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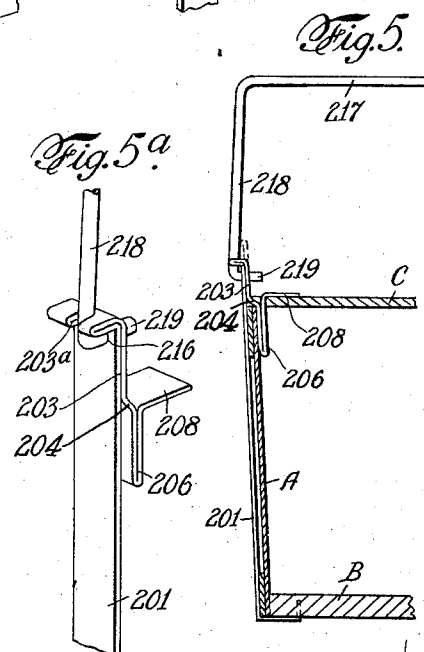
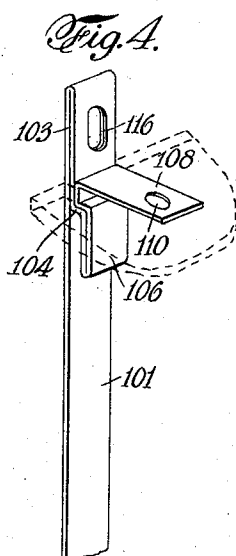
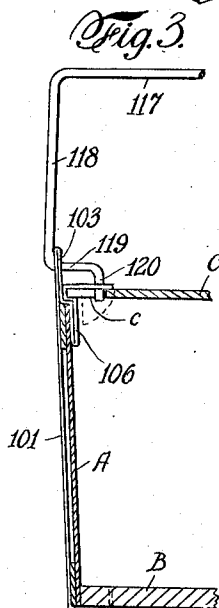
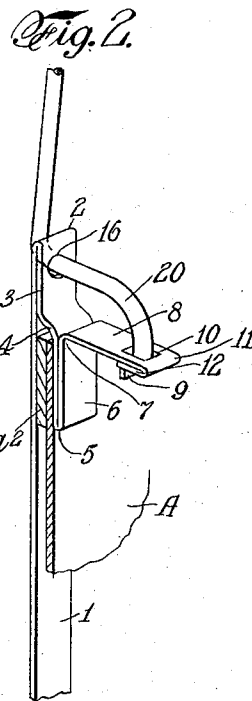
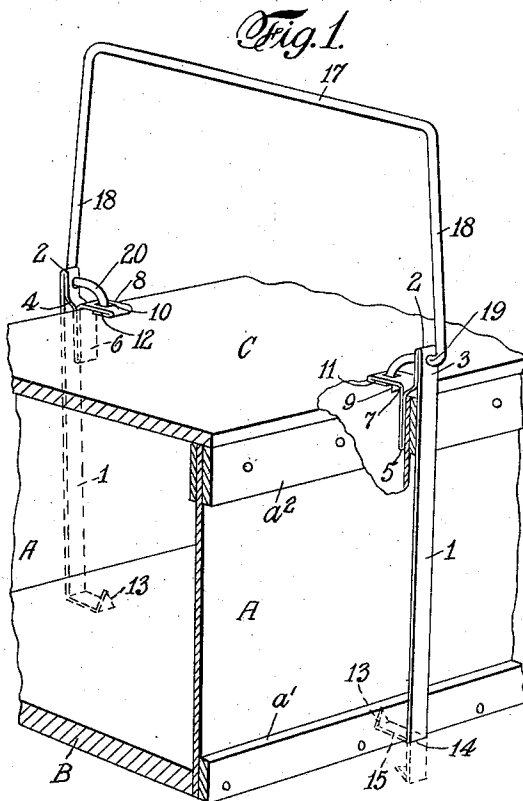
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Fig. 6.

