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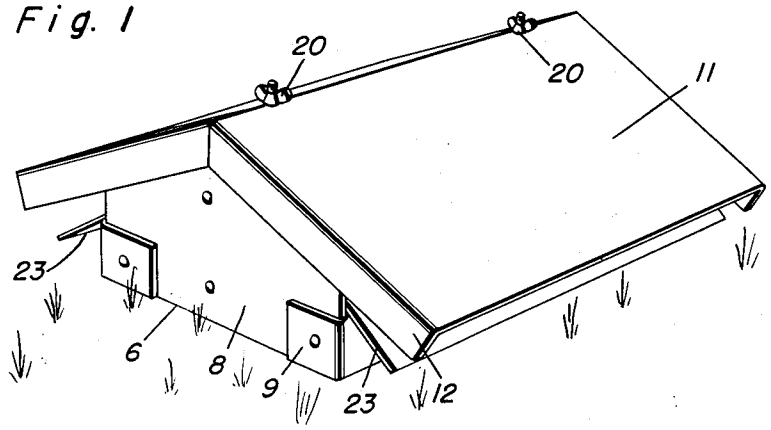
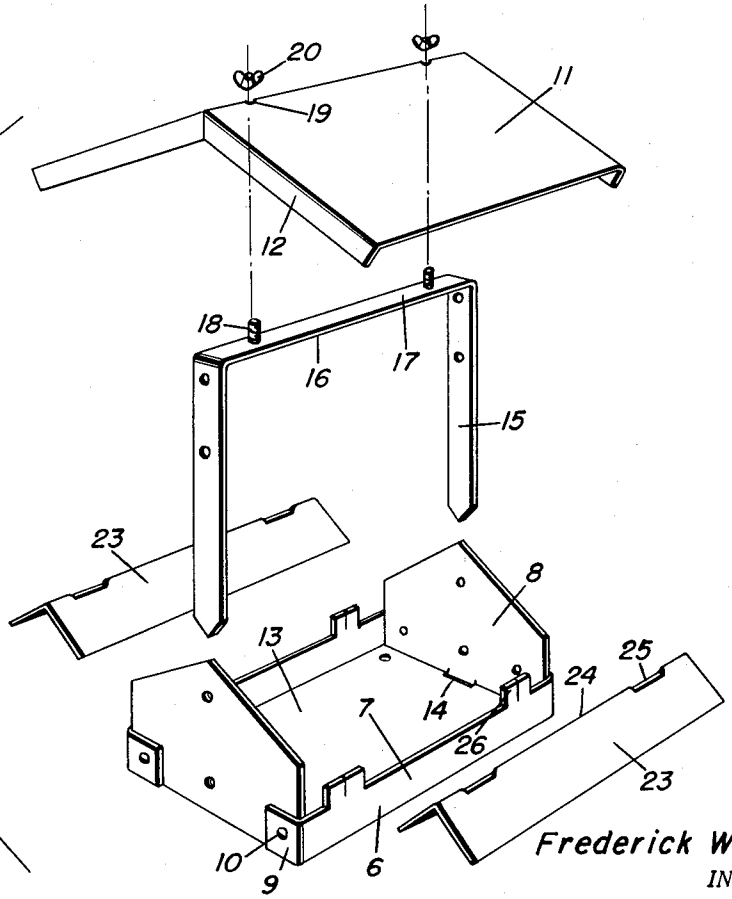


