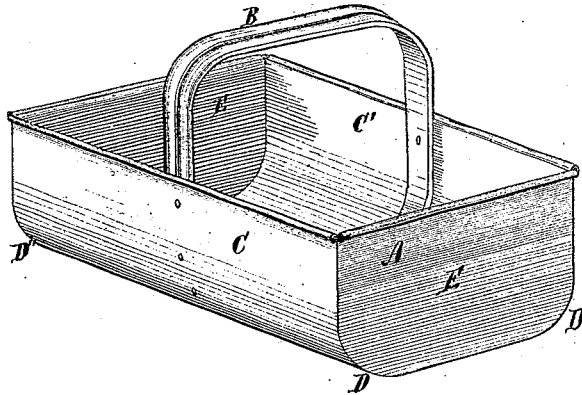


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## IMPROVEMENT IN WOOD-BUCKETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL S. VAIL, of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Articles of Manufacture and Trade, constituting "Wood-Buckets;" and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective elevation of my wood-bucket.

My invention has for its object the production of a suitable article of manufacture and trade, to serve for conveniently carrying stove-wood into houses for use, and for holding the same, analogous to those already in use for coal.

My improved article is made substantially as shown and set forth.

A is the wood-bucket, constructed of sheet metal, or otherwise, with rectangular parallel sides C C' and ends E E' in its horizontal section, so as to receive the sticks of wood most conveniently, while it is of a nature convenient to construct of sheet metal, which seems best suited to the purpose, considering the uses for which it would be required, where durability and

strength, neatness, and imperviousness to fire, as well as lightness, are required.

It is further adapted to its purpose by having the lower edges D D' and D' made rounded.

In the middle, connecting the two sides c c', is the arching bail or handle B, which is made fixed in its upright position, for the better balancing of the bucket when unevenly filled. This is for carrying by, in bringing in wood, as well as in moving to the stove for feeding the fire, &c.

The bucket is intended to serve, also, instead of an unsightly permanent wood-box, for holding wood, in the house, for which it may be of as large size as is otherwise convenient.

I am aware there is little of startling novelty in my invention; but I believe much that is new and useful as an article of manufacture and use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The wood-bucket A, constructed of metal, with rectangular sides C C' ends E E', and handle B, as and for the purpose specified.

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