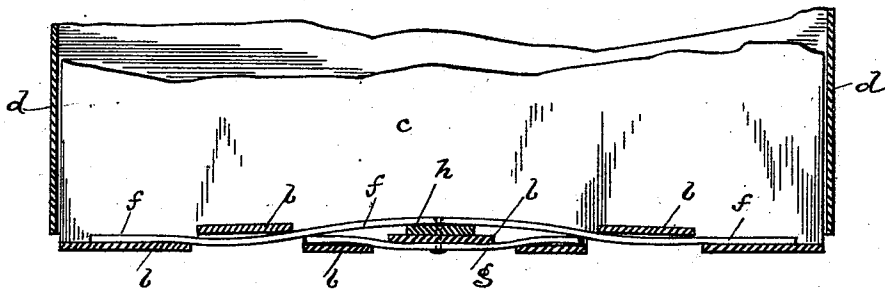
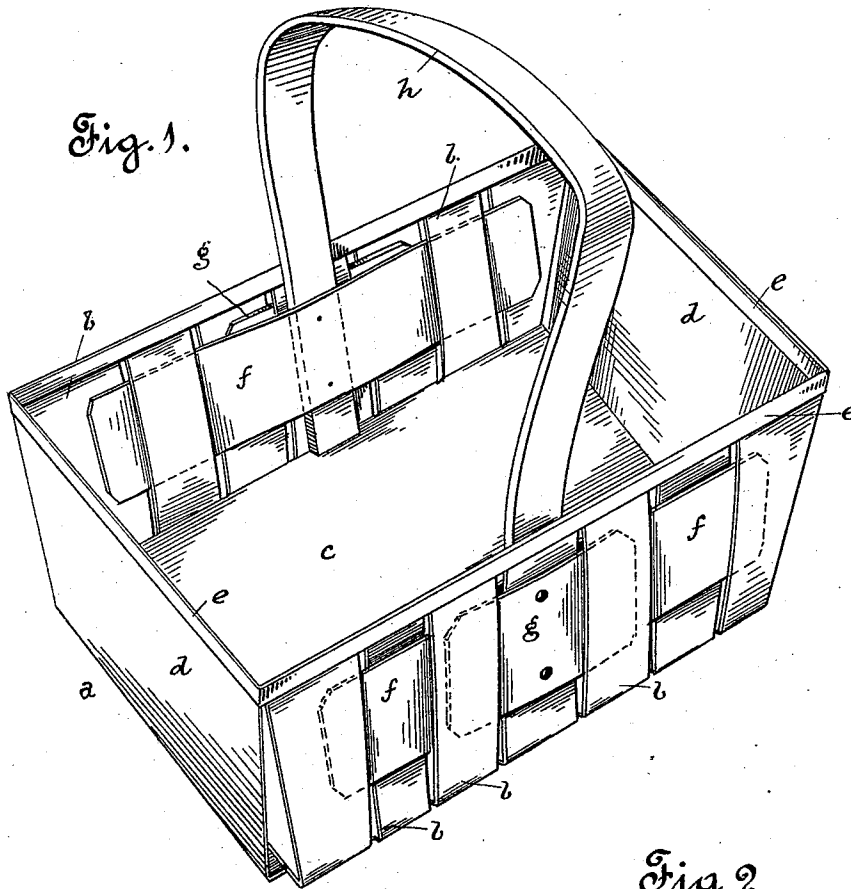


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. WESTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wood-Veneer-Made Baskets, of which the following is a specification

My invention relates to improvements in wood veneer-made baskets, by providing a handle to the same by which fruit or other substances may be carried safely and with great convenience, without in any way endangering the breaking of the thin veneering of which the basket is made, the said handle being so inserted in the sides of the basket as to add much greater firmness and strength to the same. The thin veneer basket full of fruit is very inconvenient to carry without a handle; but as heretofore made it has been found very difficult to attach a handle to the thin veneer material of which it is constructed. On account of the thinness of said material a handle would not hold, the fastenings breaking away from the thin veneer material wherever attached. The difficulty is now however obviated by the device and invention as herein described.

These veneer baskets are made of thin wood veneering, which is almost instantly formed into the basket shape by means of a shaper, the sides being slitted or cut through just enough to leave a slight opening for the admission of air, the upper edge being bound and protected by narrow strips of tin having the edges bent so as to fit tightly over the outer or upper edge of the body part of the basket and be fastened to it. To this basket I attach a bent wooden handle firmly and securely as seen in the drawings, and by my device add greatly to the strength of the body part of the basket. This is done by inserting in the sides, through the middle slits or cuts, a wide, short strip of the wood veneering, and then back of that and next to the outside slits a long piece of nearly the same width of the basket, which passes through the slits in and out nearly the entire length of each side, between the said two strips, and

against one of the upright side slits of the body part. The ends of the handle piece are inserted extending to the bottom of the basket, against which it is firmly pressed and is fastened by small rivets or tacks headed down upon the said side strips and the upright piece of the body part, by means of which device the basket may be furnished with a handle firmly set to the inserted strips and veneer body part of the basket, with no danger of its breaking out by the weight contained therein or otherwise. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan of one side of a basket.

a represents the wood veneer basket as shaped by a shaper from a strip or sheet of veneering; *b*, the slitted sides of the body part; *c*, the bottom part; *d*, the plane portion of ends of the body part; *e*, the tin strip binding the edges; *f*, the long veneer strip inserted in the slits of the sides; *g*, the short veneer strip inserted also in said slits of the sides of the basket; *h*, the handle.

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

1. A wood veneer basket shaped from a sheet of veneering, having its two sides, *b*, slitted or cut so as to leave a space for the circulation of air; the plane bottom, *c*; the ends, *d*; the tin folding strip, *e*, binding the edges; the long and short veneer strips, *f* and *g*, inserted in the slits of the sides of the body part, to provide a holding or socket for the ends of the handle; and the handle, *h*, inserted between said veneer strips and against one of the upright side strips extending to and resting against the bottom part, substantially as herein described and set forth.

2. In a wood veneer basket, the combination of the body part, *b*, *c* and *d*, the tin folding strips, *e*, binding the edges or upper part firmly together; with the veneer strips, *f* and *g*, and the handle, *h*, inserted between said strips and fastened to the sides, substantially as herein described and set forth.

3. In a wood veneer basket, the combina-

tion of the body part, *b*, *c* and *d*; the tin fold-
ing strips, *e*, binding the edges or upper part
firmly together; the veneer strips, *f* and *g*,
with the handle, the lower ends of which are
5 inserted between said strips, *f* and *g*, and
fastened to them and against the upright
strips of the body-piece, *C*, with which strips,

f and *g*, are inserted at right angles,—sub-
stantially as herein described and set forth.

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