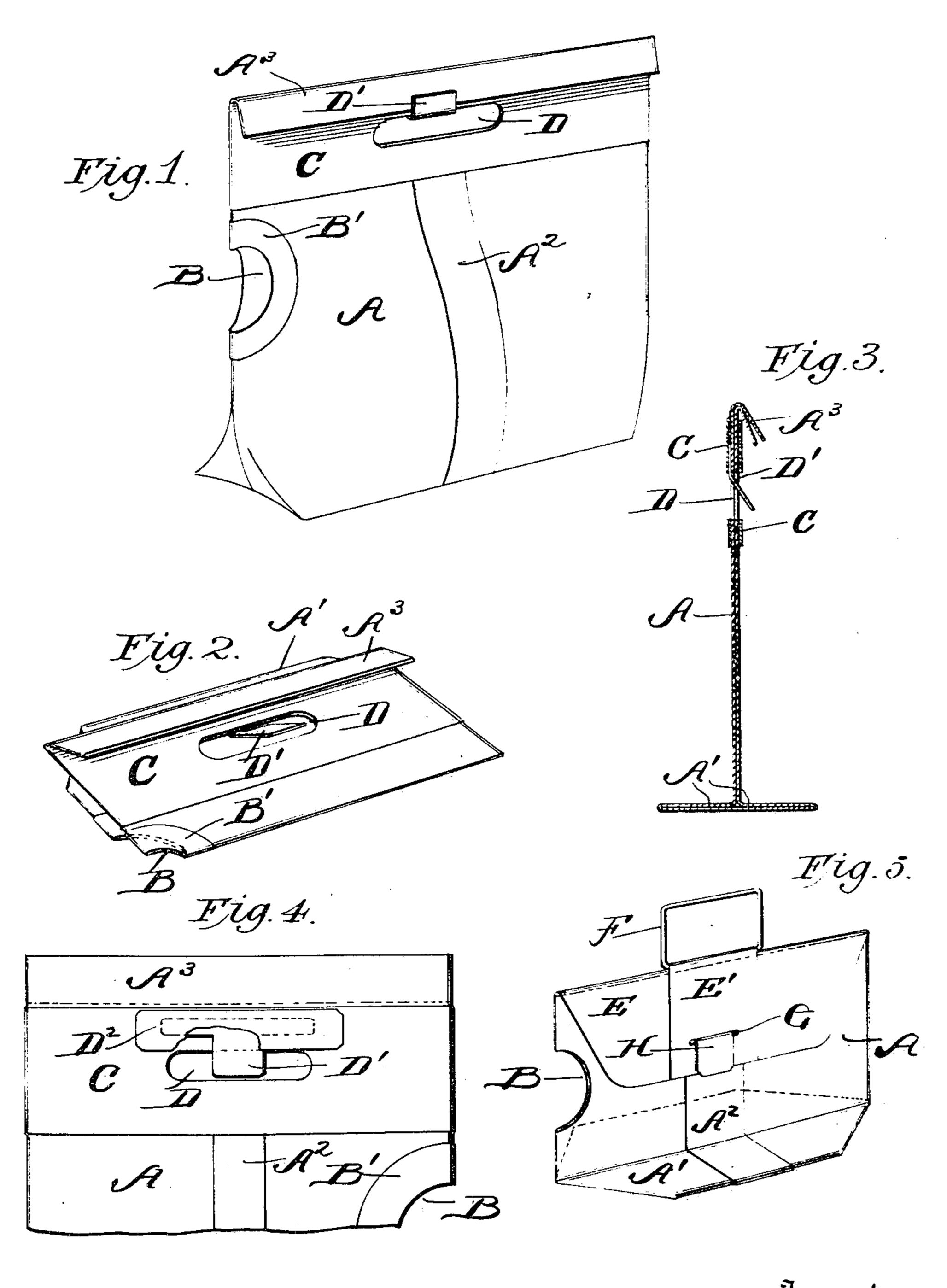
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Daniel Arnold Gar-BER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roanoke, in the county of Roanoke and 5 State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Poultry-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a receptacle adapted to hold a fowl for the purpose of to temporary transportation from the place of purchase to the home of the customer, and is designed especially for the use of dealers in live poultry, both for the convenience of their customers in carrying home a purchase 15 of a live fowl and also to provide a humane method of carrying the fowl in place of the ordinary method of swinging the same head downward in carrying it by the feet.

