

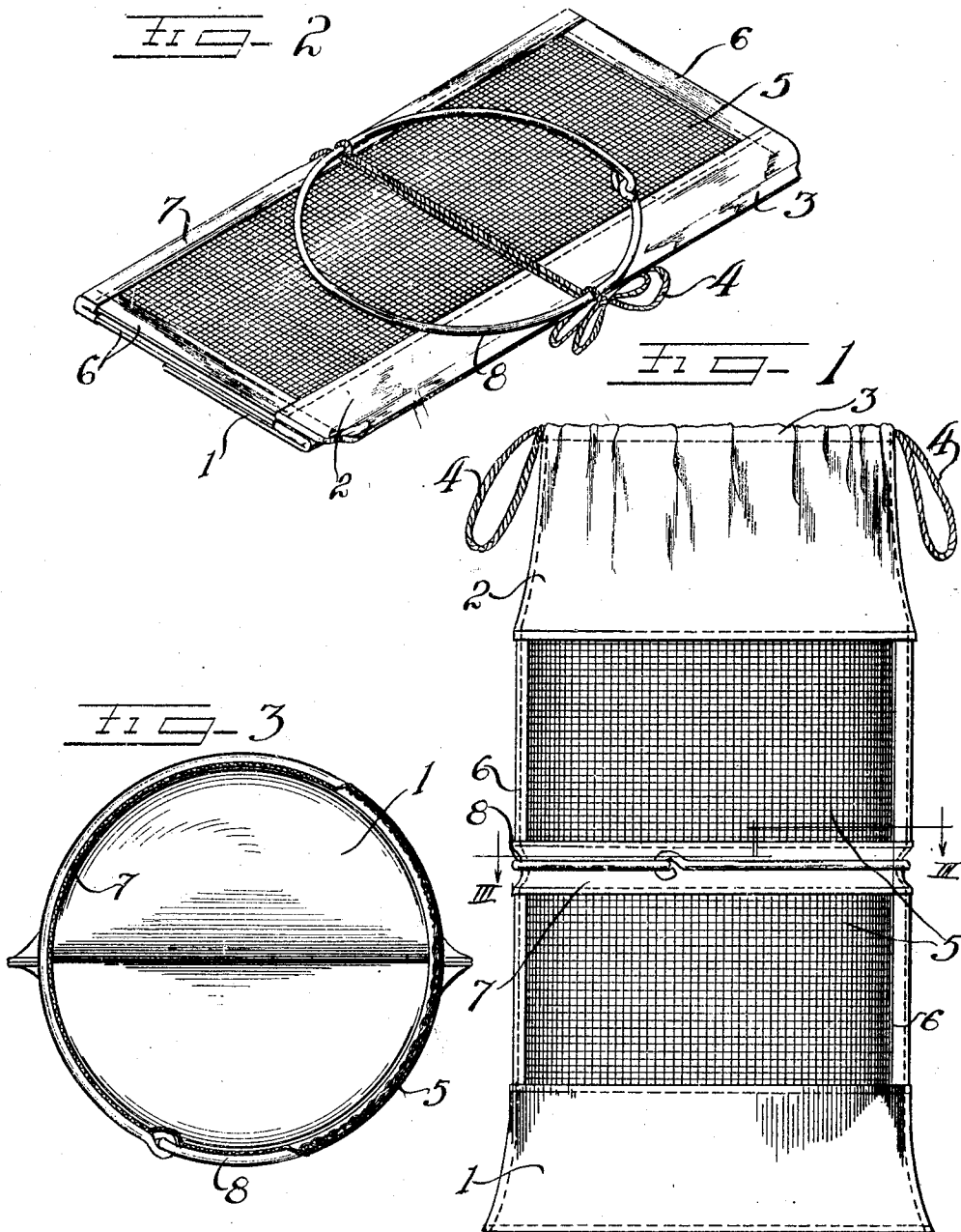
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This invention relates to an improved type of bait bag for different kinds of bait such as frogs, grasshoppers, crabs, minnows, shrimps, etc., with said bag being constructed of cloth with screen windows and collapsible to occupy a small amount of space, so that the collapsed bag may be conveniently carried.

It is an object of this invention to provide a collapsible bait bag which when opened for use is adapted to be held in a cylindrical form by means of an outer circular band or ring member.

