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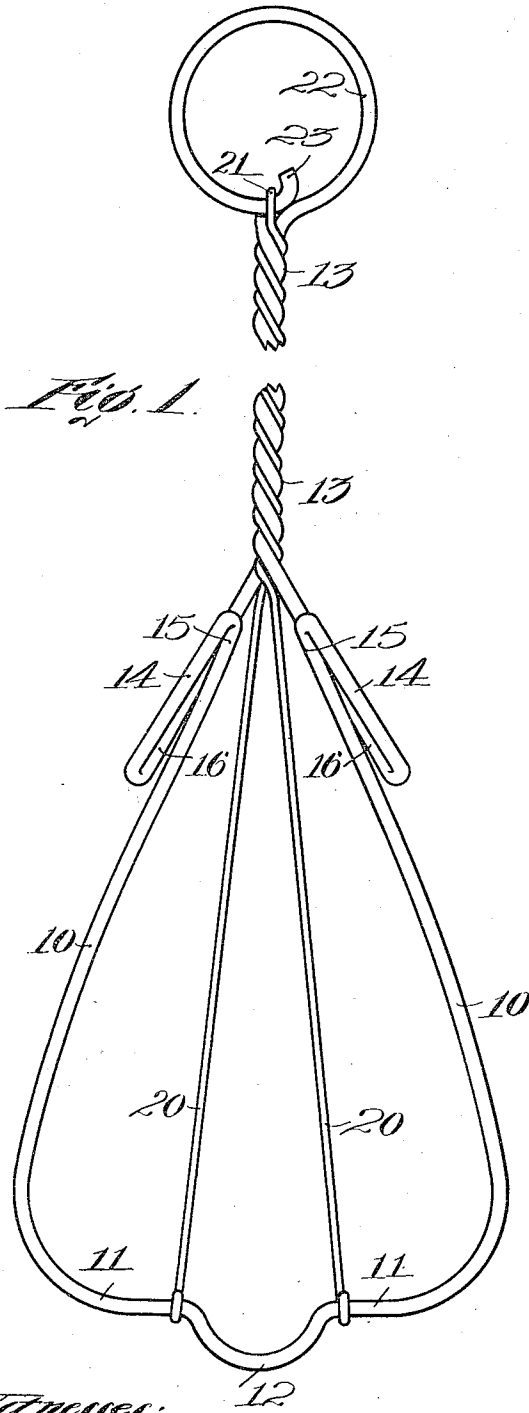


Fig. 1.

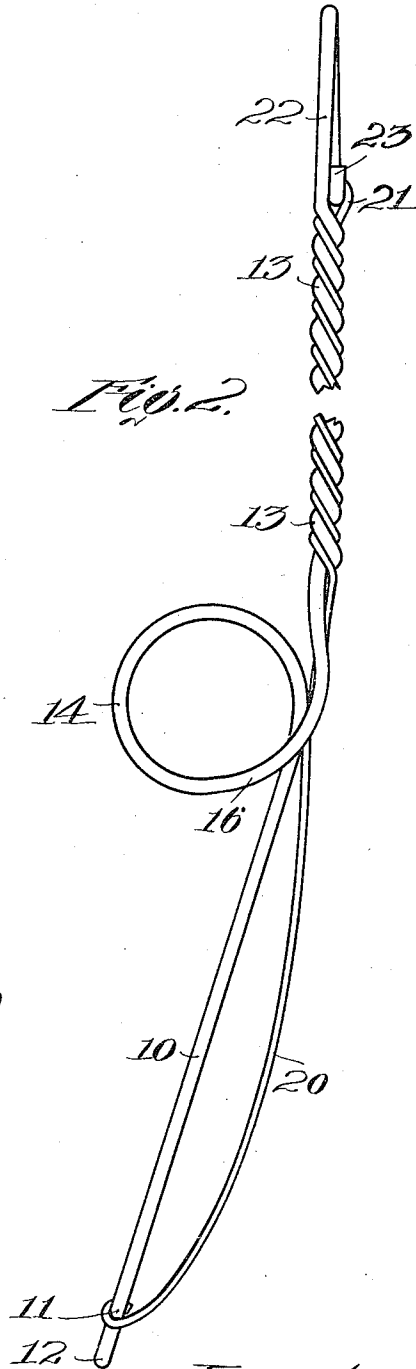


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES HICKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Kitchen Utensil, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a kitchen utensil of the general form of a ladle suitable for lifting vegetables, eggs, and other articles from a pot or pan.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide a simple and inexpensive construction of skeleton ladle suitable for the purpose described above, which can be made in a very inexpensive manner from wire; and to provide means thereon formed integrally with the wire of the frame for the purpose of holding articles, particularly eggs, on the body of the ladle when the same is tipped up into inclined position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a construction in which the several parts of the device will unite at one end and be twisted together to form a stiff handle.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of a kitchen utensil constructed in accordance with this invention; and Fig. 2 is a side view thereof.