Fig. 2



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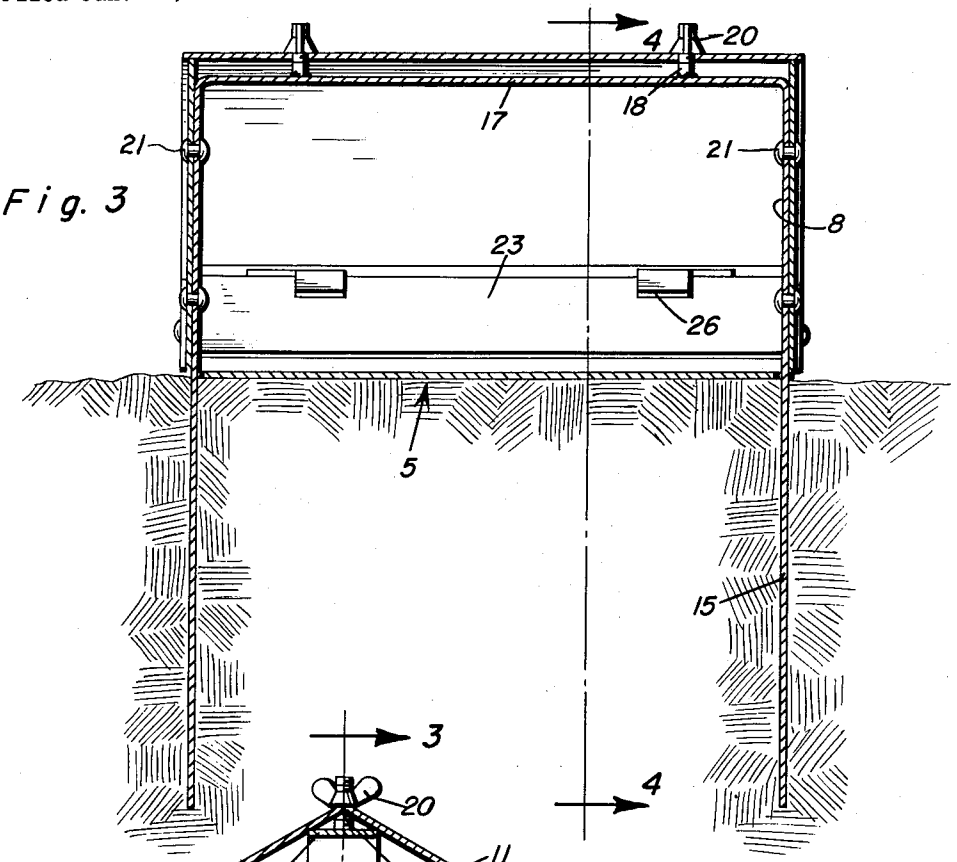
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Fig. 3



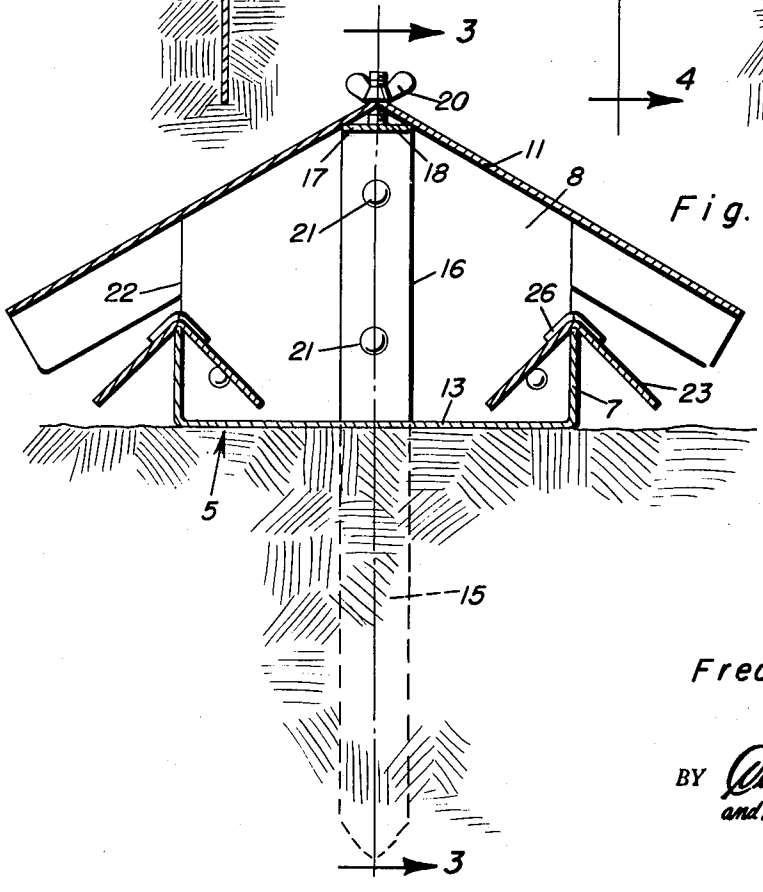


Fig. 4

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in poison bait holders for use out-of-doors.

