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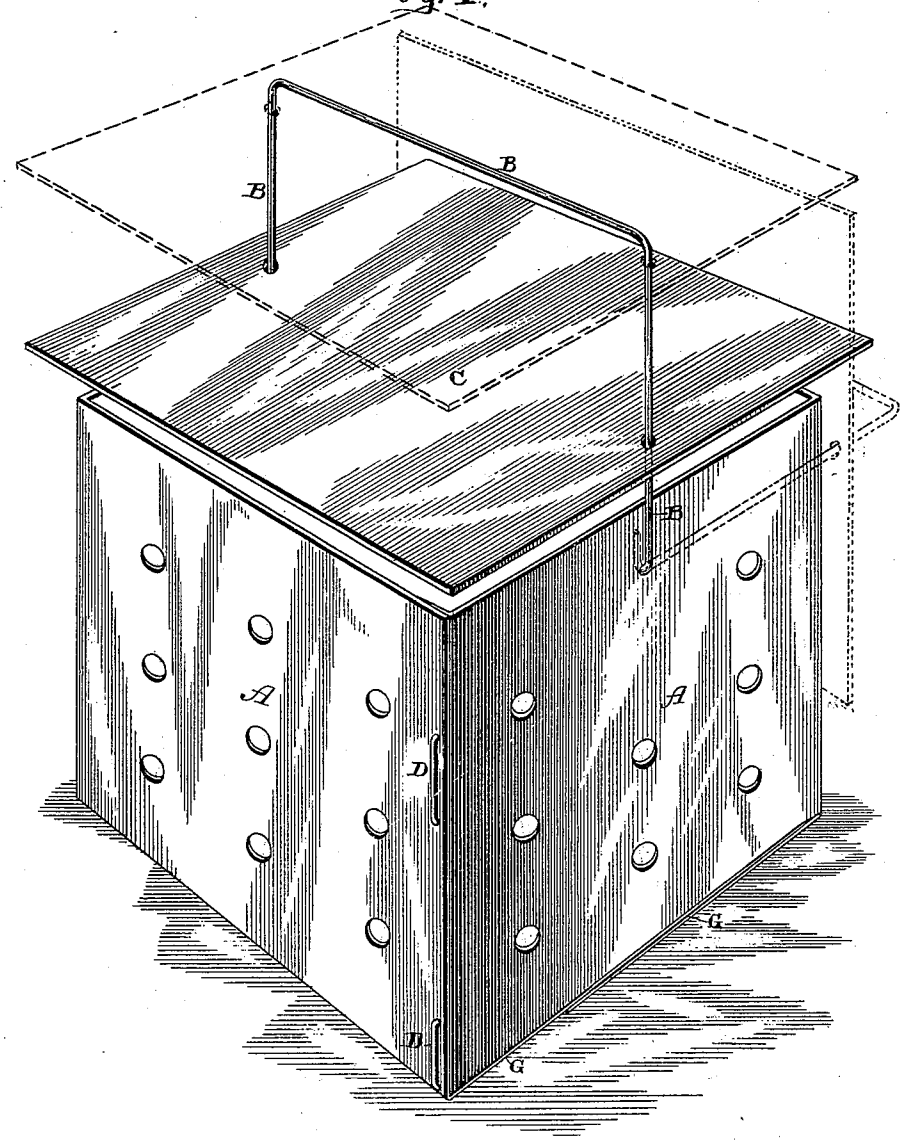

