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CLOTHESBASKET

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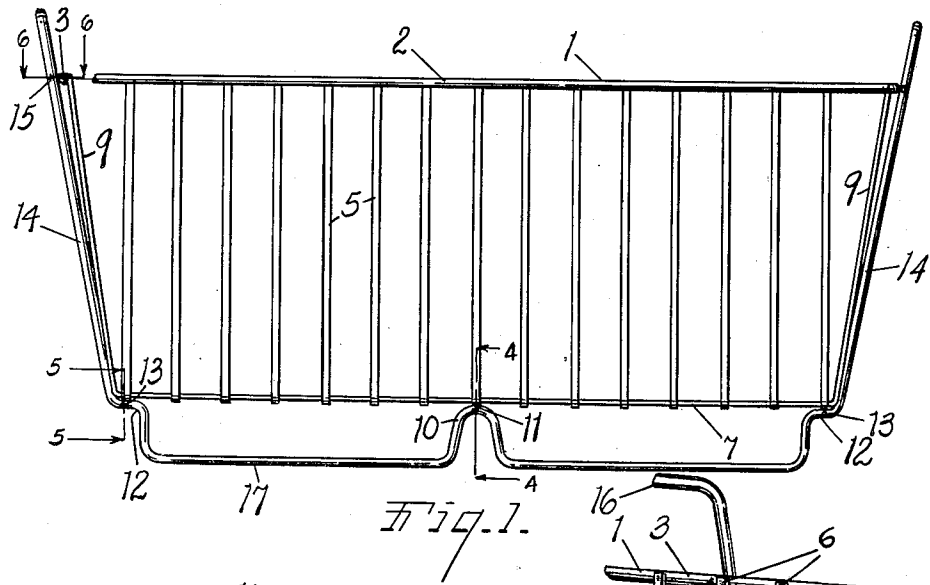


FIG. 1.

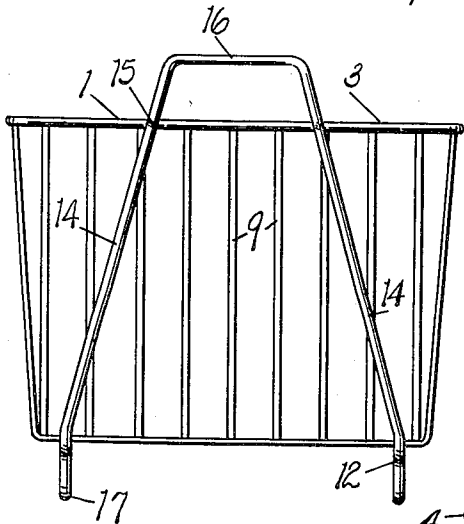


FIG. 2.

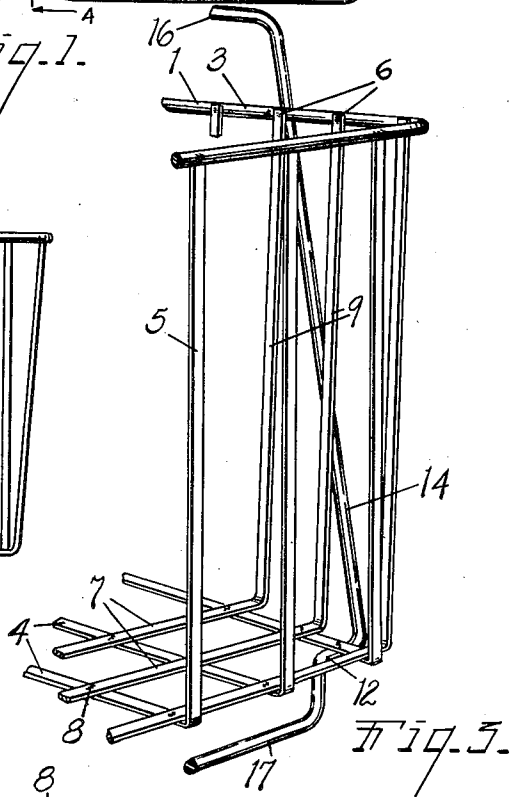


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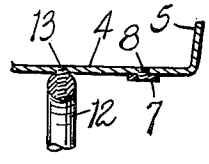


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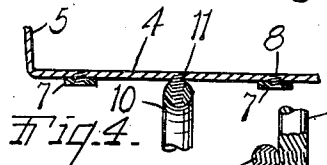


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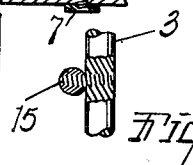


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This invention relates to improvements in a clothes basket.

The main objects of this invention are:

First, to provide an all metal clothes basket which is light in weight and at the same time strong and rigid.

Second, to provide an all metal clothes basket in which the clothes are supported so that the basket may be placed on the ground or on the floor without the clothes coming in contact there-with.

Third, to provide a clothes basket which may be provided with base members which constitute runners so that the basket may be drawn along the floor or upon the ground.

Further objects and advantages pertaining to the details and economies of the invention will be apparent from the description to follow. The invention is further pointed out in the claims.

A structure which embodies the features of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of the basket of my invention.

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view thereof.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view.

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are fragmentary detailed views on lines corresponding to lines 4-4, 5-5 and 6-6 respectively of Fig. 1 showing structural details.

The embodiment of my invention illustrated consists of the top border frame designated generally by the numeral 1 and having integral side members 2 and end members 3, this top member being formed of round wire stock. The spaced transverse bottom members 4 are formed of flat wire stock and have integral upwardly diverging side slats 5, the upper ends of these side slats being arranged on the inner side of the side members of the frame and welded thereto as indicated at 6. The longitudinal bottom members 7 are also formed of flat wire stock and these are arranged in spaced relation upon and welded to the transverse bottom members at their crossing points as indicated at 8. These longitudinal bottom members have integral upturned end slats 9 which are disposed with their inner ends on the inner sides of the end members of the top frame and welded thereto at 6. The outer of the bottom members 4 and 7 being weldingly secured to each other adjacent the ends thereof provide a lower border member.

