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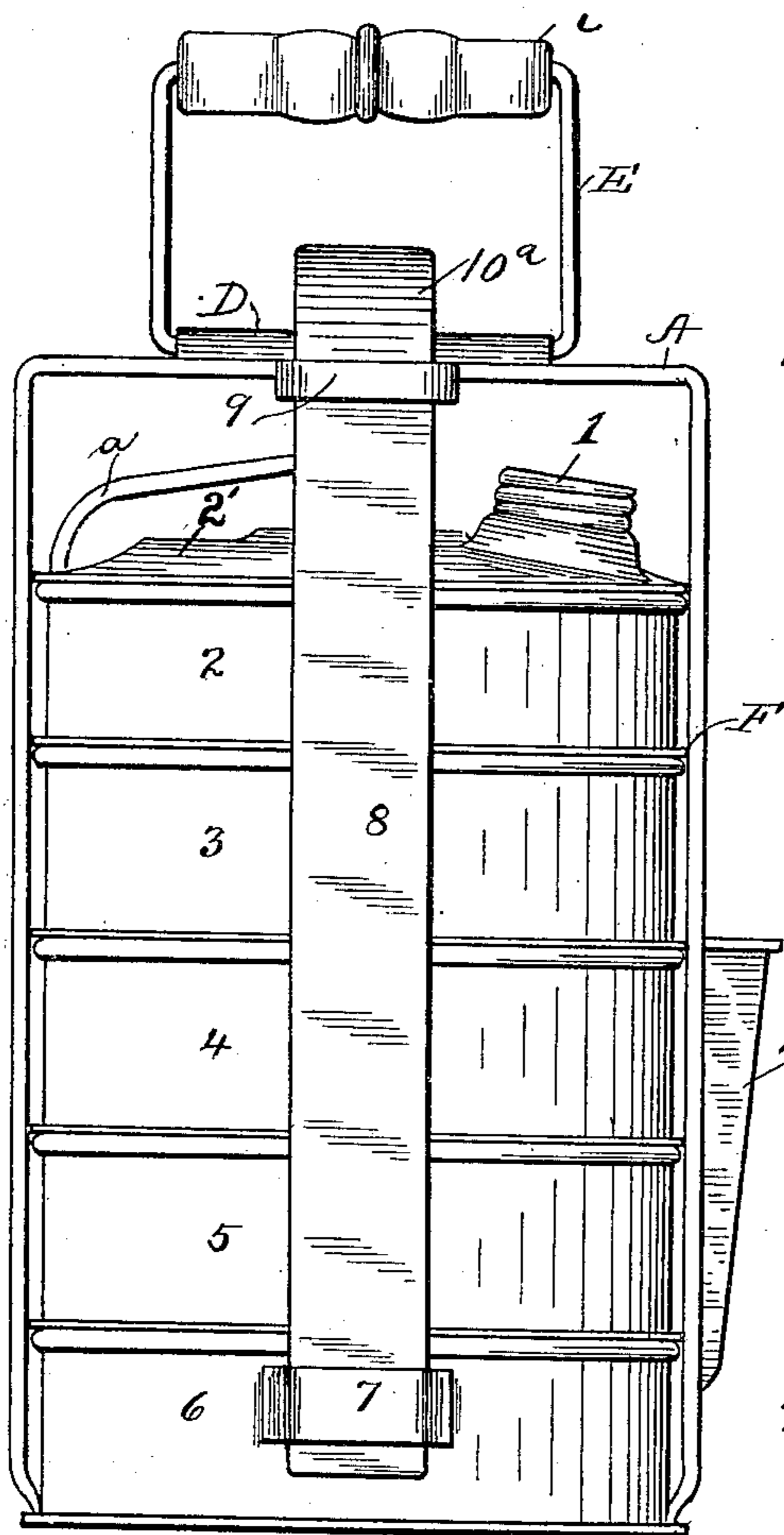
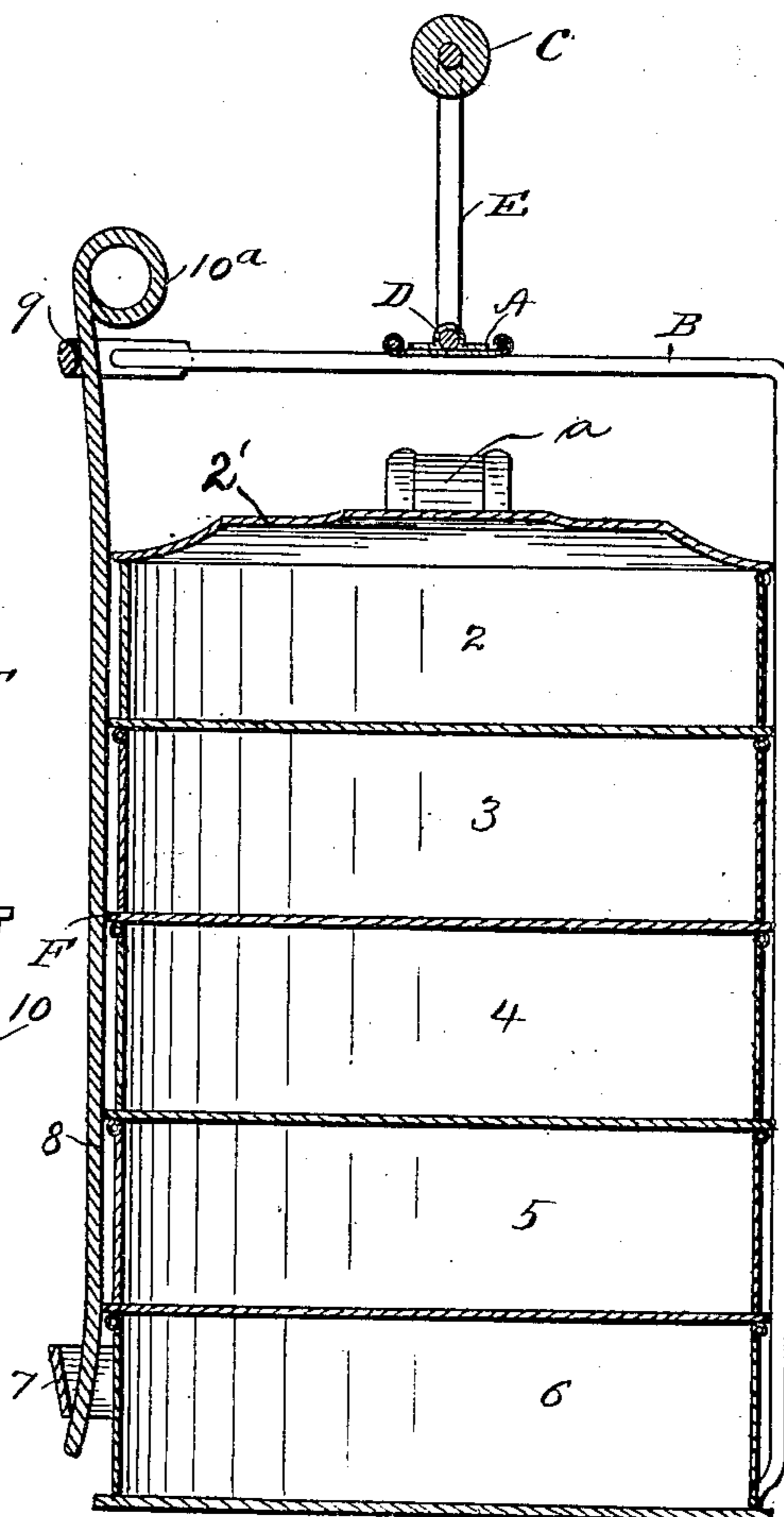


