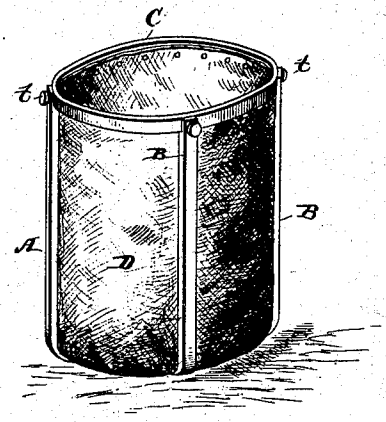
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Fig 1.



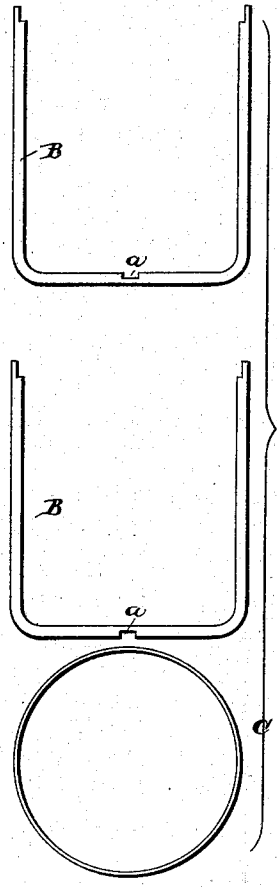


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Fig 3.

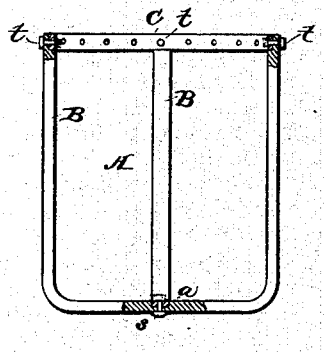
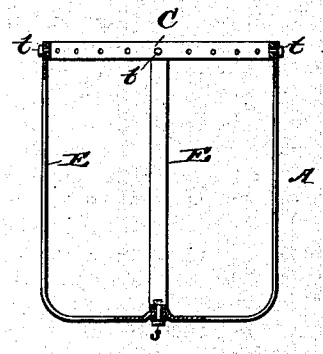


Fig 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. LAWSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Athens, Clarke county, Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of a basket constructed of angular strips joined together in such a manner as to permit of easy connection and separation, and supporting, when in their normal position, a cloth or other bag constituting the body portion of the basket, all as fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a detached view of the pieces constituting the main frame of the basket. Fig. 3 is a section through the joint of the frame, and Fig. 4 a section showing a modification.

The frame A of the basket consists, preferably of two or more approximately U-shaped wooden strips, B B, placed crosswise one within the other, as shown in Fig. 1, and in each of the coinciding faces of the strips is a notch, *a*, so that where the strips cross the one may be set into the other to bring the horizontal portions to the same plane, and a bolt, *s*, or other suitable fastening device is passed through the strips thus joined to securely but removably hold them together. Within and at the upper ends of the strips joined as described is supported a hoop, C, secured to said strips by bolts *t*, or otherwise in such a manner that the parts may be readily detached. Detachably secured to and suspended from the hoop C is a bag, D, of flexible material, and of suitable length to completely fill the frame A, and constituting the body portion of the basket.

When required for use, the parts are put together in the position shown in Fig. 1.

When the baskets are to be stored or transported, the bolts *s* and *t* are removed, the parts separated and packed closely together.

The angular strips constituting the frame may be composed of a series of L-shaped strips, E, pivotally joined at their inner ends, as shown in Fig. 4; and in this instance the said strips are held in their proper relative position by the hoop C, supported within the frame, as above described. It will be seen that by removing the hoop C and bag or body D of the basket the frame thereof may be readily folded into a compact body for shipment or stowage, while the flexible body may be readily removed from the hoop for convenience in packing or for replacement.

When it is desired to render the frame A, constructed as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, capable of being folded, instead of detaching the parts as above stated, this may be done by pivotally joining the strips B at the point of crossing, and in such case dispensing with the notches *a*.

I claim—

1. A basket composed of two or more angular strips detachably secured together one within the other and forming the bottom and side ribs of the basket, a hoop supported by the upper ends of the ribs, and having a flexible body portion suspended within and upon said hoop, substantially as described.

2. A folding basket consisting of a series of angular strips pivotally joined as described, a hoop detachably supported within and at the upper ends of said strips, and a removable flexible body suspended from said hoop substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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