The base members 17 are formed of round wire stock and have upwardly offset loop-like

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portions 10 disposed below intermediate transverse bottom members and welded thereto as indicated at 11. The ends of the base members are upwardly offset at 12 and welded to the end transverse bottom members as indicated at 13. (See Fig. 5.) The ends of the base members are extended into upwardly converging arms 14 which are disposed on the outer sides of the top frame end members and welded thereto at 15 (see Fig. 6). These members 14 project substantially above the top frame and are connected by the cross pieces 16 which constitute handles. This results in a structure which is quite light although made entirely of metal. At the same time it is strong and rigid and capable of sustaining heavy loads and severe usage.

The base members are effective as runners; that is, the basket may be drawn along the floor or ground on these base members. The base members also support the bottom of the basket in an elevated position so the contents of the basket cannot come in contact with the ground or floor.

After the parts entering into the structure have been secured together as by welding, it may be enameled or coated or plated as a unit. The elements entering into the structure are so disposed and connected that they serve to effectively brace and support each other. The shape and dimensions of the basket may be very substantially varied.

It will be understood that I have used the terms side and end members and side and end wall slats for convenience in the description as the basket might be, for example, square or oval.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a clothes basket, the combination of a top border frame having integral side and end members, a plurality of spaced transverse bottom members formed of flat wire and having integral upwardly diverging side slat extensions at the ends thereof disposed with their upper ends on the inner sides of and welded to the side members of said top frame, a plurality of spaced longitudinal bottom members formed of flat wire disposed upon and welded to the transverse bottom slats at their crossing points and having integral upwardly diverging end slat extensions at their ends disposed with their upper ends on the inner sides of and welded to the end members of said top frame, said transverse and longitudinal bottom members having their flat sides disposed parallel to the plane of the bottom of the

basket, and base members constituting runners and having central integral inverted U-shaped loop-like upward offsets disposed below one of the intermediate transverse bottom members and welded to the lower flat side thereof and having upwardly offset end portions disposed below and welded to the lower flat sides of the end transverse bottom slats, said base members having integral upwardly projecting arms at the ends thereof disposed on the outer side of said top border frame and welded thereto and extending substantially above said top border frame and integrally connected to provide handles; said arms converging upwardly at a substantial angle towards each other to brace the basket against sidewise distortion.

2. In a clothes basket, the combination of a top border frame having integral side and end members, a plurality of spaced transverse bottom members formed of flat wire and having integral side slat extensions at the ends thereof disposed with their upper ends on the inner sides of and welded to the side members of said top frame, a plurality of spaced longitudinal bottom members formed of flat wire disposed upon and welded to the transverse bottom slats at their crossing points and having integral end slat extensions at their ends disposed with their upper ends on the inner sides of and welded to the end members of said top frame, said transverse and longitudinal bottom members having their flat sides disposed parallel to the plane of the bottom of the basket, and base members having upwardly offset end portions disposed below and welded to the lower flat sides of the end transverse bottom slats, said base members having integral arms at the ends thereof disposed on the outer side of said top border frame and welded thereto and extending substantially above said top border frame and integrally connected to provide handles.

3. A clothes basket comprising a wire container, and base members having intermediate and end upward offsets disposed below and fixedly secured to the bottom of the wire container, said intermediate offsets being inverted U-shaped and integral with the base members, said base members having integral upwardly projecting arms disposed at the outer sides of and fixedly secured to said wire container and terminating in handles above the wire container.

4. A clothes basket comprising a continuous top border frame, sets of U-shaped bottom and wall slat members of flat wire disposed with their bights in crossing relation and welded at their crossing points, said bights being disposed with their flat sides parallel to the plane of the bottom of the basket, the upper ends of the arms of said slat members being welded to the top frame, and base members having upward offsets disposed below and welded to the lower flat sides of the slat members superimposed thereon, said base members having integral upwardly projecting arms disposed at the outer sides of and welded to said top frame and terminating in handles above the top frame.

5. A clothes basket comprising a wire con-

tainer and parallel wire-like runners therefor disposed relatively close to opposite side edges of the container and substantially parallel to said edges and spaced from the bottom of the container, said wire container including top and bottom border frame members and vertical slats connecting said members, said runners having integral upward offsets adjacent the outer ends of the runners and extending substantially in the general direction of the runners and terminating at their outer ends in integral upwardly projecting arms, the lower border member being mounted on and weldingly secured to said upward offsets, said arms being fixedly secured to the top border frame member and extending substantially above the top of container and integrally connected to provide handles, said arms converging at a substantial angle towards each other from their points of attachment to the bottom border frame member to their points of attachment to the top border frame member to brace the wire container against sidewise distortion, certain of said vertical slats connecting the top and bottom border frame members between said converging arms.

6. A clothes basket comprising a container having side walls and a bottom formed of wire and parallel wire-like runners therefor disposed relatively close to opposite side edges of the container and substantially parallel to said edges, said runners having integral upward offsets adjacent the ends thereof, said offsets extending substantially in the general direction of the runners and terminating at their outer ends in integral upwardly projecting arms, said bottom being mounted on and weldingly secured to said upward offsets, said arms being fixedly secured to the container adjacent the top thereof and extending substantially above the top of the container and fixedly connected to provide handles, said arms converging at a substantial angle towards each other from their points of attachment adjacent the bottom of the container to their points of attachment adjacent the top of the container to brace the wire container against sidewise distortion.

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