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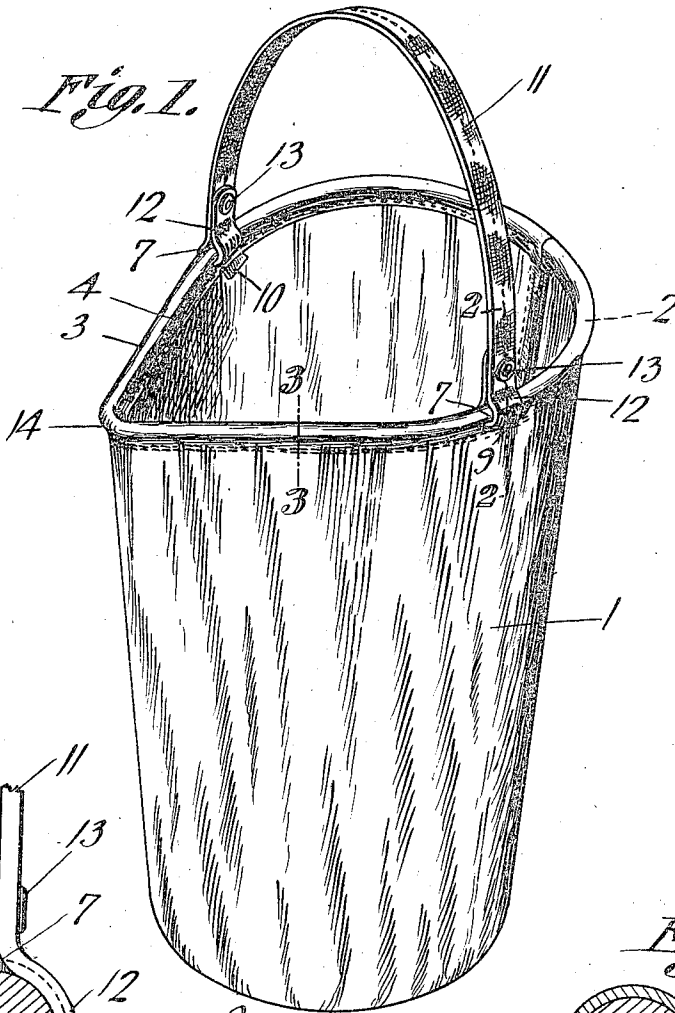


Fig. 2.

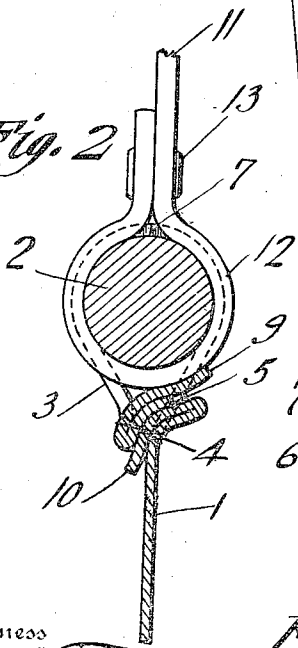


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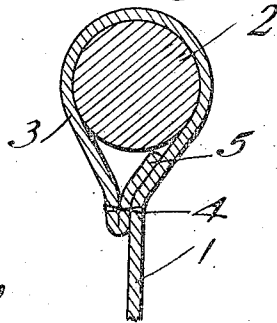
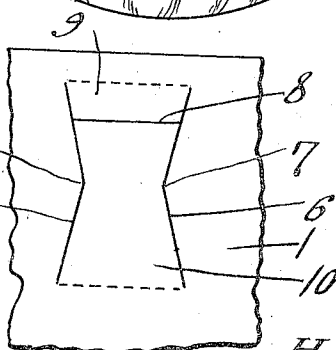


Fig. 4.



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FOLDING BUCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY D. BOKOP and FREDERICK A. BOKOP, citizens of the United States, residing at Defiance, in the county of Defiance, State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Folding Bucket, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains generally to receptacles, and more particularly to a folding bucket for use in connection with automobiles, although useful for various purposes.

It is the object of the invention to provide a bucket for carrying and pouring water, gasoline, and other liquids, which when empty can be folded within small compass to be readily stored or packed.

Another object of the invention is to provide in a collapsible bucket, novel means for connecting the handle with the body of the bucket and for accommodating the handle.

It is also the object of the invention to provide a folding bucket of the nature indicated which is extremely simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and thoroughly practical, convenient, and serviceable in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, 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 improved bucket.

Figs. 2 and 3 are enlarged sectional details taken on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 respectively, of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan view of one of the handle accommodating portions of the body of the bucket laid flat.

The body 1 of the bucket is composed of rubberized or other liquid proof fabric, the bottom of the bucket being circular, and the seams being turned, double sewn and tightly cemented to prevent leakage.

The open end of the body is held in shape by means of a continuous rod or rim member 2 constructed of stiff material, the upper end of the material or fabric being folded

inwardly to provide a hem 3 inclosing the rim member 2 and stitched as at 4, thereby firmly uniting the rim member and fabric body.

The material is provided at opposite sides of the bucket and adjacent to the edge of the body, with pairs of longitudinal slits 6 terminating near but short of the edge of the material. Each slit is of V-shape, and the intermediate portions of the slits project toward one another, as seen in Fig. 4, to provide the pointed projections 7 projecting toward one another. The longitudinal strap formed by each pair of slits 6 is provided with a transverse slit 8 adjacent to those ends of the slits 6 nearest the edge of the fabric, and the slit 8 provides a short tab or flap 9 and the relatively long flap 10. The flaps when folded back, as seen in Fig. 2, provide an opening in the hem, and the flap 9 which is nearest the edge of the fabric upon the inner side of the body, is turned under the member 2 to project outwardly through the opening, as seen in Fig. 2. The edge 5 of the fabric is turned in within the hem as seen in Figs. 2 and 3, and the flap 9 lays over and projects beyond the edge 5. The flap 10 at each side is folded back under the edge 5, and this reinforces the body where the handle 11 is attached. A handle 11 which can be constructed of fabric, leather, or other suitable flexible material, has its ends bent back to provide loops 12 disposed within the openings formed in the hem 3 by the flaps 9—10, said loops surrounding the member 2 within said openings, and the terminals of the handle being riveted or otherwise fastened, as at 13, to hold the loops closed. The pointed projections 7 project within the loops 12 on top of the member 2 and the flaps 9 bear upwardly against the loops 12 whereby to close the openings and provide a neat finish.

The rim member 2, and consequently the mouth or open end of the bucket, is of ovate-acuminate contour, the same having a V-shaped pouring spout 14 and an opposite arcuate portion, with the pouring spout at one side of the plane of the handle 11. Thus, when the bucket is filled with liquid, the bucket can be tilted to pour the liquid from the spout in either a large or a small stream, and the liquid can be conveniently poured even in a very small stream if desired.

When the bucket is not in use, the body 1

and bail handle 11 can be folded within the member 2 to a flat position, to be readily carried or stored.

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

5 1. A folding bucket embodying a rim member, a fabric body having a hem at its edge inclosing said member, the hem having opposite openings, and a handle having portions at its ends embracing the rim member
10 within said openings, the body having flaps bearing upwardly against said portions within said openings.

15 2. A folding bucket embodying a rim member, a fabric body having its edge provided with a hem inclosing said member, the

body having pairs of slits and cross slits therebetween providing openings in said hem and flaps, and a handle having loops at its ends embracing the rim member within said openings, said flaps being folded under said loops and stitched with the hem to the body.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own, we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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