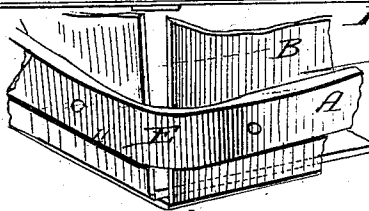
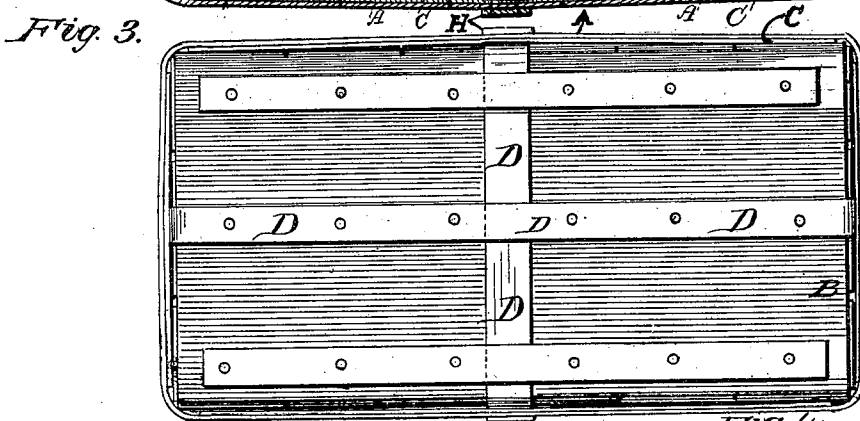
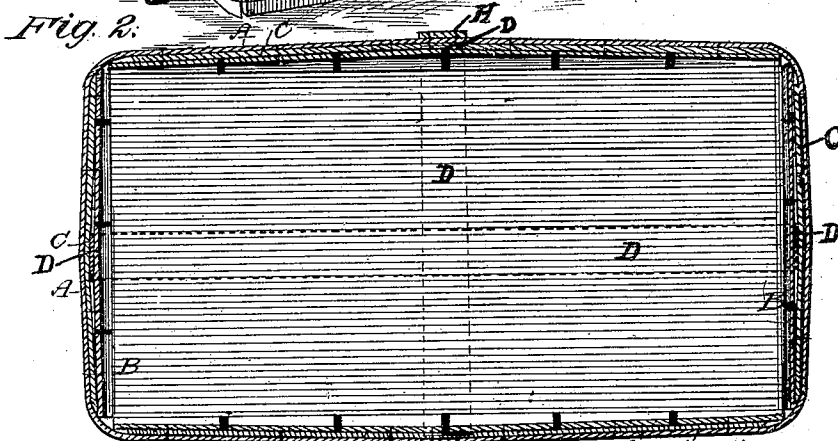
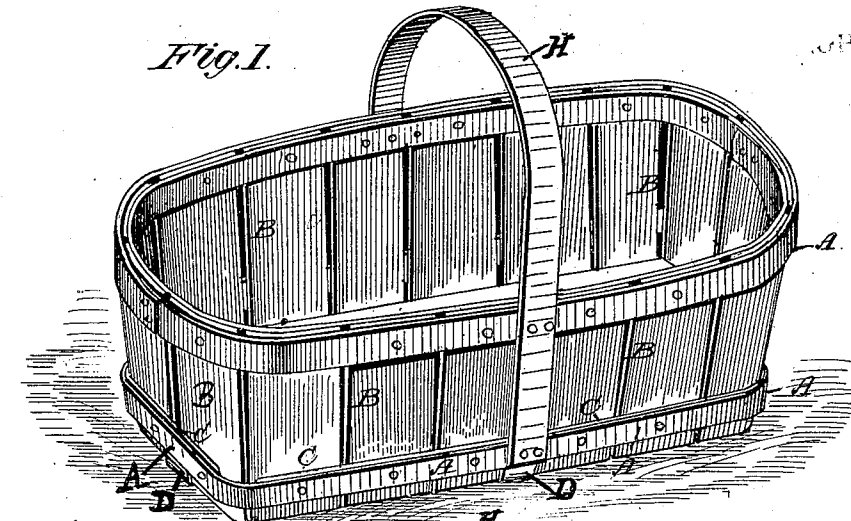


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Fruit Basket.

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FRUIT-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOSEA B. CRANDALL, of Brocton, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan; and Fig. 4 is a detail view, illustrating a modification.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to a fruit-basket constructed of splints or veneers, two pieces of which are placed crosswise one upon the other and their projecting ends bent upward to form the sides of the basket, in combination with splint-bands encircling the basket near its bottom, strengthening-strips interposed between said encircling-bands, and bottom strips for strengthening that portion of the basket, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

My improved basket is constructed of two splints or veneers, which are placed crosswise, one on top of the other, and have projecting ends bent upward to form the sides of the basket, which are then secured by splint-bands A.

Partly for the sake of ventilation and partly to give the proper shape to the basket, the sides are split, as represented at B B in the drawings.

In order to make the baskets of sufficient strength and enable them to support the weight of others piled on top of them in shipping, it is necessary that the sides should be bent up at right angles, or nearly so, to the bottom; but in doing this it frequently happens that the sides break off or become partly disconnected from the bottom, thus

rendering the basket worthless, the splint-bands A (which, in order to bind them around the sides, must be quite thin) being insufficient to secure the sides together so as to render a partial break immaterial. To remedy this defect I employ strips or stay-pieces C C, four in number, interposed between the lower band A and the sides of the basket, one on each side of the latter. By these stay-pieces the band A is re-enforced to such an extent that, should the splints constituting the sides become partially disconnected from the bottom, they will still remain connected together so firmly that such partial break will not impair the value of the basket for the purposes for which it is intended. To add to the security I also employ two or more thin supporting-strips, D D, nailed under the bottom across each other and turned up at the ends under the lower band A, where they are firmly nailed in place.

The handle H is secured on the outside of the upper and lower bands A, as shown.

The modification illustrated in Fig. 4 consists in making the band A of material sufficiently heavy to support the sides without the re-enforcing-strip C. To enable this band to be bent without breaking, it is shaved down at the corners of the basket, as represented at E, Fig. 4.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A fruit-basket constructed of splints or veneers, two pieces of which are placed crosswise one upon the other and their projecting ends bent upward to form the sides of the basket, in combination with the splint-bands A, interposed strips C, and the supporting-strips D, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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