Fig. 2.



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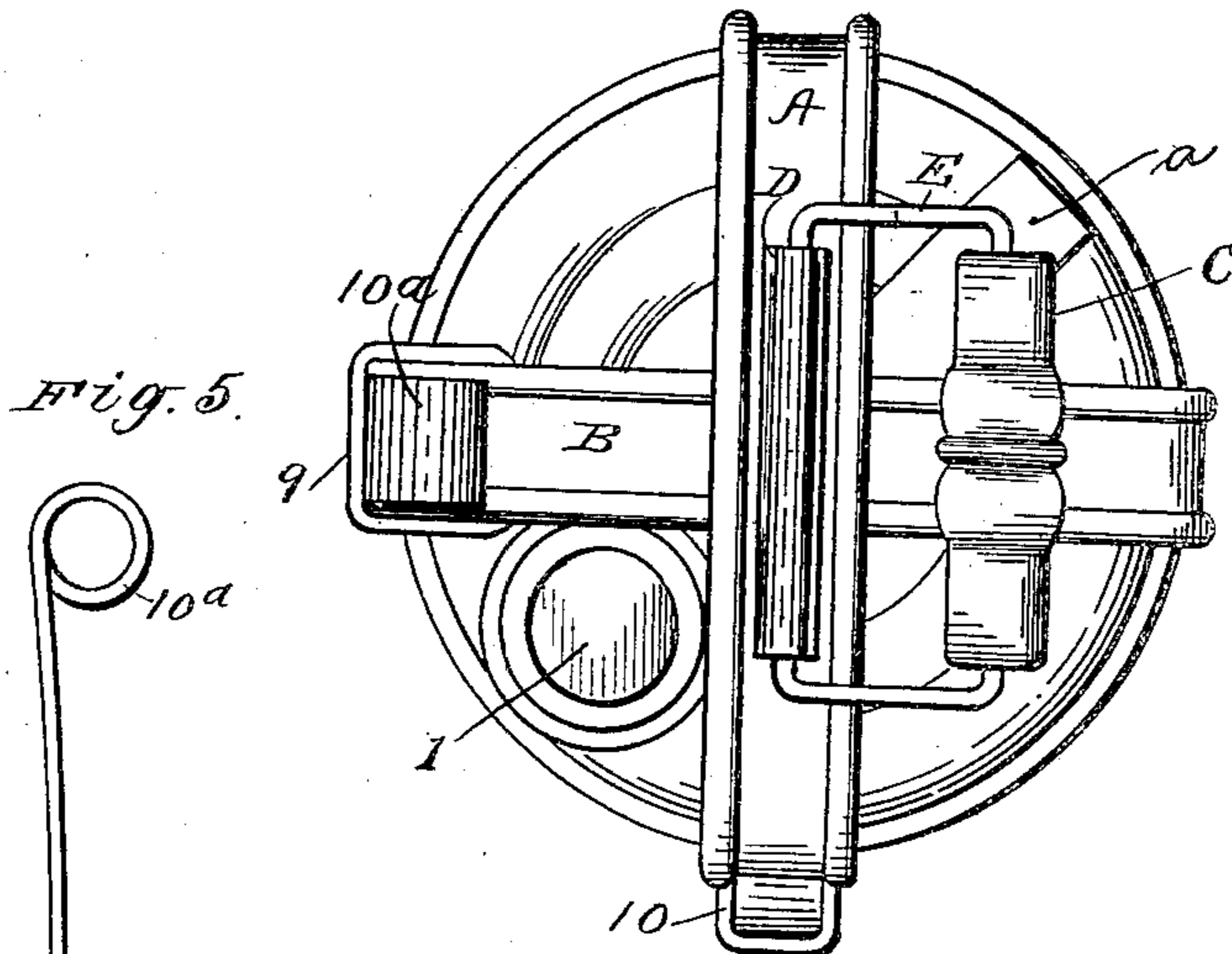


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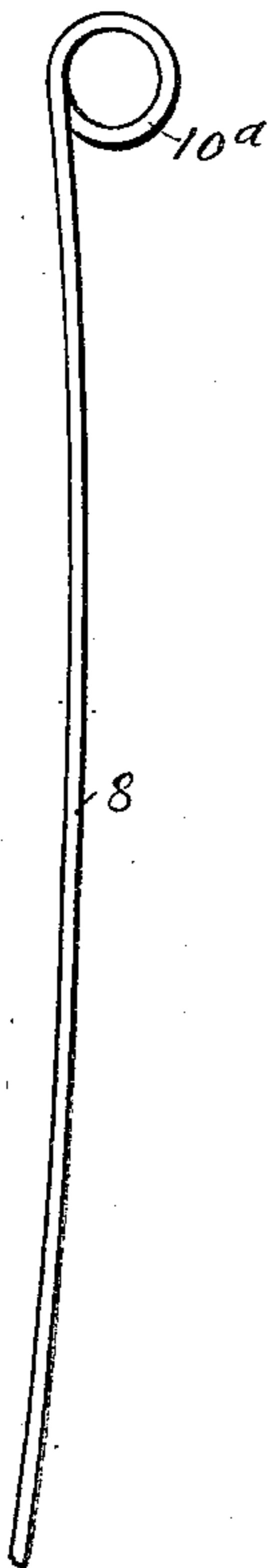