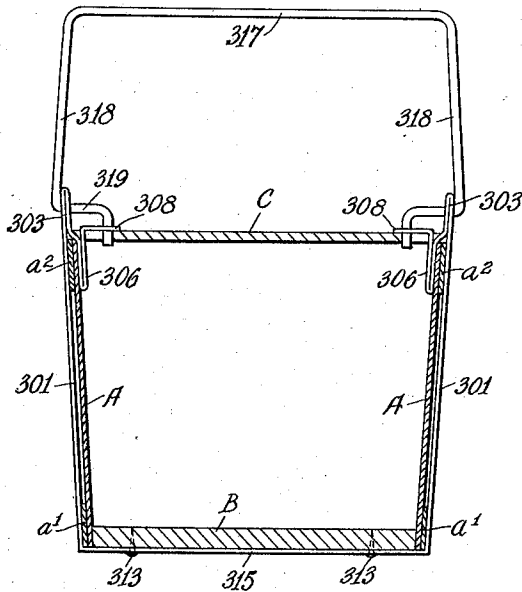


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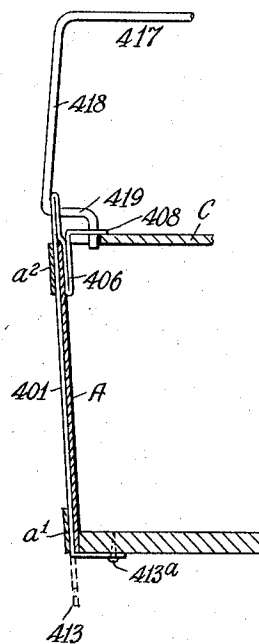


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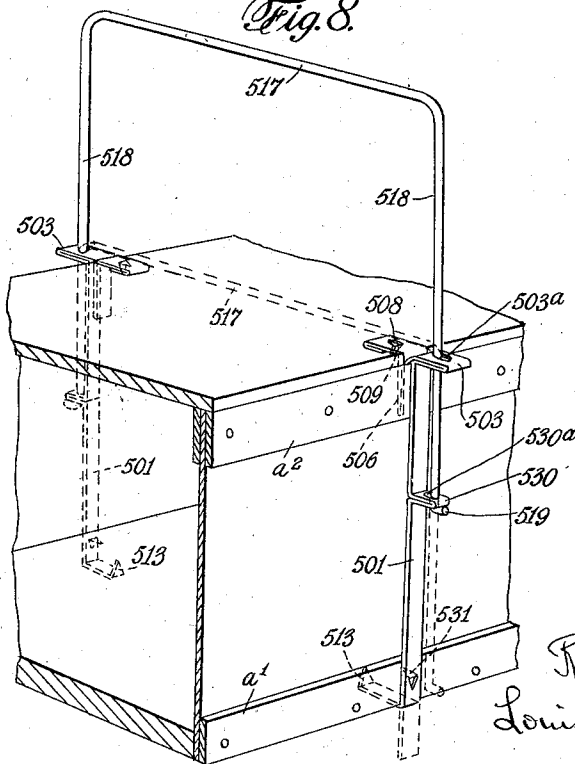
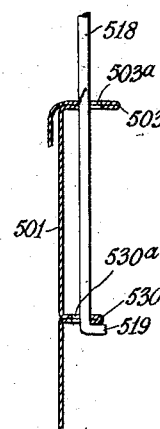


