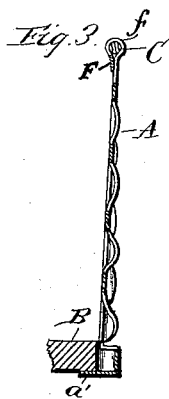
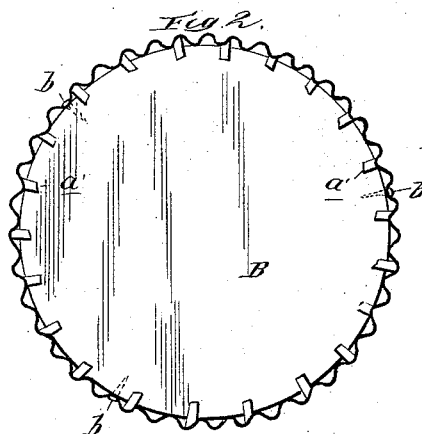
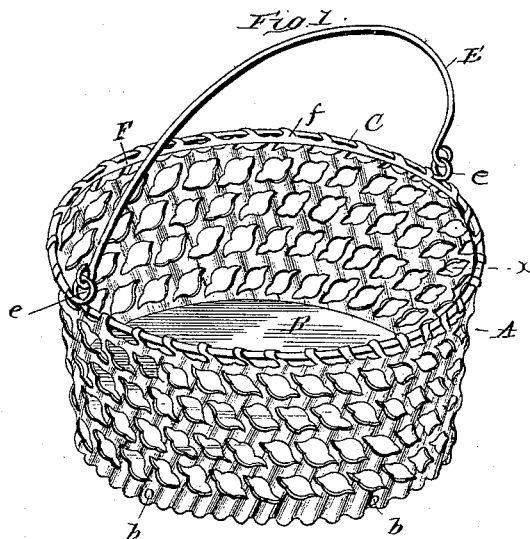


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP L. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of Mason and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metallic Baskets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to baskets or crates; and has for its object to utilize the waste products resulting from cutting tin-tag blanks for tobacco and other commodities from metal sheets. Heretofore these perforated sheets have been cast aside and sold as scraps at a small cost.

The present invention aims to enhance the marketable value of these sheets and produce a basket that will be cheap, light, airy, durable, and ornamental.

The perforations caused by the removal of the tin-tags being varied admits of the production of a variety of ornamental baskets.

The improvement consists of the novel features which hereinafter will be more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of this basket; Fig. 3, a cross-section of one side of the basket on the line X X of Fig. 1.

The body A of the basket is composed of a perforated strip cut from a sheet from which the tin-tags have been pressed. This strip is bent in the required form, which, as shown, is circular, and the meeting ends of the strip are secured together in any convenient manner. The strip is cut so that a series of prongs

or points *a'* are left at the lower edge of the strip. These points are bent in and form supports for the bottom B, which is placed within the body of the basket and rests on the said prongs, being held therein by the tacks *b*. The upper edge of the body A is stiffened by the wire C, which is bent to form the two loops *e*, to which the ends of the bail E are attached. The strips *f* at the upper edge of the body, which are bent to encircle the wire C, are united at their inner ends by the band F. The basket is made tapering, so as to nest when a number of them are placed together. The tapering form is obtained by crimping or corrugating the strip from top to bottom, the crimps being deepest at the lower edge of the basket and vanishing at the top of the basket, substantially as shown.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The hereinbefore-described basket, having prongs or points at its lower edge, which prongs are integral with the body of the basket and are bent in to support the bottom, the strengthening-wire bent to form loops *e*, held in the upper edge of the body, which edge is provided with strips that are bent over the said wire, the ends of the strips being united by a band, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described basket, having strips at its upper edge, and the strengthening-wire held to the basket by having the said strips bent thereover, and the band uniting the ends of the strips and integral therewith, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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