An important object of invention is to provide a device of this character which is safe around children, birds or pets.

More specifically the invention comprises a covered container having a shielded entrance to admit the animal or pest and providing anchoring stakes for the container which extend downwardly through the bottom thereof to prevent separation of the stakes from the container.

Another object of invention is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a group perspective view of the several parts of invention.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on a line 3—3 of Figure 4 and

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on a line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration is disclosed a preferred embodiment of invention, the numeral 5 designates the bait container generally and which includes a tray-like base portion 6 constructed of a sheet metal blank having its side edges bent upwardly to form a pair of side walls 7 and having its end portions bent upwardly to form a pair of end walls 8. The side walls 7 are formed with inwardly projecting ears 9 positioned against the outer surfaces of the end walls 8 and riveted or otherwise suitably secured thereto as shown at 10.

The upper edges of the end walls 8 taper to support a gable type roof or cover 11, likewise constructed of sheet metal and formed with downturned flanges 12 at its end portions.

The bottom 13 of the container is formed at each end at the base of the end walls 8, with slots 14 through which are inserted the leg portions or stakes 15 of an inverted U-shaped anchoring member 16. The top connecting bar 17 of the anchoring member is positioned substantially in the horizontal plane of the pointed upper ends of the end walls 8 and threaded studs or bolts 18 project upwardly from the bar 17 through openings 19

in the ridge of the roof or cover 11 to receive wing nuts 20 for securing the roof or cover 11 on the top of the tray-like base portion 6.

The leg portions or stakes 15 of the anchoring member 16 are secured to the end walls 8 by rivets or other suitable fasteners 21.

The side edges of the roof or cover 11 are supported above the upper edges of the side walls 7 to provide openings 22 at each side of the container under the roof or cover 11 for the free entrance and exit of rodents or other pests to reach the poisonous bait (not shown) placed in the container. The side edges of the roof or cover 11 project outwardly beyond the side walls 7, as shown to advantage in Figure 4 of the drawings.

Inverted V-shaped ramps are supported on the upper edges of the side walls 7 and the upper edge or ridge 24 of each ramp is formed with one or more slots 25 adapted to receive pairs of bendable tongues 26 which project upwardly from the upper edges of the side walls 7 for bending outwardly in opposite directions over the top of the ramps to firmly secure the same in position on the side walls of the container.

In the operation of the device, with the several parts of the container assembled as shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4 of the drawings and with the poisonous bait placed in the container, the legs or stakes 15 are driven into the ground to thus anchor the container. The animal or pest may then travel over the ramps 23 at the side edges of the container through the openings 22 to reach the bait and the animals or pests may leave in the same manner. Should the animals or pests become trapped in the container, the roof or cover 11 may then be removed to either replenish the bait or remove trapped animals therefrom.

Since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A poison bait holder comprising a container composed of a tray-like base including upstanding side and end walls, a cover resting on said end walls and spaced above the side walls to form an entrance therebetween, an upstanding bendable tongue rising from said side walls, an inverted V-shaped ramp having an opening in which said tongue is lockably engaged to provide an entrance ramp on the outside of the container and an exit ramp on the inside of the container, an inverted U-shaped anchoring member having its leg portions secured to said end walls, stakes at the lower ends of said leg portions and passing downwardly through the bottom of said base, a threaded member carried by said anchoring member and projecting upwardly from the upper portion of the latter, a cover resting on said end walls and overlying the ramp, and means detachably securing the cover to said threaded member.

2. A poison bait holder comprising a container including a tray-like base portion having upstanding end walls and relatively low side walls, an inverted U-shaped anchoring member including a crossbar and a pair of legs, the latter being attached to said end walls and extending downwardly below the bottom of said base portion and adapted to penetrate into the ground to anchor the con-

tainer thereto, a cover including downwardly sloping side portions overlying the side walls of the base portion, and means detachably securing the cover to the crossbar of said anchoring member in spaced relation above the side walls of the base portion to provide an entrance therebetween.

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