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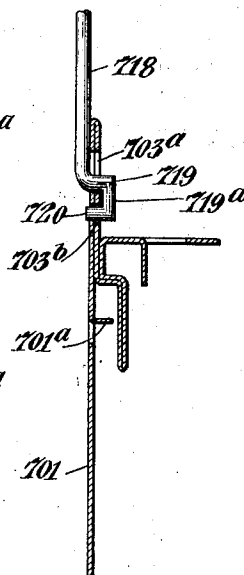
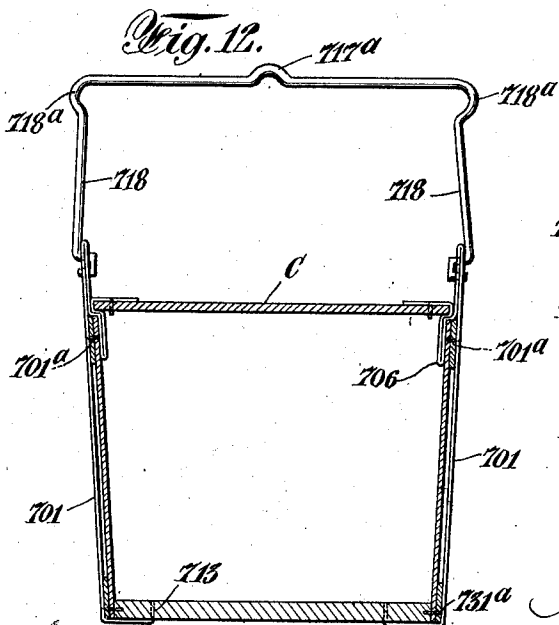
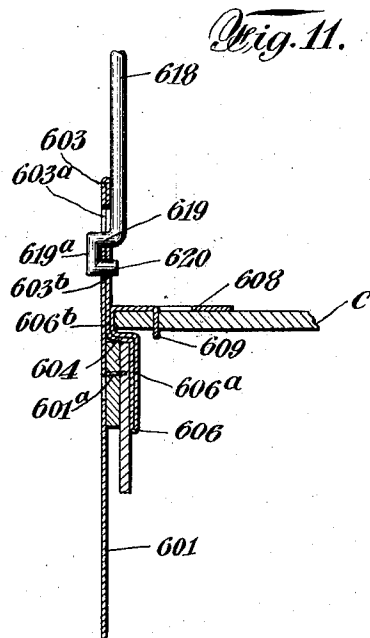
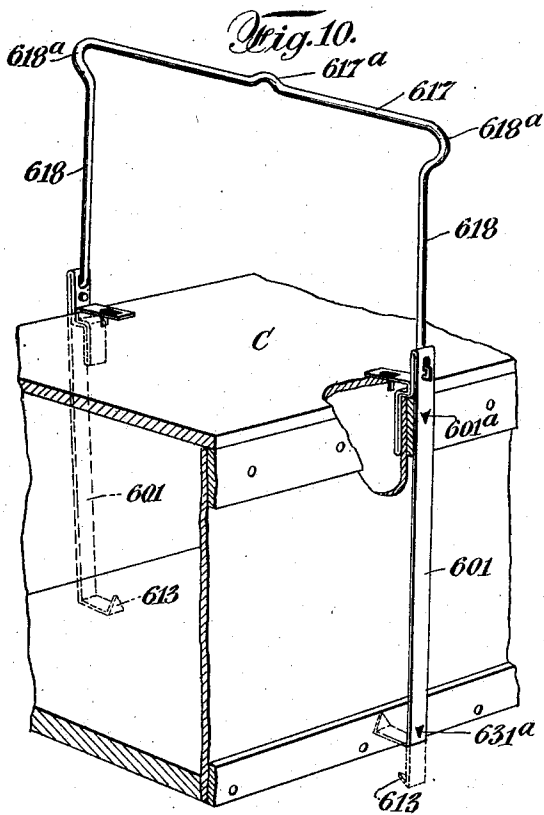
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My invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which show several embodiments of the same selected by me for purposes of illustration, and the said invention is fully disclosed in the following description and claims.

The object of my present invention is to provide a metallic handle for wooden, cardboard and other baskets such as are employed in packing and shipping grapes, vegetables, etc., and comprises a pair of side members formed from a flat strip of thin sheet metal and provided with means for holding the basket cover in position against vertical or longitudinal displacement, and constructed so that they may be readily applied to the sides and bottom portions of the basket in operative position with respect to the cover, regardless of the usual variations in the height of the basket sides as commercially produced, said side members being constructed to receive a bail portion formed preferably of round wire, the side members and bail portions being preferably provided with means for maintaining the bail member in vertical position when attached to the side members, and my invention consists in the novel features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 represents a view of a portion of a basket partly in section showing one form of my improved handle applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the upper portion of one of the side pieces of the handle and the adjacent portion of the bail member, and showing portions of the basket in section.

Fig. 3 is a view partly in section and showing a portion of a basket having a modification of my improved handle applied thereto.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail view of the upper portion of the side member illustrated in Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing another slight modification of the handle.

Fig. 5^a is a detail perspective view of the

upper portion of the side member illustrated in Fig. 5.

Fig. 6 represents a sectional view of a basket provided with side members similar to those shown in Fig. 3 formed of one piece of flat metal strip, the central portion of which passes beneath the bottom of the basket.

