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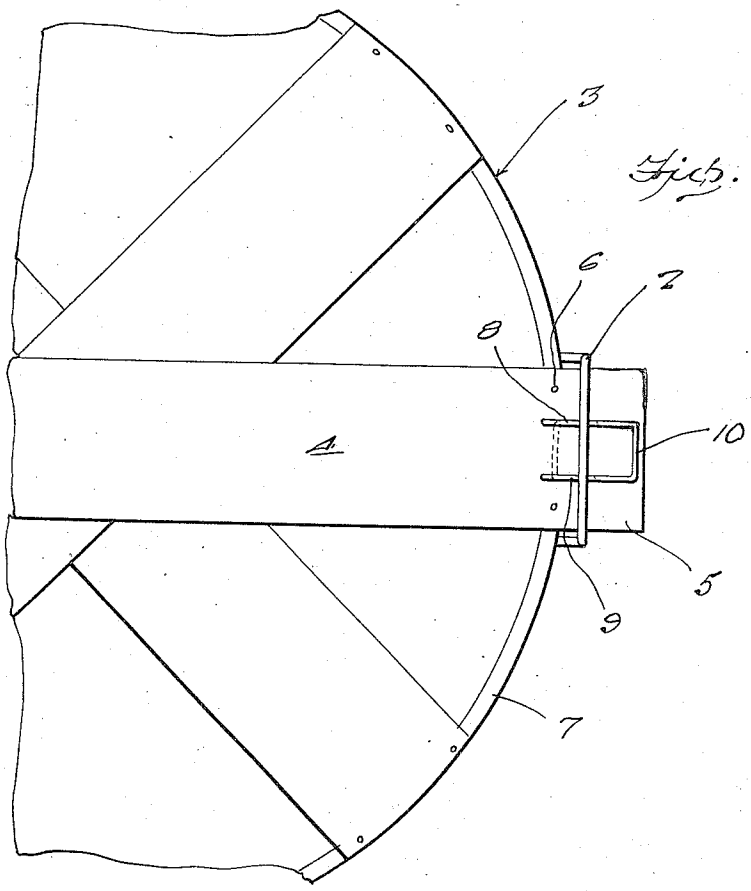
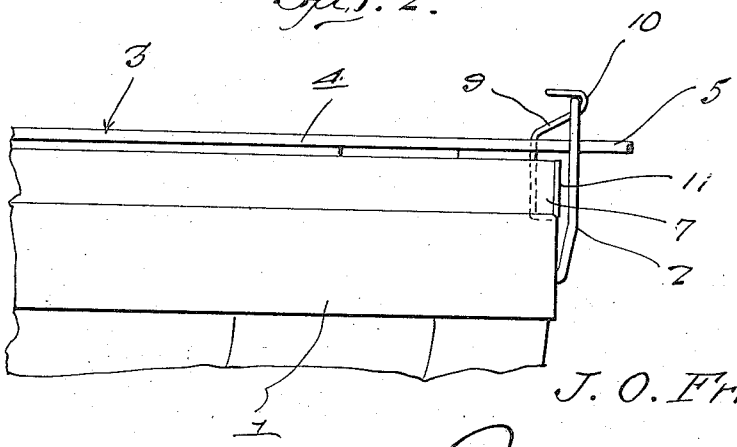


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES O. FRIZZELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Weslaco, in the county of Hidalgo and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cover-Securing Means for Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in means for securing the cover of a basket or the like in position thereon after the same has been filled so as to prevent any possibility of the loss of goods contained within the basket while the same is in transportation.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cover securing means of the above mentioned character, wherein the same is adapted to cooperate with the handles provided on the sides of the basket in the usual manner, whereby the cover will be held on the basket preventing accidental displacement therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character, which may be easily and quickly actuated when it is desired to lock the cover or remove the cover from the basket, as the case may be.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character, which is simple in construction, inexpensive, strong and durable, and further well adapted for the purposes for which it is designated.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification, and in which like numerals designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary plan view of a cover for a basket with my improved fastening means in position thereon, and