The invention consists of the foldable re-20 ceptacle having an opening at one end through which the neck and head of the fowl may project and means for fastening the upper edges of the receptacle together, whereby a convenient handle is formed by which the

25 receptacle may be carried.

The invention also consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter set forth, pointed out in the claims, and shown in the

accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the receptacle in position for use, the upper edges being locked together. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the receptacle as it appears when folded. Fig. 3 is a vertical section through 35 the receptacle partially folded. Fig. 4 is a partial detail plan view of the receptacle folded, showing the side of the receptacle opposite the side shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view showing a slightlyso modified form of handle and fastening means.

In the drawings, A indicates the receptacle, which may be made of a stiff heavy paper or other suitable material, and the lower portion of the sides of the same are adapted to 45 be folded inwardly upon the central longitudinal line of the bottom, as shown at A' in Figs. 3 and 5. A reinforcing-strip A² is placed vertically on the sides of the receptacle, and on one side about midway the height of the 50 receptacle a circular opening B is formed, which is surrounded by an annular reinforcement B'. A reinforcement C is secured to the upper portion of the receptacle and is arranged at right angles to the vertical rein-55 forcing-strip A², the lower edge of the reinforcement C contacting with the upper edges

of the strip A². In the upper portion of the receptacle alining slots are formed in the two sides, and a tongue D' is secured at one end beneath a norizontal strip D², (shown in Fig. 60) 4,) which is secured upon one face of the reinforcement C. The free end of the tongue D' is adapted to be passed through the slots D, and the upper marginal portions of the receptacle are bent over upon themselves, as 65 shown at A³, and adapted to lie under the free end of the tongue D', which serves to lock the upper edges of the receptacle together. When locked in this manner, the slot D forms a convenient opening for insert- 70 ing the fingers, and the bent-over portion A³ will form a convenient handle by which the receptacle can be carried. In Fig. 5 I have shown a slight modification in the construction of the upper portion of the receptacle A, 75 and in this figure E represents a flap adapted to be folded over the upper edge of the receptacle, and to the flap is attached a strip E' and a handle F, which may be a link of wire with one of its side members secured between 80 the flap E and the strip E' on the line of fold of the flap E. A slot G is formed in the flap E and strip E', and a tongue H, secured to the receptacle, is adapted to project through the slot G and lock the flap A. With these 85 exceptions and the omission of the reinforcement B' the construction shown in Fig. 5 is identical with that shown in the other figures, and both forms of the device are used in the same manner.

This receptacle not only forms a convenient method of carrying live poultry, but also possesses many advantages over the ordinary method, not the least of which is the merciful treatment of the fowl being carried.

It is understood, of course, that when the fowl has been placed in the bag or receptacle and the upper marginal portions folded over and engaged by the tongue D' that the hand is passed through the slot D, which serves as 100 a handhold, and that while the receptacle is being carried the tongue D' is covered by the hand.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by 105 Letters Patent, is—

1. A poultry-carrier comprising an upwardly-open bag having an opening in the side, alining slots in the sides, and a tongue adapted to pass through the slots and engage 110 the upper marginal portions of the bag when the same are bent over.

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2. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle adapted to contain a fowl, the receptacle having flexible sides adapted to be folded over upon themselves at the upper open end of the receptacle, an opening being formed in one side of the receptacle for the head of the fowl to project through and said receptacle having slots in its opposing sides, a reinforcement upon the upper portion of the receptacle adjacent the slots, and a tongue secured at one end to the reinforcement and adapted to project through the slots and engage the folded-over portions.

3. A device of the kind described comprising a receptacle having an opening in one
side and having a slot in each side adjacent
the top of the receptacle, and a tongue secured upon one side of the receptacle and
adapted to project through the slots and engage the upper edges of the receptacle when

the same are folded over upon the side of the receptacle opposite that to which the tongue is secured.

4. A device of the kind described comprising a foldable receptacle, having an opening 25 in one side, a reinforcing-strip arranged circumferentially around the upper portion of the receptacle, said receptacle having alining slots in the sides, said slots extending through the said reinforcing-strip, a tongue secured to 30 one side of the receptacle and adapted to extend through the said slots, the upper marginal portions being adapted to lie under the free end of the tongue, as and for the purpose described.

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