Fig. 7 represents a partial sectional view of a basket showing the main vertical portion of the side members passing between the side of the basket and the binding strips at the top and bottom thereof.

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing another slight modification.

Fig. 9 represents a sectional view of a portion of one of the side members shown in Fig. 8, and the arm of the bail member engaging the same, the latter being shown in elevation.

Fig. 10 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing another slightly modified form of handle.

Fig. 11 is a view partly in section of portions of the bail and one of the side members shown in Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is a view partly in section of a basket and handle showing another modification.

Fig. 13 is a view similar to Fig. 11 showing portions of the bail and one side member illustrated in Fig. 12.

In the embodiment of my invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, I have shown a very simple form of handle. The baskets for which these handles are mainly intended are usually constructed substantially as indicated in Fig. 1, and comprise a bottom, B, of relatively thick wood, veneer sides indicated at A, A, an exterior binding strip, a^1 , around the bottom of the basket, and binding strips, a^2 , at the upper edge of the sides on the inner or outer faces of the sides or both, as shown in Fig. 1. The basket is also provided ordinarily with a cover indicated at C in Fig. 1, which may consist of a thin piece of wood or of slats united in a well known way. My improved handle consists of two side members of similar construction, and a bail member. Each of the side members indicated at 1 in Figs. 1 and 2, consists of a flat strip of sheet metal of considerably greater length than

the height of the basket side. At the upper end of the side member the metal is bent sharply back on itself as at 2, to form what I term an ear, indicated at 3, and formed by parallel portions of the metal strip and which extends above the upper edge of the basket. The inner strip portion is bent inwardly at the base of this ear as indicated at 4, to form a shoulder which rests directly upon the upper edge of the basket, and this upper portion of the strip is then bent downwardly for a distance substantially equal to the width of one of the binding strips and is then bent sharply back upon itself as at 5, to form a clamping portion indicated at 6, which like the ear, 3, is formed of two thicknesses of the metal. The inner portion of the strip is then bent sharply inward as at 7, at a point sufficiently above the shoulder, 4, to provide a horizontal cover retaining portion, 8, which is adapted to rest on the top of the cover and hold it from vertical movement. This cover retaining portion, 8, is also preferably provided with means for engaging the cover to prevent the longitudinal movement of the cover with respect to the basket, and in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I punch out a downwardly extending tongue, 9, from the horizontal portion, 8, leaving an aperture, 10, from which the tongue, 9, is punched, and the inner end of the horizontal portion, 8, is preferably bent sharply back upon itself as at 11, to provide a portion, 12, below the aperture, 10, and strengthen the outer end of the retaining portion, 8, from which the tongue, 9, is punched. The lower end of the side member, 1, is made long enough to extend well below the bottom of the basket, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and is provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket after the clamping portion, 6, has been firmly pressed upon the upper edge of the basket, so as to bring the shoulder, 4, in firm engagement with the upper edge of the basket side, and the cover retaining portion, 8, in proper position to engage the cover. The lower end of the side member may be secured to the bottom of the basket by any suitable means, but I prefer to provide it with a struck-up point indicated at 13, at or adjacent to the lower end of the side member. The object in making the side member so that it extends below the bottom of the basket, as indicated in Fig. 1 in dotted lines, is to accommodate the very considerable variations in the height of the basket sides as they are manufactured ordinarily. These sides vary in different baskets, and sometimes the sides of the same basket vary in height, and the extent of variation may be as great as a quarter of an inch or even more, and the side members are therefore constructed as described and furnished straight, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and in full lines in Fig. 2, so that they can be ap-

plied to any basket either at the factory where the baskets are made or later, without the necessity of making these side members in a variety of lengths which would otherwise be necessary in order to bring the clamping portion and the cover retaining portion in proper position with respect to the upper edge of the basket. After the upper end of the side member has been applied over the edge of the basket as described, and centrally of its length, the lower end is bent sharply as at 14, around the lower edge of the basket, the downwardly extending portion indicated at 15, being brought up underneath the basket bottom and the securing means, as the struck-up point, 13, is driven up into the bottom of the basket, thus securing the side member firmly in position and accommodating any variations in the height of the sides, while insuring that the clamping portion, the ear portion and the cover retaining portion will be in proper operative position, which is determined by the engagement of the shoulder, 4, with the top edge of the basket. The ear portion of each side member is provided with a bail engaging aperture extending through both layers of the sheet metal, as indicated at 16 in Figs. 1 and 2.

