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Fig. 1.

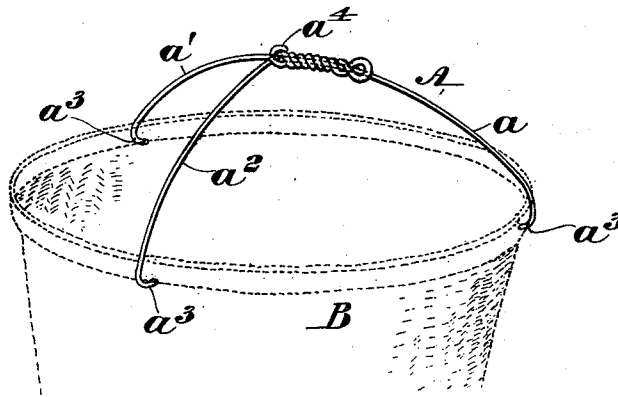


Fig. 2.

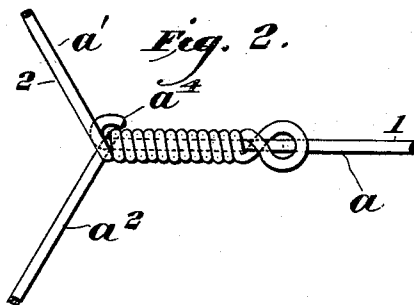
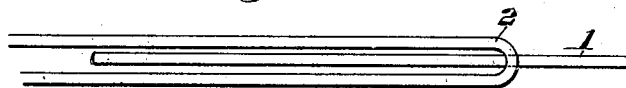


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL F. ROBBINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Langhorne, in the county of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Basket Handles or Carriers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device as applied to the head of a fruit-basket, the latter being partially represented in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan, enlarged, of the junction of the arms. Fig. 3 is a view of the arms before their connection.

The object of this invention is to provide an attachable and detachable handle device for fruit-baskets and other receptacles, which handle device shall be simple in construction and effective in operation. The device comprises two pieces of stout wire, which are so bent and united as to form a spider-like affair, the arms of which are arched or curved and are hooked at their outer extremities, said arms being wrapped or coiled at their diverging point in a novel manner, whereby advantages are gained, as below stated.

Referring to the annexed drawings, A represents the device, and B the head of a basket to which it is detachably applied. This device is composed of two pieces 1 2 of stout wire, which are so bent and connected as to form three diverging arms a a' a^2 , the outer extremities of which are hooked, as indicated at a^3 . The arms are arched or curved toward their point of connection, so that they will have elasticity radially.

To apply the device to an ordinary fruit-basket, the hooked ends of two of the arms are caught under the usual top hoop or band of the basket, and the like end of the remaining arm is sprung under the said hoop or band. The elasticity of the arms insures the proper engagement of the arms with the basket, so that when the latter is equipped with the device the basket may be carried about

with ease and convenience. When the basket is laden, the arms in virtue of their elasticity are still more effectually locked in engagement with the basket during the carrying thereof by means of the handle device. The wires are connected at the center or diverging point in such manner that the structure is very strong and substantial, and at the same time the connection forms a simple and efficient portion whereby the device may be grasped when in service.

The plan of connection is as follows: The inner end of one of the wires 1 is bent or hooked, as at a^4 . This wire forms the arm a of the device. The other wire 2 is bent to form the two diverging arms a' a^2 , these arms at their center or point of divergence being bent laterally some distance in parallel lines. The inner hooked end of the wire 1 is then placed upon this parallel portion and the latter is wound spirally around the said wire—that is to say, the two members of the parallel portion are wound together upon the wire 1. The hook a^4 is bent hard against the spiral or coil, thus effectually locking the parts together. It will be obvious that this spirally-wound portion furnishes the handle portion above mentioned.

I claim—

The handle for baskets and the like, composed of two pieces of wire, one of which is bent to form two diverging arms, the point of divergence of which is bent laterally in parallel lines and spirally wound around one end of the other wire, the latter comprising a third diverging arm, all said arms being provided with hooks or basket-engaging portions at their outer extremities, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this 31st day of October, A. D. 1891.

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