

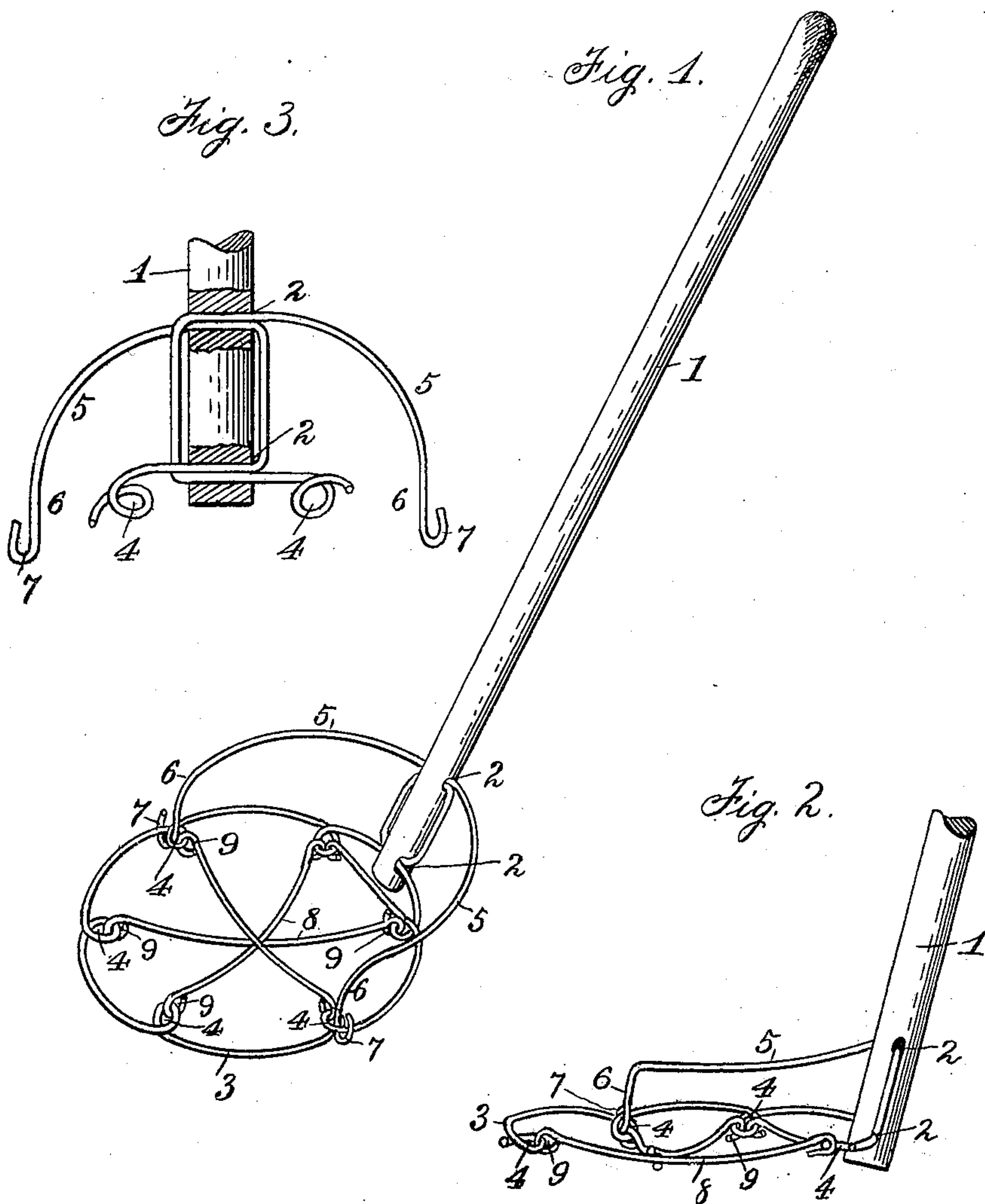
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN O. BRANCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladles; 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.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in ladles, such as are used for obtaining pickles, olives or the like from jars or barrels, and has for its object to provide a device of this kind with an open work wire frame which permits the pickles or the like to be secured from the barrel or other receptacle without a portion of the vinegar or brine.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind which may be cheaply manufactured and will be very desirable.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the ladle constructed in accordance with the invention; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the bowl of the ladle and a portion of the handle; and Fig. 3 is a sectional fragmentary view looking at right angles to Fig. 2, showing portions of the rim of the bowl passing through the handle.

In the embodiment illustrated, the handle 1 is shown of cylindrical form, and is constructed of wood or other suitable material and is provided near one end with a pair of longitudinally spaced transverse apertures 2. A particular feature of the invention resides in the manner in which the bowl is constructed. As shown, the frame of the bowl is constructed from a single piece of wire, the central portion of which is bent to form an approximately circular rim 3 having a plurality of equally and circumferentially spaced eyes 4. The remainder of the opposite portions of said wire is then threaded in opposite directions through the inner aperture 2 of the handle, is then extended outwardly in parallel relation with the handle

and next threaded in opposite directions through the outer aperture 2, the terminals 5 of the wire being extended forwardly to points approximately above the central eyes of the rim 3, the extreme outer ends of the terminals terminating in depending portions 6, which are inserted through the central eyes of the rim, and are bent to form hook portions 7 which hold said depending portions in connected relation with the frame. The frame of the bowl is constructed of a series of straight frame wires 8, which are arranged in diagonally opposite directions between the rim, and are formed at opposite ends with hooks 9 to engage the eyed portions 4 thereof.

From the construction illustrated and described it will be seen that a ladle constructed in accordance with this invention will be of exceedingly simple construction, may be easily and cheaply manufactured and will meet all the requirements of a ladle of this kind.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A ladle comprising a rigid handle having a pair of transverse longitudinally spaced apertures, and an open work wire bowl attached to the handle by passing portions of the wire through the apertures thereof.

2. A ladle comprising a handle having a pair of transverse longitudinally spaced apertures, and a bowl constructed from a single piece of wire bent to form an approximately circular rim with a plurality of circumferentially spaced eyes, the remaining portions of said piece of wire being passed in reverse directions through one of the apertures of the handle, thence in parallel relation therewith to and in reverse directions through the other apertures thereof, the

terminals of the wire being extended forwardly and engaged with certain of the eyed portions of the rim, the frame of the bowl being formed by a plurality of straight wires
5 arranged in angular relation within and connected at opposite ends with the eyed portions of the rim.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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