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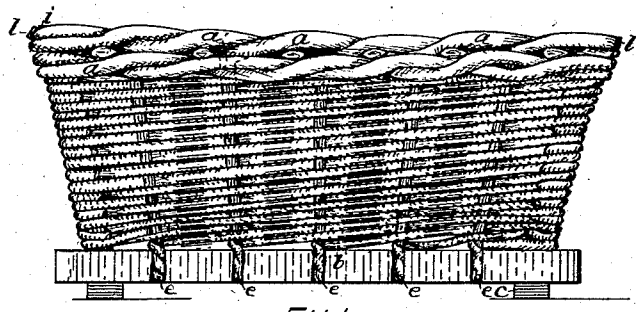


Fig. I

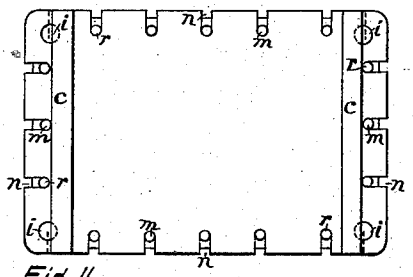


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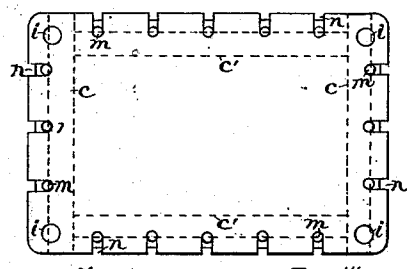


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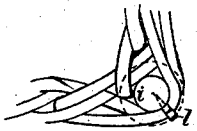


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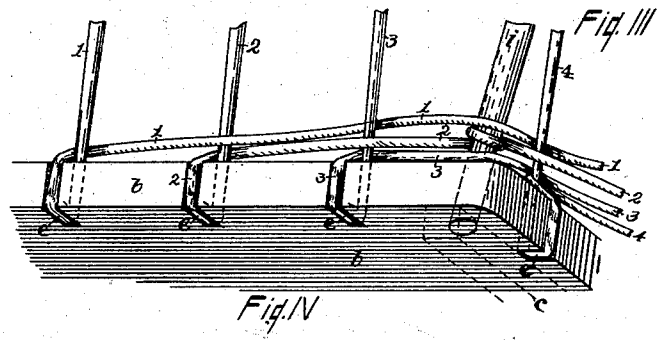


Fig. IV



Fig. VI

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BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN BROWN, Jr., and WILLIAM BROWN, citizens of the United States, and residents of Ossining, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to baskets, and has for its object a particularly strong form of display-basket—that is, baskets used for the display of goods on sale; but while this is the main object the principles of the invention may be applied to baskets of various forms and sizes, such as hampers, &c.

Another object is to produce a more than ordinarily strong basket woven of willow, and to this feature of the invention the description will be principally directed.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the features of the invention.

Figure I is a side elevation of a display-basket. Fig. II is a bottom view of the basket-bottom as shown in Fig. I, but on a smaller scale than in said figure. Fig. III is a bottom view showing a different arrangement of cleats from those shown in the first two figures. Fig. IV illustrates the method of weaving the basket. Figs. V and VI relate to finishes of the top corners of the basket.

The basket comprises a wooden base *b* and the woven structure *a*, Fig. I. The base is provided with holes *r* to receive the strands to be woven. In line with and parallel with the holes notches *n* are made in the edges of the block, the notches intersecting the holes on the under side of the block, as shown in Figs. I to IV, inclusive. The holes and notches are so adapted to the strands that when one, as 1, Fig. IV, is inserted therein the looped part *e* will lie wholly within the notches. Posts *i* are inserted in the corners of the block to give strength to the basket. When made of willow, the strands, as 1 2 3 4, Fig. IV, are passed through the holes, with the thick ends of the strands forming the standards and of sufficient length to be used for forming the top rim of the basket. This manner of closing the top is indicated at *a'*, Fig. I, and is a departure from the usual practice in basket-making. The result is an exceedingly strong rim to the basket.

Fig. IV illustrates the manner of beginning the weaving of the basket. Each strand that forms a standard, as 1 2 3 4, is turned upon itself, forming a loop *e* within the notches *n*, and at the corner-posts *i* every alternate strand is wound once around the post. In forming the loops *e* the strand is preferably given two or three twists, which adds to its strength and tends to compact it within the groove. In weaving the basket with other material than willow the same method would be pursued, the extended ends of the standards being made to form the basket-rim. As the loops *e* lie within the notches in the wood, for some uses no further protection would be required, but when roughly handled there is danger of splitting off the wood between the loops. To prevent this, cleats *c c*, Figs. I and II, are added to the ends of the base. Still further protection may be had by arranging cleats as indicated by broken lines in Fig. III.

The posts *i*, Figs. I and V, come flush with the tops of the woven strands, and the last strand is secured to the post by means of a double-pointed tack *l*, driven over the strand into the post. The corner may have an additional finish of an ornamental piece, as in Fig. VI, secured to the top of the post, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. V.

While the bottom block or base is herein described as of wood, it is meant to include any material other than that constituting the woven parts.

Having described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination in a basket of a wooden bottom perforated, notched, and provided with bottom cleats and corner-posts as shown, willow strands passed through the perforations the thicker ends of the strands constituting the standards and the top rim, the ends that are woven laid in the notches and turned around the standards, and at the corners each alternate strand wound once around the corner-posts, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination in a basket of a wooden bottom perforated to receive the standards and notched in line with the standards to receive the loops formed in the standards that secure the standards to the bottom, the thick ends of the willow strands used for the stand-

ards and to close and form the top rim of the basket.

3. The combination in a basket of a wooden bottom perforated, notched and provided with corner-posts as shown, willow strands passed through the perforations the thicker ends of the strands constituting the standards and composing the top rim, the interwoven ends being first looped in the notches in the bottom and turned around the posts, and at the corners each alternate strand wound once around the standards, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination in a basket of a wooden bottom perforated, notched, and provided with corner-posts as shown, willow strands passed through the perforations, the ends that are woven first looped in the notches in the bottom and turned around the posts, the extended ends of the standards woven to form the basket-rim, and the top strands secured to the corner-posts by means of a tack, as herein set forth.

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