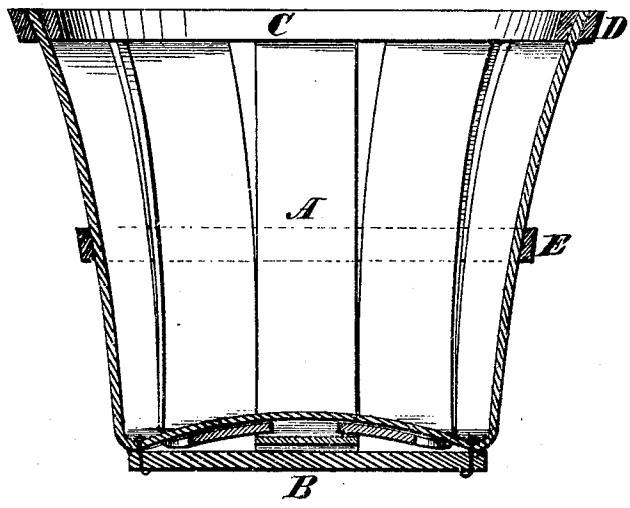
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SPECIFICATION.

I, HORACE C. JONES, of Dowagiac, in the county of Cass and State of Michigan, have invented certain Improvements in Fruit-Baskets, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention relates to the construction of fruit-baskets; the object being to quicken and cheapen the process of manufacture, and to produce a basket that shall be especially adapted to the transportation of fruit in small quantities.

Letters of reference are marked on the drawing, which indicate the parts represented by a similar letter in this specification, of which the annexed drawing forms a part.

A represents the splints. These splints are made of thin strips of wood, sufficiently long to extend across the bottom to the top of both sides of the basket. B represents a disk. This disk is cut from a board the proper size to form the exterior of the base of the basket. The splints A are laid across the disk B in a radial position, crossing each other at about midway of their length, a sufficient number being used to nearly fill the circumference of the base of the basket, and secured to the disk B by means of nails driven through them and clinched on the under side of the disk. The outer ends of the splints are bent up to nearly a vertical position and secured between the hoops C D, leaving the top of the basket somewhat larger than the bottom, leaving open spaces between the splints. A middle hoop, E, is attached to the basket about midway of its height. This hoop is contracted so as to give the basket a bell-shaped appearance.

Now it will be seen that the disk B forms a substantial support to the splints, and dispenses with the necessity of bottom hoops, commonly used in such baskets, and may be much quicker applied; and in view of the enormous quantity of this class of basket required yearly, a small improvement becomes very valuable.

The accompanying drawing shows a vertical transverse section through the diameter of my basket.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fruit-basket consisting of the disk B, having the standards or splints A extending from side to side across the disk, in combination with the hoops C, D, and E, all constructed and arranged as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

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