The invention is shown in the drawings as in a form in which the main body thereof comprises side members 10 and a cross bar 11 at the end thereof, all formed from a single integral piece of wire. The end cross bar is provided with an offset 12. The side members converge toward each other from their points of junction with the cross bar until they meet at the rear. They are then twisted together to form a handle 13.

Each of the side members is provided with an integral coil 14 supported entirely by the side members and located near the rear. These coils extend upwardly in planes transverse to that containing the two side members and constitute rings adapted to engage an egg or vegetable, or the like, to hold the same in position on the device when it is tipped up. On account of the converging location of the side members, the planes of the coils converge approximately in the same direction so that they are particularly suitable for this purpose.

As the side members extend inwardly toward the handle at the point 15 and then are coiled outwardly at 16 the wire at 16 is on the outside of the part 15. This brings the innermost edges of the rings 14 closer together and causes them to make a more acute angle with each other than the side members.

The bottom of the ladle is formed by longitudinal bars 20 which are bent around the cross bar 11 at points adjacent to the offset 12, so that they are not capable of sliding toward each other at this point. Two of these bars are shown of smaller gage than the frame 10. They are at a lower level than the sides 10 and converge toward each other at the back and are twisted in with the wires of the frame to complete the handle. In fact these two bars are formed from a single length of wire, being connected at the outer end of the handle by a loop 21. As the handle is formed of all these wires twisted together it will be understood that it is relatively strong and rigid. At the end of the handle one of the larger wires is continued out and bent around to form a ring 22. The end of this ring is provided with a hook 23 and this is hooked into the loop 21 formed by the junction of the bars or wires 20. This provides for a strong ring and one that is not likely to straighten out at the end. It will be seen also that by making the two bars 20 integral with each other and bent double at the loop 21 the whole device is formed of two wires so connected together as to make a very strong and efficient construction for the purpose specified.

While I have illustrated and described a preferred form of the invention, I am aware that many modifications can be made therein by any person skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claims. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction shown and described, but

What I do claim is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil comprising side members, said side members extending rearwardly and forming a handle, and opposite projections extending up from and supported entirely by the two side members near the handle, and in planes transverse to that of the side members and integral therewith but independent thereof.

2. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil comprising a wire frame having two integral side members converging toward each other and united at the rear, a rigid handle integral with said side members and extending from the point of union thereof, and two integral rings extending up from the side members and in planes transverse to that of the side members, connected with each side member near the handle.

3. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil comprising a wire frame having a front cross bar, and two side members, said side members converging toward each other from said cross bar and meeting at the rear, and a handle formed by twisting the continuations of said side members together, each of said members having a coil extending up therefrom near the handle to a height substantially equal to the width of the frame at that point.

4. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil comprising a frame consisting of a single piece of wire having a front cross bar provided with an offset center, sides meeting at the rear and continuing rearwardly to form a handle, each side having an integral coil extending upwardly therefrom near the handle, and longitudinal bars secured to said cross bar near the offset and extending between the side members of the frame and at a lower level, said bars being connected with the extensions of the side members to strengthen the handle.

5. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil comprising a frame consisting of a single piece of wire having a front cross bar, sides twisted together at the rear to form a handle, each side having a coil extending up therefrom near the handle, and bars secured to said cross bar and extending between the side members of the frame, said bars being twisted in with the extensions of the side members to strengthen the handle.

6. As an article of manufacture, a kitchen utensil in the general form of a ladle formed of two pieces of wire, one piece being bent near the center to form a front cross bar and two sides extending inwardly from said cross bar, the two parts thereof being twisted together and having a ring at the end integral with one of said parts and provided with a hook on the end, the other wire being bent double to form a loop engaging said hook, the two strands thereof being twisted in with the two strands of the first named wire to form a handle, and the ends thereof extending between the two strands of the first named wire longitudinally of the ladle and secured to the cross bar thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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