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Fig 1.

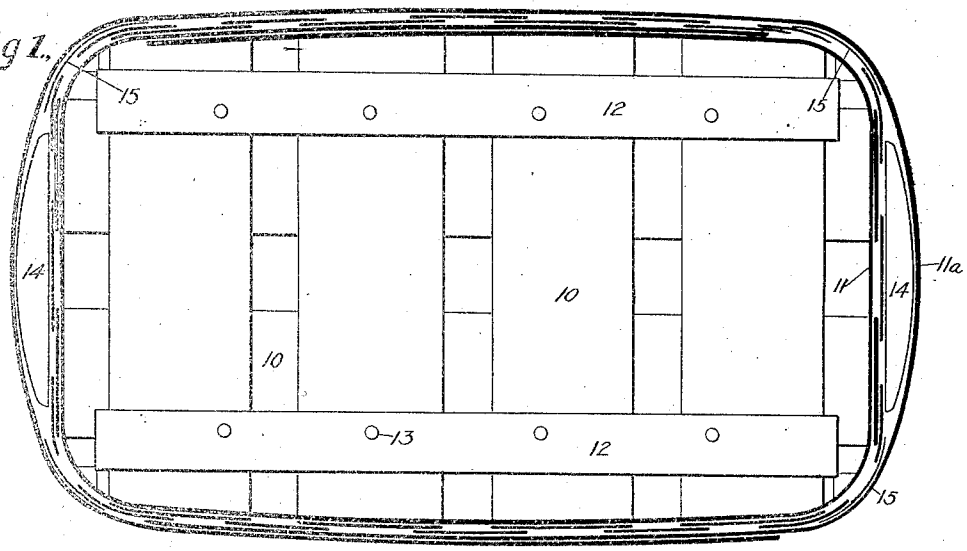



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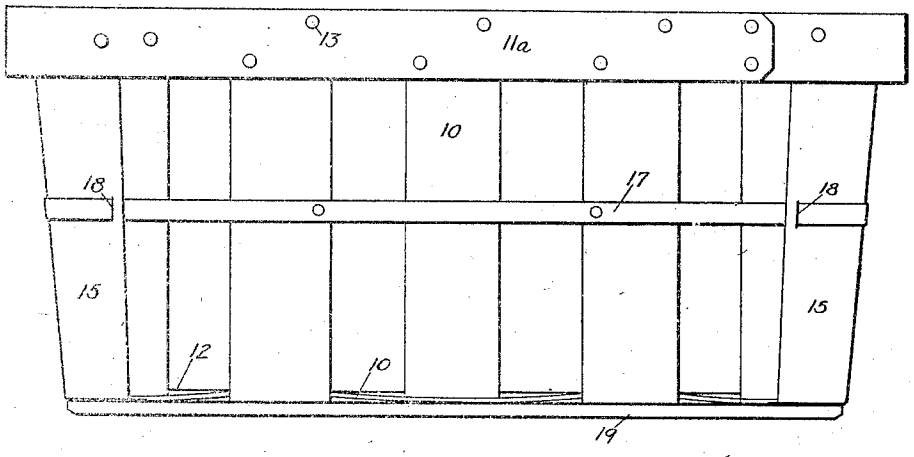



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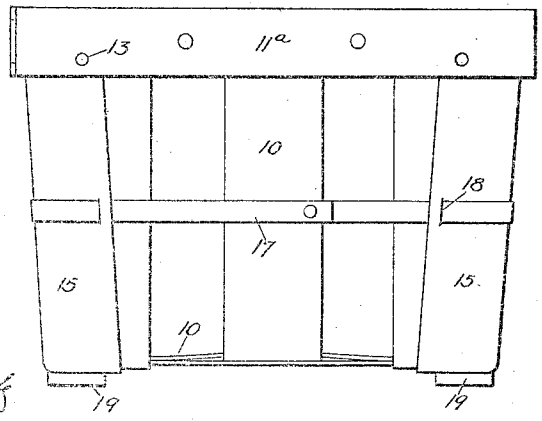
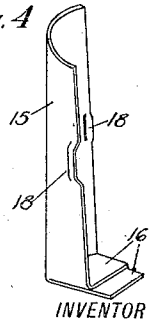



Fig. 4




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. O'DELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Belding, in the county of Ionia and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Basket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to baskets and more particularly relates to an unwoven and unbraided, splint basket, although the invention in all its phases is not limited to baskets of that particular character.

The general object of my invention is to provide a basket to be produced cheaper than braided baskets and one that will give a better service.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a basket embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view thereof;

Fig. 3 is an end view;

Fig. 4 is a separate perspective view of one of the corner pieces.

In carrying out my invention in accordance with the illustrated example, the body of the basket is formed of flat strips, or splints, as they are generally termed. The splints are unbraided and comprise a longitudinal series and a transverse series, the two series crossing at the bottom of the basket, there being cleats 12 secured to the basket at the bottom at the interior. At the top of the edge of the basket are the usual inner and outer bands or hoops 11, 11ª and these and the cleats 12 are fastened by any approved tacks or other fasteners as at 13.

The strips of each series are laid so as to break joint, that is to say, the strips are spaced apart and alternate strips cover the spaces between two adjacent splints.

At the ends of the basket, filler blocks 14 are provided between the inner and outer bands 11, 11ª, said filler blocks overhanging at the exterior of the basket body to present shoulders and thereby constitute handle members. The inner faces of the filler blocks 14 are plane to lie flat against the body splints while the outer surface is curved to give rounded lines to the top of the basket at the ends.

In order to give the body ample strength notwithstanding the absence of braiding or weaving, I provide metal corner pieces 15 preferably rounded transversely and these extend approximately from the upper edge of the basket to the bottom thereof at each corner. At the bottom the side of each angle piece is slitted vertically and the ends inturned to overlie one another as shown clearly in Fig. 4. The inturned double flanges thus produced on the corner pieces by the members 16 lie beneath the bottom of the basket body and they are secured thereto by longitudinal cleats 19 on the bottom at the exterior and overlying said members 16. The outer band 11ª extends outside of the corner pieces 15 thereby holding the latter in position at the top in addition to the holding engagement of the cleats 19. In order, however to further fasten the corner pieces and to strengthen the body between the top and bottom thereof, I provide a metallic strap 17 which extends about the body and is caused to positively engage and interlock with the corner pieces 15 preferably by forming vertical slits 18 in the corner pieces through which slits the band 17 passes.

I would state in conclusion that while the illustrated example constitutes a practical embodiment of my invention, I do not limit myself strictly to the mechanical details herein illustrated, since manifestly the same can be considerably varied without departure from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A basket having a body of splints or the like, metal corner pieces inturned and overlapping at the bottom beneath the bottom of the body, and retaining cleats on the bottom at the under side extending along opposite edges of the basket and overlying and abutting against the inturned overlapping portions of the corner pieces.

2. In a basket, metal corner pieces on the basket body and extending approximately from top to bottom thereof, said corner pieces having longitudinal slits adjacent the opposite edges and a strap extending about the body, between the top and bottom and across the exterior of said corner pieces and through said slits at the edges of the corner pieces for strapping said corner pieces to the body.

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