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CLOTHESPIN BASKET.

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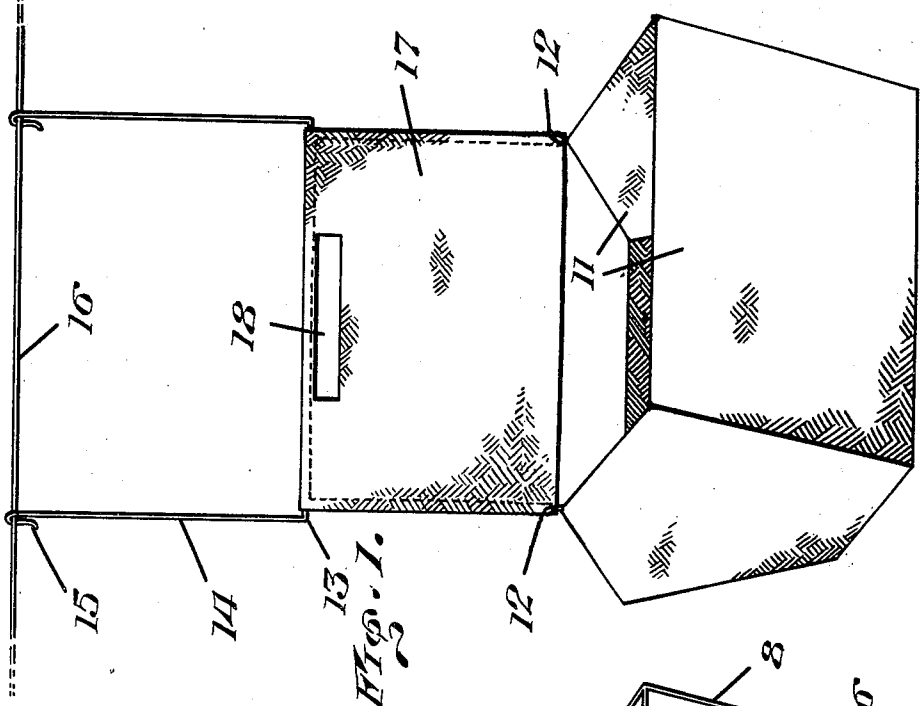


Fig. 1.

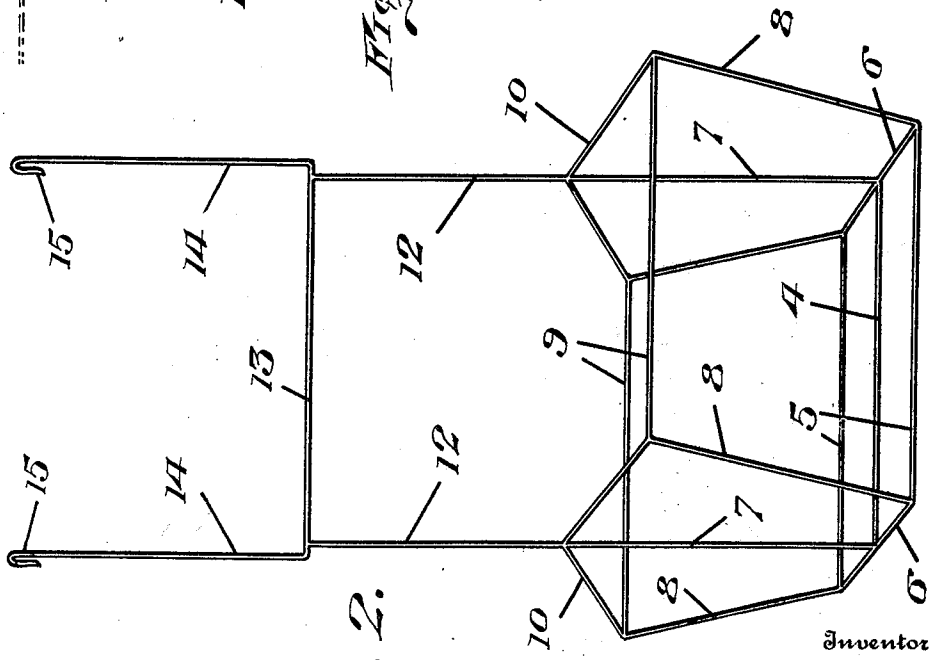


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WEST, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing at Central City, in the county of Merrick and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothespin-Baskets; and I do hereby 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.

