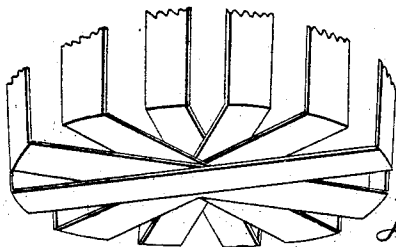
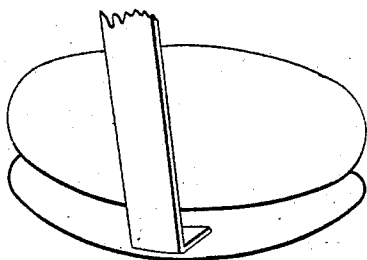
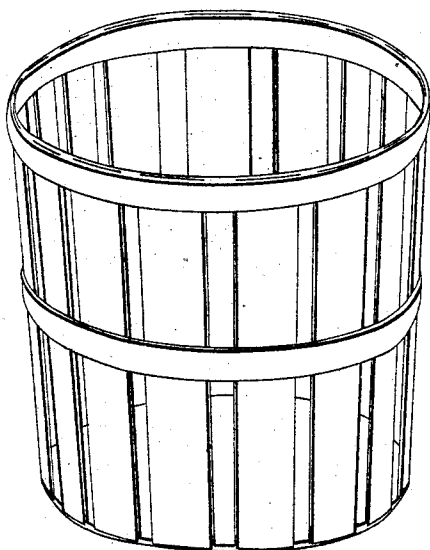


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IMPROVED FRUIT-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, L. WHEELER BEECHER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Basket for Fruit and other Uses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The nature of my invention consists in using paper for baskets, instead of wood or other material, and in fastening the same together with glue or other like matter, the whole rendered impervious to moisture by a coating of varnish or otherwise.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to its construction.

I take paper of such thickness and cut it into strips of such width and length as the size of the basket may require; then, for a round basket, cross the pieces in the center the same as for a wood-splint basket, fastening with glue where they cross, thus forming a bottom or base; then turn up the strips, as in common basket-work, confining the upper ends with an inner and outer band to form the rim;

then strengthen around the bottom and center with outer bands as often as may be necessary for the size and strength required, gluing the strips and bands together wherever they may cross, all of which is more fully shown in the accompanying drawing, the whole covered with a solution of rosin and alcohol or any other like preparation in suitable proportions to form a protection from moisture.

For a square or other shaped basket proceed in any desired form, fastening with glue and coating with varnish, as before specified.

Now, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Using paper for baskets, instead of wood or other material, fastening the same together with glue or other like matter, and coating the whole with varnish or other preparation that will withstand moisture, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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