

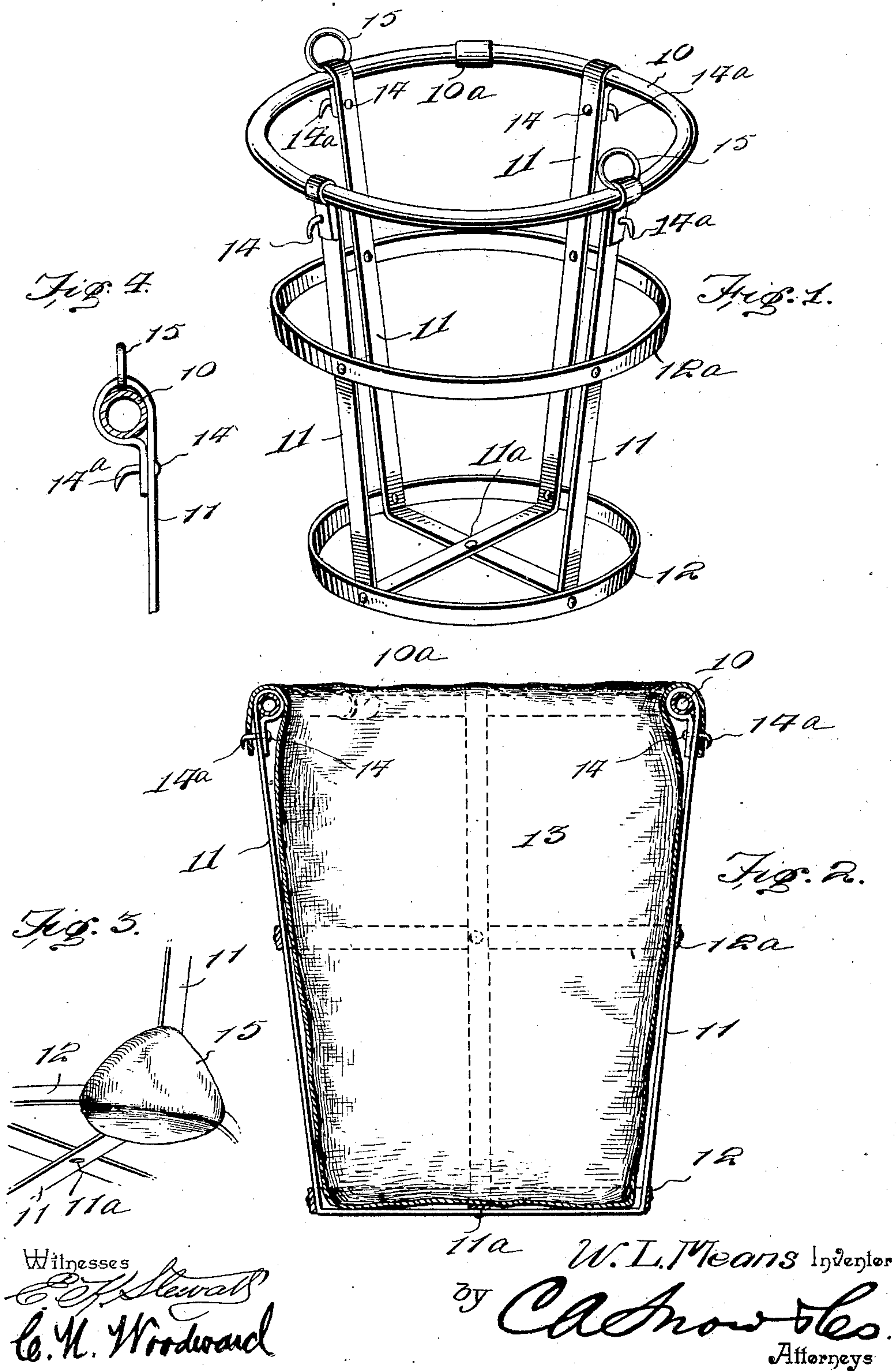
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. MEANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elko, in the county of Houston and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Cotton-Basket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to receptacles more particularly for receiving cotton in the field; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter shown and described, and specified in the claims.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the skeleton framework. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional elevation. Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating the construction and application of the shoulder-pad attachment. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail, enlarged, illustrating the manner of connecting the side straps and carrying-rings to the upper rim.

In this invention are comprised an outer skeleton framework and an inner fabric bag or receptacle supported detachably from the framework. The skeleton framework is shown in Fig. 1, consisting of the upper rim 10, formed of a hoop of piping bent into circular shape and united at the ends by coupling 10<sup>a</sup>. Connected to this rim 10, as by rivets 14, at suitable intervals are side straps 11, preferably of band-iron and carried across the bottom and riveted at their crossing-points, as at 11<sup>a</sup>. Around the straps 11 at their lower bends is secured a band 12, preferably of band or hoop iron, and in the larger sizes of receptacles one or more additional bands 12<sup>a</sup> will be placed around the straps 11 immediately, as shown. Supported within this framework is a fabric receptacle 13, conforming to the framework and provided with eyelets near its upper edge adapted to engage hooks 14<sup>a</sup> on the side straps 11 near their upper ends, as shown. The hooks 14<sup>a</sup> are formed by extending the rivets 14 outwardly and curving them downwardly, as shown in Fig. 4, by which the rivets are caused to perform double duty, and thereby decrease the weight and expense of construction. Attached at opposite sides of the receptacle are rings 15

to serve as means for carrying it from place to place when required, which rings are secured in place by passing them beneath the bands 11 before they are secured in place upon the hoop-rim 10, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. Attached to the skeleton frame at one side and projecting beneath the bottom is a shoulder pad or shield 15, formed of leather or some other suitable material and preferably padded and adapted to protect the shoulder of the person carrying the basket. This forms a very strong light receptacle, which may be employed for a great variety of purposes, but which is more particularly applicable to receive cotton as it is picked in the field and retained in position to be conveyed to the gin or storehouse.

The fabric interior 13 may be readily removed and attached either for repairs or renewal or for convenience in discharging the contents.

The fabric receiver may be of any suitable material, such as burlaps, "duck," or other material, and the receptacle may be of any required size or shape.

Any required number of the side straps 11 and bands 12 may be employed, according to the size of the receptacle.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a receptacle, a framework having an upper rim, side members embracing said rim and secured thereto by rivets, said rivets extended into hooks and affording means for the attachment of a fabric inclosure, substantially as described.

2. In a receptacle, a framework having an upper rim, side members embracing said rim and secured thereto, and rings secured between said side members and said rim, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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