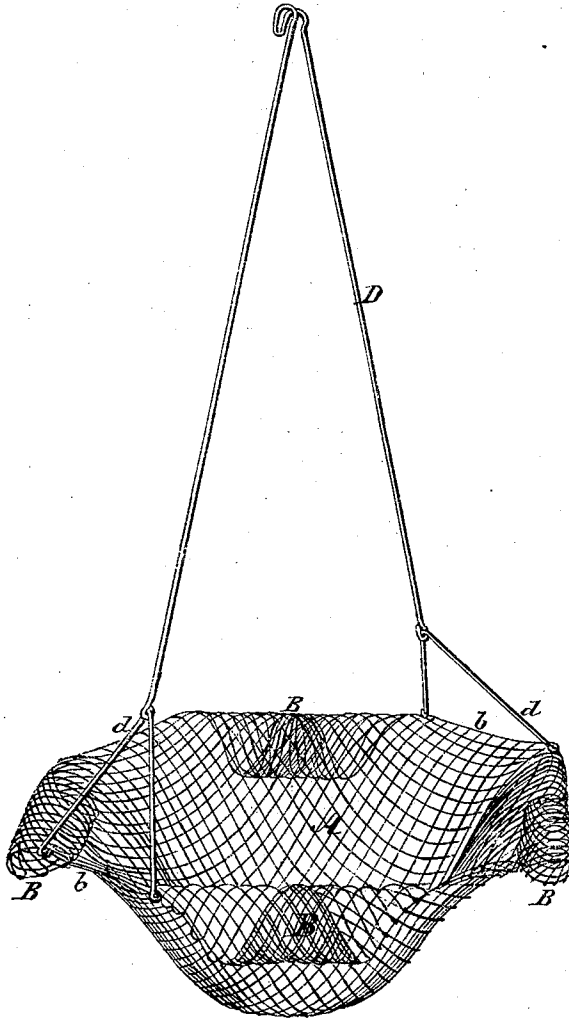


*J. H. O'Neil.*

*Hanging Basket.*

*N<sup>o</sup> 101,907.*

*Patented Apr. 12, 1870.*



*Witnesses.*  
*Fred. Haynes*  
*R. G. Rabear.*

*Inventor.*  
*John H. O'Neil*  
*per*  
*Brown Coombs & Co*  
*Attys.*

# United States Patent Office.

JOHN H. O'NEIL, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Letters Patent No. 101,907, dated April 12, 1870.

## IMPROVEMENT IN HANGING-BASKETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. O'NEIL, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hanging-Baskets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and which represents a view in perspective of a hanging-basket constructed in accordance with my improvement.

Hanging wire baskets for the holding and culture of flowers and roots or plants, so generally used both in and out of doors, forming alike articles of ornament and utility, have, as heretofore constructed, been woven from wire of suitable strength, which mode of manufacture is attended with considerable labor and expense, thereby making said articles so costly as to cripple or prevent the general use of them.

The object of my invention is to materially reduce the cost of making hanging wire baskets, and at the same time to give to them strength and neatness of finish. To this end, and in contradistinction to weaving them, my improvement consists in stamping and otherwise molding the same out of wire-gauze.

I take, for instance, wire-gauze of suitable strength and mesh, and cutting it into squares, place the same, or a piece thus cut, in or over a female die in a hand or power-press, so that, on a male die coming down thereon, said piece is shaped to give to it the necessary form or rotundity required for the body of the basket, with its edges rounding over. Thus A, in the

drawing, represents the body or main portion thereof; and

*b*, its turned or rounded edge.

The angular protuberance or corners of the squares I then turn to form rolls B, which not only give ornament or neatness of finish, but materially serve to stiffen the body, and constitute stout points of attachment for the hanger D, which may, if desired, be attached to them over or about their middle, or which may be hitched to straps *d d* arranged to unite the ends of adjacent rolls, as represented, or that may be otherwise connected with said rolls.

A hanging wire basket thus made, not merely reduces to a very large extent the amount of labor necessary to produce it as compared with the tedious process of weaving, but, as there need be no scrap or waste in working up the blank when cut from the sheet as described, while there is generally a surplus or amount of waste wire left in weaving, there is a considerable economy also in the amount of material.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as a new and useful article of manufacture—

A hanging wire-basket or body portion thereof, formed from wire-gauze stamped or molded into shape, and with the corners or angles of the piece from which it is made turned over to form rolls, substantially as specified.

J. H. O'NEIL.

Witnesses:

JAMES LEE,  
FELIX O'NEIL.