of the bracket body and to said annular rim.

3. In a goal basket, the combination of a flexible basket body, an annular plate metal

rim of the split form supporting said body and formed with a tubular upper portion and a depending skirt portion, an attaching bracket having a flat portion, depending side flanges on said body portion formed with attaching flanges at their rear ends, a central downturned flange at the forward end of said body portion for attachment to the aforesaid annular rim and spanning the split thereof, and angle bars secured to the side flanges of the bracket body and to the depending skirt of the aforesaid annular rim.

4. In a goal basket, the combination of a flexible basket body, an annular plate metal rim of the split form supporting said body and formed with a tubular upper portion and a depending skirt portion, an attaching bracket having a flat body portion, depending side flanges on said body portion formed with attaching flanges at their rear ends, a central downturned flange at the forward end of said body portion for attachment to the aforesaid annular rim and spanning the split thereof, angle bars secured to the side flanges of the bracket body and to the depending skirt of the aforesaid annular rim, and a reinforcing rod in the interior of the tubular upper portion of the annular rim and spanning the split in the same.

Signed at St. Louis, Missouri, this 25th day of September, 1924.

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