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Baskets.

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Fig. 1.

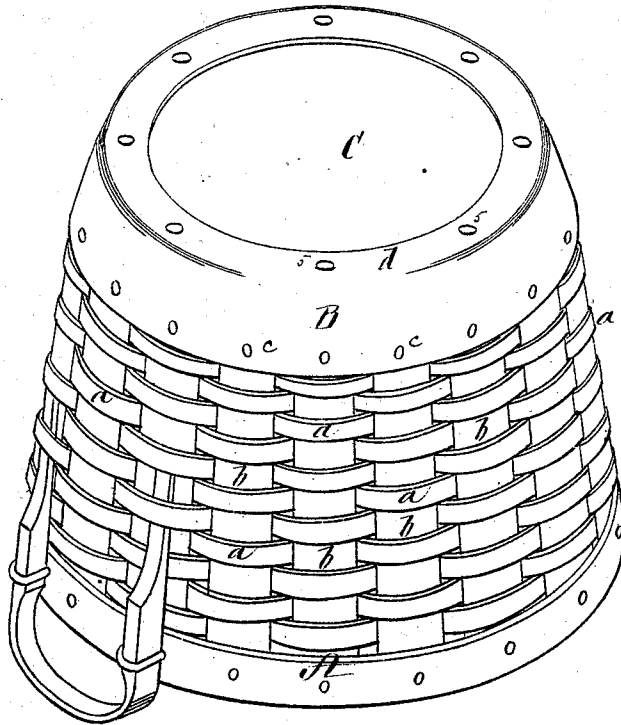
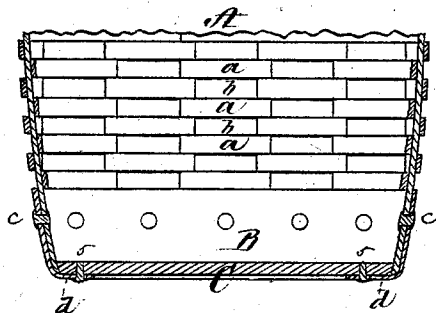


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYLVENDER F. MAYNARD, of North Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Baskets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket inverted to show my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through a portion of the same.

Baskets of considerable size (from a bushel upward) for holding and carrying coal, grain, and vegetables, and those employed in workshops and factories, by being frequently dragged or moved over the floor or ground are rapidly worn away at their lower edge and bottom, when they must either be repaired or discarded. To obviate this difficulty, and to economize in the use of such baskets, is the object of my invention, which consists in a metallic guard extending around the basket from the lower portion of its outside over its lower edge to and partially over its bottom, the guard resting on the ground or floor, and preventing the basket from being injured, the guard also stiffening the lower portion of the basket, and enabling it to permanently retain its original shape.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents a "bushel basket," formed of strips of wood woven together. The strips *a* of filling are not carried down to the bottom of the basket, but terminate at a short distance above it, the upright

strips *b*, which form the warp, being carried down only to the bottom, and not extending in toward its center. B is a continuous piece of metal, shaped as seen in Fig. 2, placed outside the upright strips or warp, and riveted thereto at points *c* an inch or two above their lower ends, which extend down to the upper side of the horizontal portion *d* of the metallic piece B. C is a circular wooden piece, which is placed on the horizontal portion *d*, and is riveted thereto at *e*, forming the bottom of the basket, the metallic piece B serving as a guard for protecting the lower portions of the basket from injury when moved or drawn over the ground or floor.

This guard may be "struck up" from a circular piece, or may be formed of a straight strip bent around into the required shape and riveted or otherwise secured together at its ends, the latter construction being preferred owing to the absence of waste in cutting up the sheet metal.

I am aware that baskets have heretofore been constructed with the ends of the splints confined between two metallic disks placed upon the inside and outside of the bottom of the basket. This I do not claim; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A basket with a wooden bottom, as described, and provided with a metal guard extending around the lower edge of the same to protect it from wearing away, as and for the purposes specified.

Witness my hand this 26th day of December, A. D. 1873.

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In presence of—

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