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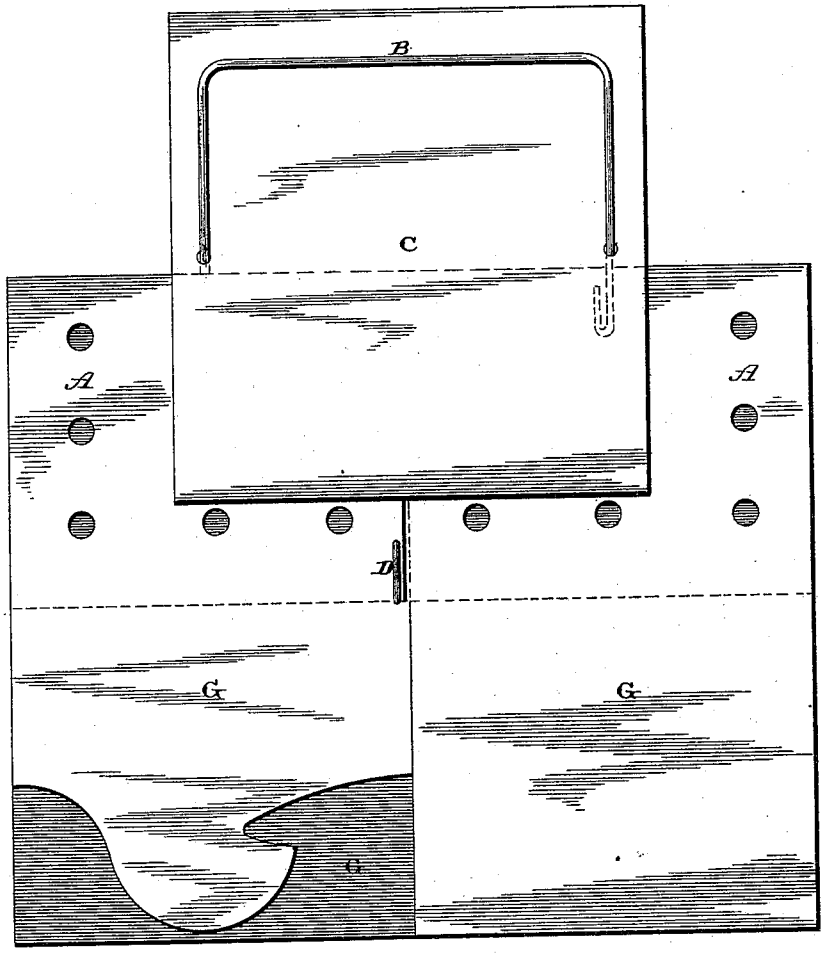

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED S. ELWELL, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knockdown Paper Boxes or Baskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in paper baskets; and it consists in a basket which is formed from paper, and of the particular construction hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a perforated paper box or package which is adapted to carry articles of various kinds, and to attach thereto a cover which has a free vertical movement, but which cannot be detached from the package without first removing the handle therefrom, and whereby the box or basket can be knocked down and the cover turned so that it will assume a flat form.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a paper box or package which embodies my invention, the cover being shown in a slightly-raised position. Fig. 2 is a view showing the box knocked down into a flat form for transportation.

A represents a paper box, package, or basket, which is here shown as rectangular, but which may be given any other shape that may be preferred. The bottom of the box or package is formed of the usual folding flaps G, and the sides of the box or package are preferably perforated, as shown. Hooked into opposite sides of the box is the wire handle B, and placed upon this handle or bail, so as to have a free rising and falling movement thereon, is a cover C, which is made from pasteboard or other suitable material having sufficient rigidity to retain its shape. This cover is preferably made larger than the box, so that it will cover the top at all points and always retain its position thereon. The ends of the wire bail or handle must be passed through the holes in opposite edges of the cover before the handle is attached to the box, and then the cover can be freely raised and lowered upon the handle or moved to one side of the basket with the handle, so as to be out of the way when the box is being filled. This cover can only be detached from the handle by detaching its ends from the box.

When the box is not needed for immediate use, the bottom can be opened out, and then the whole basket knocked down, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to occupy but a very small amount of space while in transportation.

The box here shown is formed of a single piece of paper, which is cut so as to form the ordinary tongued and slitted flaps G, and then bent into form and the ends of the blank secured together, preferably by means of the staples D. When the flaps are folded under the upper portion of the box, as shown in Fig. 1, it is braced by the said flaps; but when these flaps are straightened out, as shown in Fig. 2, the box can be knocked down.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination, with a knockdown paper basket, of a cover provided with perforations in opposite edges, and a wire bail, which is passed loosely through said perforations and secured to opposite top edges of the basket, whereby when the basket is knocked down the cover can be turned so as to extend parallel with the walls of the basket and thus form a flat package, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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