The bail member, which is preferably made of round wire in one piece, comprises a hand engaging portion, 17, having depending arms, 18, the lower ends of which are provided with means for engaging the apertures, 16, in the ear portions of the side members, and consisting of horizontally disposed pivot portions, 19. I prefer to provide the bail member with means for holding the bail member normally in a vertical position. In the form of handle shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I have shown the inner ends of the pivot portions, 19, provided with downwardly extending projections indicated at 20, the lower ends of which are adapted to be sprung into the recesses, 10, of the side members, thus not only holding the bail member in vertical position but also exerting a certain amount of downward pressure on the cover retaining portion of each side member, which in turn presses them down upon the cover and assists in holding the cover firmly in its closed position. Where this construction of bail member is employed, it will be convenient to assemble the bail member with the side members before the latter are permanently secured to the basket, and it will be seen that the bail member can either be swung into horizontal position or maintained in a vertical position with respect to the basket, as desired.

In Figs. 3 and 4, I have illustrated a slight modification of my invention in which the same reference numerals with the addition of 100 are applied to the corresponding parts, to avoid unnecessary description. In this instance the side members are made exactly as previously described, except that the cover

engaging member, 108, is provided with an aperture, 110, therethrough, and is not bent back upon itself or provided with a depending tongue, as in the construction previously described, and the ear portion indicated at 103, of each side member is provided with a vertically elongated aperture, 116. The bail member has its pivotal portion, 119, which engages the aperture, 116, provided with a downwardly extending portion, 120, adapted to be passed through the aperture, 110, of the adjacent cover retaining portion and extend downward into a recess, *c*, therein, to prevent the longitudinal movement of the cover when it is placed in position. Another advantage of this construction is that the side members may be applied to the basket at the factory where they are made, and by bending down the cover retaining portion, 108, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, into parallelism with the clamping portions, 106, the baskets may be nested and shipped to the point of use with an appropriate number of bail members attached to the package or contained in one of the baskets. The bail members are so formed that they may be sprung into position with respect to the side members, the elongated slots, 116, facilitating the insertion of the pivotal portions, 119, and the downward projection, 120.

In Figs. 5 and 5^a, I have shown another slight modification of my improved handle, in which the similar parts to those in Figs. 1 and 2 are given the same reference numerals with the addition of 200. In this construction the ear portion, 203, of the side members is provided with a hole indicated at 216, and the upper end of the ear portion, 203, is bent outwardly, as indicated in Fig. 5, and provided with a notch, 203^a, as indicated in Fig. 5^a. In this instance the arms, 218, of the bail member are provided at their lower ends with horizontal pivotal portions, 219, which engage the aperture in the ear portions of the side members, while the arms themselves rest in the notches or recesses, 203^a, thus holding the bail member in vertical position. The notches, 203^a, are of less depth than the length of the pivot portion, 219, and the outer edges of the notches are preferably curved or rounded, as shown in Fig. 5^a, so that the bail member may be moved into horizontal position or into vertical position, as desired, the resiliency of the arms, 218, permitting them to spring into and out of the notches, 203^a. In this form of a handle also, the cover retaining portion, 208, may be bent downward into vertical position to facilitate nesting the baskets.

In Fig. 6 I have shown another slight modification of the handle, in which the corresponding parts to those shown in Fig. 1 are given the same reference numerals with the addition of 300, to avoid unnecessary repetition. In this figure the construction of the

handle is exactly the same as that described with reference to Fig. 3, except that the side members are both made from the same piece of metal strip, the central portion of which, indicated at 315, extends entirely across the bottom of the basket and is secured thereto in any desired manner as by nails or screws, 313. In this form of the handle also, the cover retaining portions, 308, may be bent down into vertical position to facilitate nesting the baskets for shipment.