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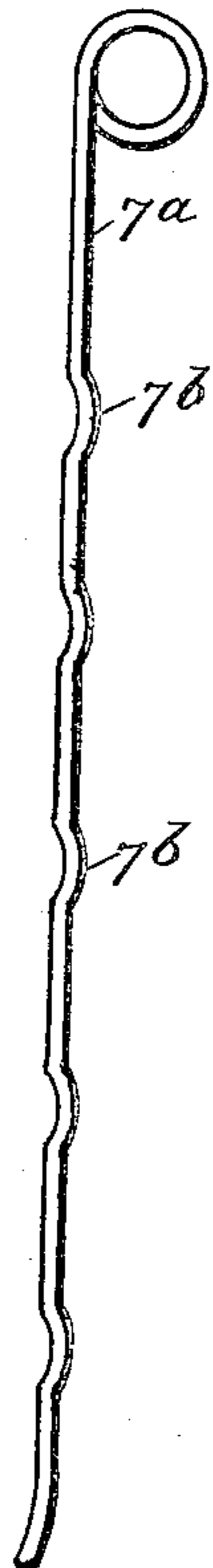
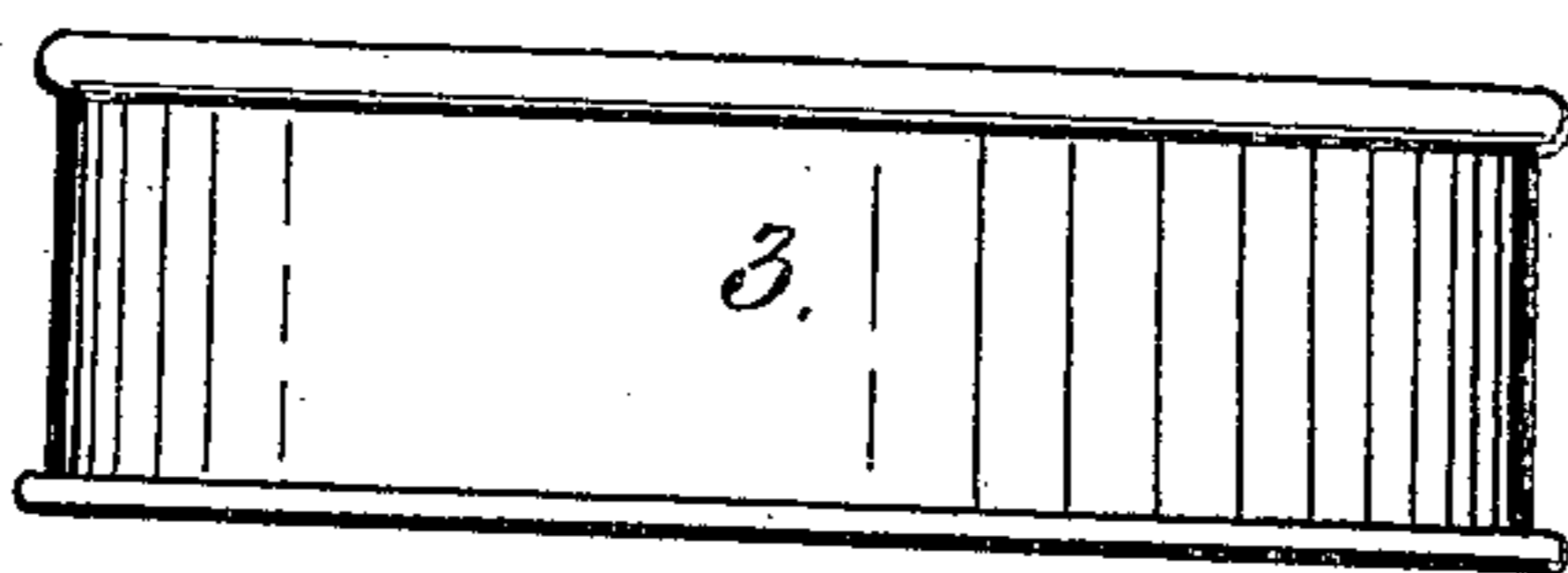


Fig. 4.



