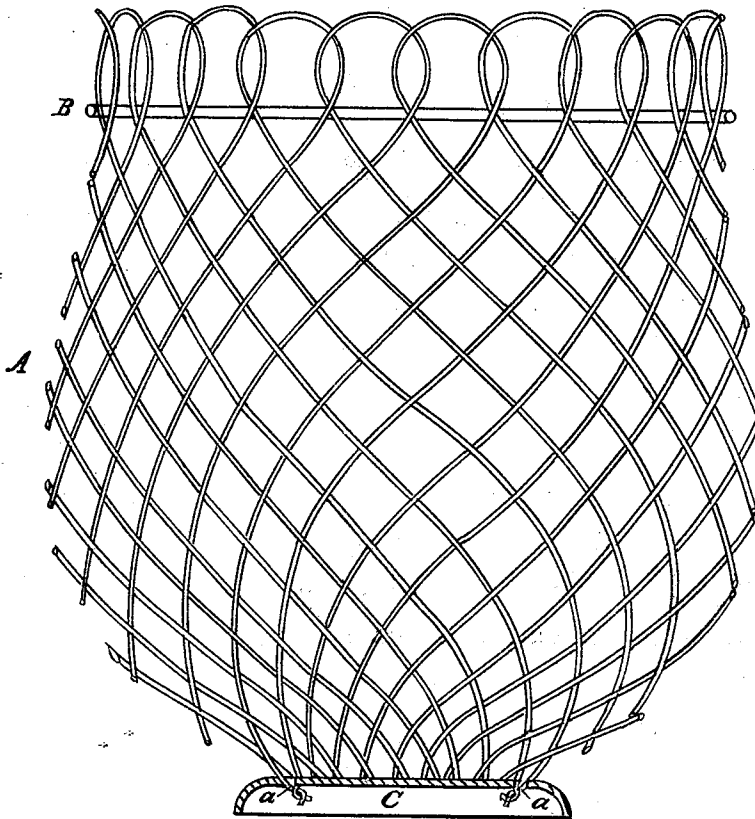


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IMPROVEMENT IN WIRE BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSHUA HORROCKS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Wire Baskets, of which improvements the following is a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, and in which the figure there shown represents a vertical central section of a basket embodying my invention.

The object of my invention is to improve the construction of wire baskets, render them less expensive, and facilitate the operation of making them; and to this end my invention consists in making the bottom in one piece of metal, perforated to receive the wires, and made concave on its under face, so that they will not rest on the floor, the whole constituting a new article of manufacture.

In the drawing, A represents the body of a wire basket. B is a hoop of wire employed to strengthen the basket, and to which are attached the upper parts of the wires which constitute the body. In baskets of this class another hoop or wire is usually employed to stiffen the bottom, and to this hoop the wires which constitute the bottom, and also the lower ends of those which constitute the body, are attached. In lieu of this lower hoop I employ the bottom piece C, made in one piece of metal. This piece is perforated to receive

the wires of the body, as shown at *a*. The under face of the piece C is sufficiently concave to prevent the wires from resting on the floor, as shown, the wires being twisted together after being passed through the perforations.

By perforating the bottom C in the manner shown and described, the lower ends of the wires may be spaced with facility, besides being readily fastened and supported above the floor. The basket is also thus rendered, cheap, durable, and neat in appearance.

I deem it preferable, but not essential, to make the piece C of cast-iron. When the basket is made in the form shown the bottom piece may be made heavy enough to keep the basket in its proper position; but I do not here intend to limit myself to the form of the basket.

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

A new article of manufacture, consisting of a wire basket provided with the bottom piece C, made in one piece of metal concave on its under face, and having the perforations *a a* arranged therein near its edge, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

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