In Fig. 7, I have shown another slight modification of the side member in which the parts corresponding to those shown in Fig. 1 are given the same reference numerals with the addition of 400. In this figure the main vertical portion, 401, of the side member is placed directly against the side of the basket and between the side of the basket and the outer binding strips, *a*¹ and *a*². The clamping portion indicated at 406, being spaced at a distance from the main portion, 401, equal to merely the thickness of the basket side, (or the thickness of the basket side and the inner binding strip, if the latter is employed). In this instance the lower end of the side member is provided merely with an aperture indicated at 413, to receive a nail, 413^a, extending up into the bottom of the basket after the strip is bent around the bottom of the basket in the manner previously described, and for the purpose of compensating any differences in the height of the basket side. The handle is otherwise formed exactly as previously described with reference to Fig. 3 for example.

In Figs. 8 and 9, I have shown another modification of the handle, in which the parts corresponding to those illustrated in Fig. 1 are given the same reference numerals with the addition of 500. In this construction the side members, 501, are provided at their upper ends with the ear portions, 503, which extend horizontally and are provided with transversely elongated slots indicated at 503^a, each of said side members being provided with the clamping portion, 506, and the cover retaining portion, 508, the latter being provided with the depending tongue, 509, to engage the recess in the cover. Intermediate the upper and lower ends of each side member, the metal strip is bent outwardly and then sharply back upon itself to form a horizontal supplemental ear, 530, projecting outwardly from the basket side and provided also with an elongated slot, 530^a. The lower end of each side member is bent under the bottom of the basket and secured thereto as by means of the struck-up point, 513, and if desired, the side member may also be provided with the struck-up point indicated at 531, adapted to be driven into the side of the basket or the adjacent binding strip, *a*¹, if this should be deemed necessary.

In this instance the bail member is pro-

vided with the hand engaging portion, 517, and elongated arms, 518, provided at their lower ends with outwardly bent lugs or projections, 519, adapted to pass through the slots, 503^a and 530^a, the said arms being so constructed that when the arms have been placed in engagement with said slots, the natural spring of the resilient arms will hold each of them against the inner ends of the upper slots, 503^a, and against the outer ends of the lower slots, 530^a, as clearly shown in Fig. 9. In this construction the bail member will be maintained in a vertical position, while it may be pushed downward through the ears, 503 and 530, so as to bring the hand engaging portion, 517, substantially down upon the cover, C, to facilitate packing the filled baskets for shipment, as shown in dotted lines.

In all the forms of my invention it will be seen that the side members are formed from a flat strip of metal and can be readily bent into the desired shape and applied to the basket, while the bail member is preferably made of round wire having a certain amount of resilience and can be connected with the side members either at the factory or at the point of use, as desired, and in lifting the filled baskets the strain will be transmitted to the bottom of the basket upon which the weight of the contents is supported. It will also be seen that the bail members may be in each case supported above the basket in vertical position, or folded upon the top of the basket, or separated therefrom as desired, to facilitate the transportation of the filled baskets. It will also be seen that in all of the forms of the invention, with the exception of that shown in Fig. 6, the side members may be made in one size and adapted to accommodate variations in the height of the sides of the baskets, which are likely to occur in the commercial manufacture thereof.

In Fig. 10, I have illustrated a slight modification in which the parts of the handle corresponding with those in Fig. 1 are given the same reference numerals with the addition of 600. In this figure the bail member has its hand engaging portion, 617, provided centrally with an upwardly bent portion, 617^a, to provide a recess to engage a support and center the handle thereon, and the depending arms, 618, are also conveniently provided at their upper ends with outwardly curved portions, 618^a, to facilitate the insertion of the cover, C, of the basket when it is not desired to remove the bail member, as indicated in dotted lines. The lower end of each bail arm is provided with a horizontal offset portion, 619, connected by a vertical part, 619^a, with a horizontal locking portion, 620, extending in the opposite direction.

The upper folded portions, 603, of each side member are provided with a vertical

slot, 603^a, below which is a locking aperture, 603^b, to receive the locking portion of the adjacent bail arm. The lower offset portion of the bail arm is inserted through the slot, 603^a, and sprung into position with the locking portion, 620, engaging the locking aperture. This secures the bail to the side pieces, and the engagement of the offset portions, 619, in the slot, 603^a, holds the bail member vertical.