The present invention relates generally to baskets, and aims to provide a novel and improved receptacle of that kind adapted especially for holding clothes pins, although useful for other purposes.

The object of the invention is the provision of such a basket having novel features of construction for suspending it from the clothes line and for stopping the clothes pins which are thrown over the basket, for directing them downward into the basket.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the basket, showing same suspended from the clothes line.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the skeleton frame of the basket.

The frame of the basket is composed of wire or other suitable material, and as shown in Fig. 2 has the parallel longitudinal central and side members 4 and 5 at the bottom connected at their ends to transverse end members 6. Vertical members 7 extend upwardly from the members 6 at the ends of the central longitudinal bottom member 4, and corner members 8 diverge upwardly from the ends of the members 5 and 6. The upper ends of the corner members 8 are connected by the upper longitudinal side members 9, and said ends of the members 8 and members 9 are connected to the members 7 by upwardly converging end members 10. Said members constitute the frame of the body of the basket, and are covered with suitable fabric of other material, as at 11, which may be of fancy or ornamental appearance, and which provides a receptacle for the clothes pins or other articles.

In order to suspend the basket from the clothes line, the members 7 have extensions 12 projecting upwardly above the ends of the body of the basket, and they are connected at their upper ends to a longitudinal yoke 13 having upwardly extending terminals 14 provided with hooks 15 to hook over the clothes line 16 for suspending the basket, as seen in Fig. 1.

A curtain 17 which may be of similar material as used for the body, is supported in a vertical longitudinal plane over the longitudinal center of the body, the upper edge of this curtain being secured to a yoke 13 and the vertical side edges to the extensions 12. The lower edge of the curtain, however, is free or loose thereby relieving the lower portion of the curtain from tension so that when clothes pins are thrown over the body of the basket, as when thrown too high, they will strike the curtain 17, and such curtain being loose will avoid the pins bouncing back beyond the rim of the body. To the contrary, the pins in striking the curtain will be stopped, and will drop into the body of the basket. In this way, the curtain thus serves to stop pins that would otherwise pass over the basket, when thrown too high, and will cause said pins to drop into the basket. This greatly assists in throwing the pins into the basket, and eliminates the care that would otherwise be necessary in placing the pins therein.

The curtain 17 has a slot or opening 18 near its upper edge below the yoke 13 to provide a hand hold for the insertion of the fingers under the yoke 13 of the basket.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A clothes pin basket comprising a body including a frame having a portion above the mouth of the body, and a flexible curtain secured to said portion between the opposite sides of the body to stop articles thrown over said sides of the body, said portion having members extending upwardly and formed with hooks to engage over a clothes line.

2. A basket comprising a body, and a flexible curtain above the body between opposite sides of the body for stopping articles thrown over said sides so that they will drop thereinto.

3. A basket comprising a body including

a frame having a portion above the mouth of the body, and a flexible curtain secured to said portion between opposite sides of the body with its lower edge free above the body to stop articles thrown over said sides of the body.

4. A basket comprising a body, members extending upwardly therefrom, a yoke connected to said members, and a curtain having its upper and vertical side edges secured to said yoke and members between opposite sides of the body with its lower edge free so as to stop articles thrown over the body so that they will fall into same.

5. A basket comprising a body, members extending upwardly therefrom, a yoke connected to said members, and a curtain having its upper and vertical side edges secured to said yoke and member with its lower edge free between opposite sides of the body so as to stop articles thrown over the body so that they will fall into same, said curtain having an opening underneath the yoke providing a hand hold.

6. A basket comprising a body including a frame having opposite extensions projecting upwardly from the body at the opposite ends midway between the sides of the body, a yoke connected to said extensions and having upwardly extending portions with hooks to engage over a clothes line, and a flexible curtain secured to said yoke and extensions over the body between the sides thereof to stop articles thrown over said sides of the body.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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