Figure 2 is a fragmentary side elevation showing the manner in which the fastening means is locked in engagement with the handles of the basket.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration, is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a basket which is of the well known construction and is provided with the usual handle 2 which is formed of wire, being substantially U-shaped and adapted to be supported on the opposed sides of the basket adjacent the upper rim thereof in the manner as clearly shown in Figure 2 of the drawing. Cooperating with the top of the basket 1, is the cover designated generally by the numeral 3 and the same is formed of the same material as the basket 1. Usually the basket 1 and cover therefore is constructed of flattened thin strips of wood, although it is to be understood that the basket cover may be constructed of any other suitable material desirable. One of the slats 4 of the cover 3 is adapted to extend beyond the peripheral edge of the cover as clearly illustrated by the numeral 5 and the purpose of this construction is to provide a means for extending through the looped portion of each of the handles 2. It is to be understood, of course, that the slat 4 has both of its ends provided with extensions, but as the construction of these are identical, the description of one, it is thought, will suffice for the description of both.

Extending through suitable apertures 6 provided in the slat 4 adjacent the rim 7 of the cover 3, are the arms 8 and 9 respectively, of the substantially U-shaped bendable wire 10. The outer free ends of the arms are adapted to extend around the bottom of the rim 7 and are bent upwardly to engage the outer faces of the rim of the cover in the manner as shown at 11 in the drawing. The looped portion of the U-shaped member 10 extends on the upper face of the slat 4 and being formed of wire, the same is adapted to extend through the looped portion of the handle 2 and is then adapted to be bent around the bight portion in the manner as shown in Figure 2 of the drawing. In this manner, it will be readily seen that the handle 2 of the basket will be held in an upright position over the extension 5 of the slat 4 and will be retained in such position by means of the hooked upper portion of the U-shaped member 10, thus preventing the accidental displacement of the cover from the top of the basket so that the contents within the basket cannot be removed or accidentally spilled without first disengaging the hooked portion of the U-shaped member 10 from engagement with the upper end of the handle 2 and then bending and swinging the handle 2 over the extension 5 of the slat 4.

It will thus be seen from the foregoing

description, that a cover for a basket has been provided wherein fastening means is associated therewith for preventing the removal of the cover from the basket without first disengaging the fastening elements and as the same is very simple in construction, the same may be easily actuated without much loss of time or labor. The simplicity of my device furthermore enables the same to be placed on all kinds of receptacles having removable covers therefor and wherein the receptacles are provided with swinging handles adjacent the top thereof.

While I have shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In combination with a basket including a looped handle supported adjacent the top thereof, and a cover for said basket; of means for retaining said cover on said basket comprising an extension formed on said cover and extending through the looped portion of said handle, and a wire fastener carried by said extension and adapted to be bent over into locked engagement with the bight portion of said handle.

2. In combination with a basket including a looped handle supported adjacent the top thereof, and a cover for said basket, of means for retaining said cover on said basket comprising an extension formed on said cover and extending through the looped portion of said handle when the latter is in an upright position, a substantially U-shaped wire having the arms thereof extending through said extension, the free ends thereof being bent around into engagement with the rim of the basket, the looped portion of said U-shaped wire extending through the looped portion of said handle and being adapted to be bent around the bight portion of said handle into locked engagement therewith.

3. In combination with a basket including a U-shaped handle supported adjacent the top thereof, and a cover for said basket, of means for retaining said cover on said basket comprising an extension formed on said cover, said extension adapted to extend through the looped portion of said handle when the latter is in an upright position, a substantially U-shaped wire fastener having the arms thereof extending through said extension and having the free ends thereof in engagement with the rim of the cover, the looped portion of said U-shaped wire fastener extending through the looped portion and being bent around the crown portion of said U-shaped handle.

4. An article of the class described comprising a basket provided at its top and at substantially diametrically opposite points with the U-shaped bails forming handles, said bails being composed of bendable material, a cover for said basket, a slat extending crosswise of the cover with is ends projecting beyond the marginal edge of the cover and extending through said bail, said extensions terminating within the path of swing of said handles to permit the latter to clear the extensions when bent and swung down, and coacting means between the cover and handles for releasably holding the cover in place.

5. A basket cover provided with a slat extending transversely across the center thereof beyond the marginal edges to form extensions adapted to cooperate with handles on the basket, and a pair of bendable U-shaped wire members having their arms connected with the ends of the slat, said members being adapted to have their looped portions bent to provide inwardly directed hooks to be detachably connected with the bight portions of the basket handles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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