As shown in Figs. 10 and 11, the inner portion, 606^a, of the clamping portion, 606, is bent sharply outwardly over the shoulder, 604, and carried up parallel to the upwardly extending portion, or ear, 603, as best seen in Fig. 11 at 606^b, and is then bent horizontally to form the cover retaining portion, 608, which in this instance is provided with the downwardly extending tongue, 609, to engage a notch in the cover and prevent the longitudinal movement thereof. This construction permits the longitudinal edges of the cover to extend over and rest upon the upper edge of the basket through substantially its entire extent. It is very desirable that the basket cover should rest on the upper edge of the basket, so that when the baskets are filled and piled upon each other, the contents cannot be crushed by the cover being forced down inside of the basket. In this construction, as in other forms shown herein, the lower ends of the side members, 601, extend below the bottom of the basket, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 10, so that they can be bent around the bottom of the basket to accommodate differences in the heights of the basket sides, and are secured in place by the points, 613, or otherwise. The side pieces, 601, are also provided with apertures, 631, through which a nail may be driven into the basket, or as shown in Fig. 10, the hole may be formed by punching out a point, 631^a, which is driven into the side of the basket near the bottom.

In Figs. 12 and 13, I have shown a very slight modification of the construction illustrated in Fig. 10, in which the side pieces are formed as above described, and are given the same reference numerals as in Fig. 1, with the addition of 700, to avoid repetition, the only difference being that in Figs. 12 and 13 the lower ends of the bail arms, 718, are formed in exactly the reverse of the manner in which they are shown in Figs. 10 and 11. In Figs. 12 and 13, the lower ends of the bail are first bent inwardly as shown at 719, to form the offset portion, and then downwardly as at 719^a, and then outwardly to form the portion, 720, to engage the aperture, 703^b, in the ear, the other portions being identical with those described and shown in Figs. 10 and 11. The lower ends of the bail member can be sprung into place by passing them through the slots, 703^a, from the outside inwardly, and then engaging the portion, 720, in

the apertures, 703^b. In the construction shown in Figs. 10, 11, 12 and 13, the bails will be held in vertical position when engaged with the ears in the manner shown, and will not be liable to be accidentally disengaged therefrom. In both constructions also, the cover retaining portions are sufficiently flexible to be capable of being bent downwardly to permit the nesting of the baskets if the side portions are attached to the baskets at the factory, and they can also be bent upwardly above their normal positions, if desired, to permit the insertion of the cover, and then bent into the horizontal position shown, to retain the cover against vertical or longitudinal displacement. For this purpose the side members are preferably made of material which is sufficiently ductile to permit the various portions to be bent into the desired positions, and to retain the positions to which they are forced.

The metal side members, 601, may also be provided adjacent to their upper ends with means for attaching them to the sides of the baskets to prevent movement thereof longitudinally of the basket, as indicated in Figs. 10, 11, 12 and 13. This may be accomplished by means of points indicated at 601^a, 701^a, struck up from the side members, or by driving a nail, or brad, through the aperture so formed, or both, as desired.

It will also be understood that the upper portions of the bail members may be given any desired configuration, which will provide the downwardly extending bail arms, 618, 718, and their attaching means, as described.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and then extended to produce a cover retaining portion adjacent to said ear, said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same, and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member provided with portions for detachably engaging the apertures in said ears each of said side members being provided with a horizontal plane from the said ear aperture, and having locking portions for engaging the bail and normally maintaining it in vertical position.

2. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and then extended to produce a cover retaining por-

tion adjacent to said ear, said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same, and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member provided with portions for detachably engaging the apertures in said ears, said bail member and side members being provided with interengaging portions in a different horizontal and vertical plane from the ear apertures for normally maintaining the bail member in a vertical position with respect to the basket.

3. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and then extended to produce a cover retaining portion adjacent to said ear, said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same, and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member provided with portions for detachably engaging the apertures in said ears, the cover retaining portions of said side members being provided with apertures, and the ear engaging portions of the bail members being provided with downwardly extending projections for engaging the apertures in said cover engaging portion, and normally holding the bail member in vertical position.

4. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and then extended to produce a cover retaining portion adjacent to said ear, said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same, and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member provided with portions for detachably engaging the apertures in said ears, the cover retaining portions of said side members being provided with apertures, and the ear engaging portions of the bail members being provided with downwardly extending projections for engaging the apertures in said cover engaging portion, and normally holding the bail member in vertical position, said handle being provided with means for engaging the cover for preventing the longitudinal movement of the same with respect to the basket.

5. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and then extended to produce a cover retaining portion adjacent to said ear, said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same, and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member provided with portions for detachably engaging the apertures in said ears, the cover retaining portions of said side members being provided with apertures, and the ear engaging portions of the bail members being provided with downwardly extending projections for engaging the apertures in said cover engaging portion, and normally holding the bail member in vertical position, said downwardly extending projections extending below the cover retaining portions, and being adapted to engage recesses in the cover to prevent the longitudinal movement of the cover with respect to the basket.

6. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and being also provided with a shoulder at the lower end of said ear portion to engage the top edge of the basket, and a downwardly extending clamping portion formed by bending the strip upon itself, and an inwardly extending cover retaining portion formed by bending the strip horizontally located in a predetermined position above said shoulder, the lower portion of said side member being provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the basket, the ear portions of the side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member having horizontally disposed portions for engaging the apertures of said ears, each of said side members being provided with a horizontal plane from the said ear aperture, and having locking portions for engaging the bail and normally maintaining it in vertical position.

7. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and being also provided with a shoulder at the lower end of said ear portion to engage the top edge of the basket, and a downwardly extending clamping portion formed by bending the strip upon itself, and an inwardly extending cover retaining portion formed by bending the strip horizontally located in a pre-

determined position above said shoulder, the lower portion of said side member extending below the bottom of the basket and being provided with means for attaching it to the basket bottom, whereby said lower portion may be bent under the bottom of the basket at the time of application and secured thereto to accommodate variations in the height of the basket sides, the ears of said side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member formed of round wire and having horizontally disposed portions for detachably engaging the said ear apertures, and downwardly extending portions for engaging the cover retaining portions of the side members to hold the bail member in vertical position with respect to the basket.

8. In a handle for wooden baskets, the combination with a pair of side members each formed from a flat metal strip and provided adjacent to its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself, and being also provided with a shoulder at the lower end of said ear portion to engage the top edge of the basket, and a downwardly extending clamping portion formed by bending the strip upon itself, and an inwardly extending cover retaining portion formed by bending the strip horizontally located in a predetermined position above said shoulder, the lower portion of said side member extending below the bottom of the basket and being provided with means for attaching it to the basket bottom, whereby said lower portion may be bent under the bottom of the basket at the time of application and secured thereto to accommodate variations in the height of the basket sides, the ears of said side members being provided with bail engaging apertures, and a bail member formed of round wire and having horizontally disposed portions for detachably engaging the said ear apertures, the cover retaining portions of the side members being provided with apertures, and said ear engaging portions of the bail member being provided with downwardly extending projections for engaging the apertures in the cover retaining members, and extending below the same to engage recesses in the cover to prevent the longitudinal movement of the cover with respect to the basket.

9. Means for attaching a handle to a container, comprising a pair of side members each formed from a flat strip of malleable metal provided adjacent its upper end with an ear formed by bending the strip upon itself and then extending said end laterally to produce a cover-retaining portion adjacent said ear, each of said side members being provided with means for attaching it to the basket side adjacent to the upper edge of the same and having its lower end provided with means for attaching it to the bottom of the

basket, the ears of the side members being provided with bail-engaging apertures and the cover-retaining portions being provided with bail-engaging apertures.

5 10. A bail attaching member for wooden baskets, comprising a flat strip of metal having portions adjacent to an end thereof, bent upon themselves into parallelism, the terminal portion of the strip being bent horizontal-
10 ly to form a cover retaining element, said parallel portions being provided with means for detachably engaging a bail.

15 11. A bail attaching member for wooden baskets, comprising a flat strip of metal having portions adjacent to an end thereof, bent upon themselves into parallelism to form a bail engaging ear, a portion adjacent to the lower end of said ear bent horizontally to form a shoulder to engage the basket side, ad-
20 jacent portions bent upon themselves to form a clamping member extending downwardly from said shoulder, the inner portion of the strip forming said clamping member, extending above said shoulder, and having a termi-
25 nal portion of the strip extending horizontally above the plane of said shoulder to form a cover retaining element.

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