It is an important object of this invention to provide a bait bag having the end sections formed of cloth while the intermediate section is formed of a plurality of wire or screen sections connected by cloth strips and affording an arrangement whereby the bag may be held in a substantially cylindrical form for use when a ring member is engaged around the intermediate section of the bag.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the specification and the accompanying drawings.

This invention (in a preferred form) is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

On the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bait bag embodying the principles of this invention and set up ready for use.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the bait bag in collapsed form.

Figure 3 is a transverse section of the bait bag taken on line III—III of Figure 1.

As shown on the drawings:

The improved bait bag of this invention comprises a base or lower section constructed of two pieces of canvas or khaki cloth, with said base section stitched along two sides and across the bottom to permit the base section to be collapsed into a flat form with the two pieces forming said section lying one against the other, as illustrated in Figure 2. The bait bag is also provided with a top section 2 formed of canvas or khaki cloth or the like, and adapted to be collapsed into a flat form with one-half of said top section lying against the other half. The upper margin of the top section 2 is bent over and stitched to form a shirr hem 3 through which double shirr strings 4 are engaged to permit the top section to be

readily shirred to close the top of the bait bag.

Connecting the bottom section and the top section of the bait bag is an intermediate section comprising a lower set and an upper set of wire windows or screen sections 5 formed of copper screening of any desired mesh. The side margins of the top and lower set of screen windows 5 are connected by longitudinally positioned cloth strips 6. Connecting the upper margins of the lower set of screen windows 5 with the lower margins of the upper screen windows is a transverse ring or band of cloth 7, which is positioned substantially in the middle portion of the bag and is adapted to form a seat for a wire band or ring 8 which serves to hold the intermediate section of the bag in a substantially cylindrical form by bowing the window screens of each set of said screens outwardly away from one another to give the open bait bag a substantially cylindrical shape so that the same may be hung over the side of a boat or conveniently carried when filled with bait without any danger of the bag collapsing or being squashed when opened.

When the bait bag is not in use and empty the ring 8 is removed, thereby permitting the two sets of wire windows to be collapsed and to lay flat against one another, and permitting the cloth bottom section and said top section to be collapsed into a flat form. The collapsed bag may now be bent over upon itself by creasing the cloth band 7 as shown in Figure 2 and then bending the bottom and top sections over against the flat screen sections. The retaining ring 8 is then laid upon the collapsed bag and is tied in position thereon by means of the two shirr strings 4. The collapsed bag occupies a comparatively small amount of space and is of compact form so that the entire bag and the ring member forming a part thereof may be conveniently carried in a person's pocket or be placed in a tackle box when not in use.

The improved bait bag is of simplified inexpensive construction adapted to be quickly set up for use and held in cylindrical form by the removable outer ring 8. The screen sections not only afford a means whereby the bag may be held in a cylindrical shape by bowing the screen sections by means of the outer ring but also serve to permit air and water to be circulated through the bag as

well as allowing a person using the bag to view the contents thereof.

I am aware that many changes may be made, and numerous details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I therefore do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon, otherwise than necessitated by the prior art.

10 I claim as my invention:

1. A bait bag comprising a collapsible lower section, a collapsible upper section, means for shirring one end of the collapsible upper section, an intermediate wire section 15 connecting the lower section with said upper section, and a ring member adapted to be removably engaged around the exterior of the intermediate wire section to hold the bag in expanded position for use.

20 2. A bait bag comprising a collapsible lower cloth section, a collapsible upper cloth section, shirr strings connected with said collapsible upper cloth section, a plurality of screen window sections, cloth strips connecting the same to form an intermediate bag 25 section connecting said collapsible lower section with said collapsible upper section and

a wire ring removably engaged around said intermediate section to bow the screen window sections to cause the bag to assume a substantially cylindrical shape. 30

3. A bait bag comprising a collapsible cloth body open at one end, means for closing the open end of said body, a plurality of window screens inserted in said body and means removably engaged around the exterior of the bag between said window screens for bowing the window screens to cause the body to assume an expanded position for use. 35 40

4. A bait bag comprising a collapsible lower section, a collapsible top section, means for shirring the collapsible top section, a pair of upper and lower wire screen sections connected to said lower section and said top section, a flexible band connecting said wire screen sections and a ring member adapted to be engaged around said flexible band to hold the bag in an expanded position for use. 45 50

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name at Antioch, Lake County, Illinois.

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