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## DINNER-PAIL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGH BARKLEY, citizen of the United States of America, and residing at Prattville, in the county of Autauga and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dinner-Pails, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to packing and storage vessels and particularly to a device thereunder known as dinner pails.

One object of this invention is to provide novel means for retaining a series of receptacles in nested relation, means being provided for carrying the frame in which the receptacles are nested.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a novel frame to receive the receptacles and a retaining device frictionally engaging the edges of the receptacles for holding them in position.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel means for automatically increasing the frictional contact of the retaining device in engagement with the said receptacles.

Furthermore, it is an object of this invention to provide a dinner pail having a series of receptacles and a frame for carrying the same, the said frame and receptacles producing a compact means for carrying food and liquid, said means proving comparatively inexpensive to manufacture and at the same time efficient and satisfactory in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

Figure 1, is a view in elevation of a dinner pail embodying the invention. Fig. 2, is a similar view partly in section with the bucket turned to a position at right angles to that occupied in Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a top plan view. Fig. 4, is a detail view of one of the receptacles. Fig. 5, is a detail view of the retaining strip. Fig. 6, illustrates a modified retaining strip.

In these drawings A, denotes one section of a frame and B, another section thereof, and the lower ends of said frames are suit-

ably secured to the lower compartment of the receptacle 6, of the series of receptacles adapted to nest within the frame. The several receptacles are numbered 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the latter, as stated, being stationary with respect to the frame and the other receptacles being removable. The upper receptacle 2, is provided with a cover 2'. This cover is provided with the screw threaded cap 1 and it is also provided with the hand hold *a*, to permit its ready removal from the receptacle.

The lower receptacle is also provided with a guide or retaining member 7, with an inclined inner surface acting as a cam for the end of the retaining strip 8, said retaining strip passing through a loop 9, which is secured on the member B, of the frame. The frame A, is also provided with a pocket 10, which is designed to hold utensils, such as a knife or fork.

The member A, of the frame is provided with a bearing D, to receive the bail E, by which the pail is carried. The upper receptacle 2, is provided with a handle C, on the top. The retaining strip 8, is preferably curved so that it would bear against the flanges of the several receptacles and frictionally retain the receptacles against movement. Fig. 5, shows the detail of this device and it is to be seen that the upper end thereof is looped, as at 10<sup>a</sup>, to form a grasp for manipulating the said strip.

As a modification of the retaining strip, I refer to Fig. 6, which shows the said strip 7<sup>a</sup>, provided with a series of rather abrupt curves forming shoulders 7<sup>b</sup>, which are adapted to aline with the flanges of the said receptacle when the said retaining strip is in place. When applying this strip, the said strip would be forced into place until the centers of the shoulders pass the flanges, which arrangement would prevent upward movement of said retaining strip except when a pull is exerted.

By reference to the Figs. 1 and 2, it will be seen that the retaining strip is intended to contact with the flanges F, on the receptacles and that the said flanges are forced into engagement with the frame by the action of the said retaining strip.

What I claim is:

1. In a dinner pail, a suitable frame consisting of two frame members crossing each other at the top, receptacles nested between

the sections of the frame, a receptacle carried by the lower ends of the frame and a sliding strip bearing against the receptacles to retain them in position.

- 5 2. In a dinner pail, a frame comprising two sections crossing each other at the top, a bail for carrying the frame, a receptacle on the lower ends of the frame, a retaining strip adapted to contact with the receptacles, a  
10 guide carried by the frame and a second guide carried by the lower receptacle with which the retaining strip co-acts to retain the receptacles in position.

- 15 3. A dinner pail consisting of a frame, a receptacle secured to the lower ends of the frame, a series of receptacles nested above the first mentioned receptacle within the frame, a retaining strip adapted to engage

the receptacles and means carried by the frame and the lower receptacle for retaining 20 the strip in operative position.

4. In a dinner pail, a suitable frame, a receptacle carried by the lower ends of the frame, receptacles nested above the first mentioned receptacle within the frame, a 25 suitable handle for carrying the frame, a curved retaining strip and means carried by the frame and lower receptacle for causing the said strip to contact with the receptacles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 30 in the presence of two witnesses this 13th day of May, 1907.

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