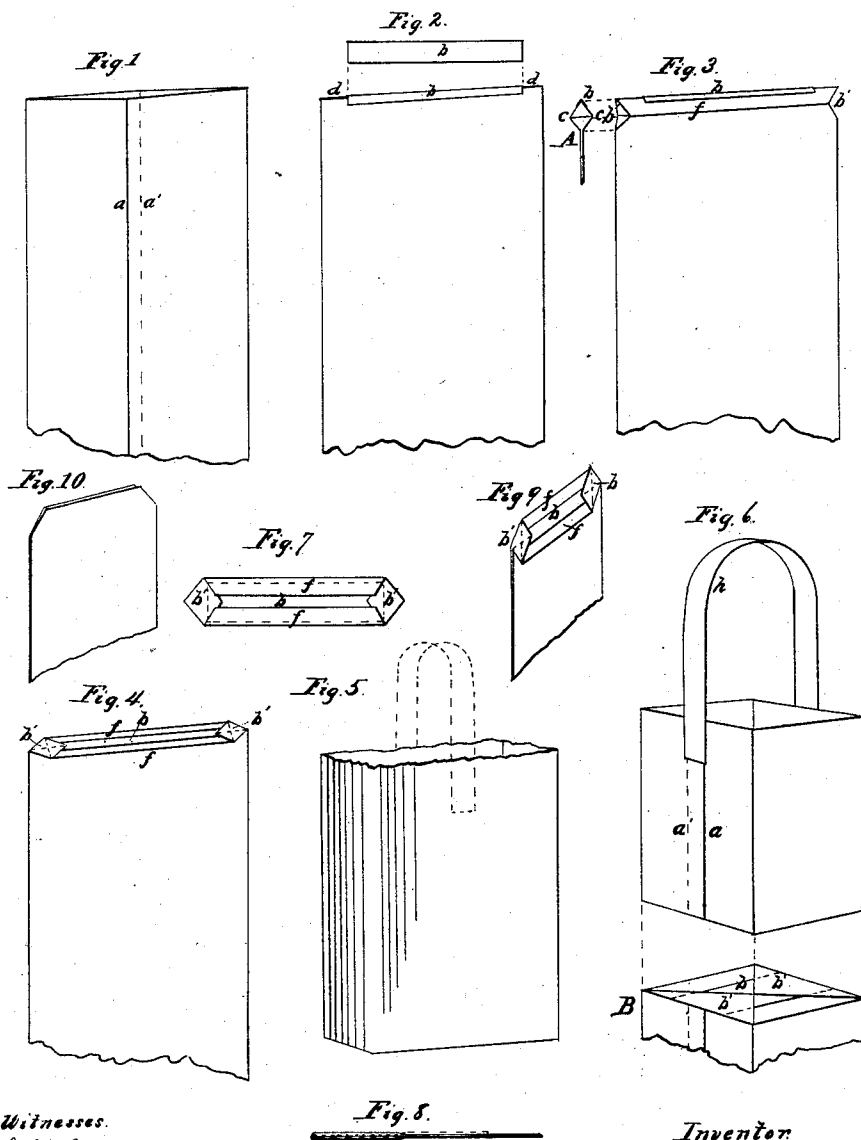


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IMPROVED FRUIT-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. H. BURRIDGE, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit Baskets, Bags, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification.

My improvement relates to a basket, box, or bag for fruit, seed, &c., made of two or more pieces, and folding the same so as to form a satchel-bottom, as represented in the different views of the accompanying drawings, that will be described as follows:

A piece of paper of any desired size is first taken and folded, the side edges pasted together or seamed, as shown and indicated by the lines *a a'* in Figure 1. A strip or piece, as shown at *b* in Fig. 2, which may be of the required size and form for the bottom, is then pasted over one end of Fig. 1, as in Fig. 2, leaving a space, *d*, at each end. The corner ends are then bent inward, as shown at *b'* in Fig. 3. (A being an end view of the same,) and the sides are folded along in a line with the corners *c*, forming the width of the bottom of the article, which may be flattened down on one side. The corner ends *b'* are turned back or toward each other and pasted down, as in Fig. 4, lapping over onto the ends of the piece *b*, the inner points coming in a line with the middle of the strip, as represented. The article is now completed, and a perspective view of it when opened out and turned right side up is seen in Fig. 5, which may be made of any desired length and width, and a handle attached to the sides, as indicated by the dotted lines; or the handle may be omitted, and it can be lengthened out so as to form a bag or sack for meal, flour, &c. A satchel-bottom is thus formed with square or flat ends and no projecting corners, and which can be oblong or square shaped, as may be desired. In proportion as it is to be made of a square form the corners will be folded in more or less.

Fig. 6 represents one folded square, form-

ing a basket, with a strip, *h*, attached to the sides, answering for a handle or bail. B represents the basket inverted, showing the under side. As it is perfectly square, the corners are turned, so that the sides are equal, and the folded corners *b'* can be on any of the opposite sides. The piece *b* is put in across the middle, as shown and indicated, and the corners *b'* pasted down on the outside, as represented. This form of a basket, having a firm and substantial bottom, is peculiarly adapted to carrying small fruits in place of the ordinary paper wrapping, being so much more convenient. The handle *h* of the basket may be omitted, and a cover made in a similar manner to the bottom, so as to fit down on the outside, forming a covered box. The piece *b* can be put on the inside, under the side ends *f f'*, as in Fig. 7, and the corner ends *b'* under the sides *f* or outside of them, as may be desired. This is substantially the same as the way before described, only the piece *b'* is on the inside and the side and corner ends folded down on the outside.

Figs. 8, 9, and 10 represent the manner in which the articles are folded for packing. In Fig. 9 the bottom is flattened down on one side, as it may be in the process of making, or it is doubled or folded in, as represented in Fig. 10. Any desired number can thus be placed one upon another and packed for transportation. These articles may be made of paper of any desired length, width, weight, or shape, so as to form bags for grain, seed, flour, meal, &c., or formed into baskets and boxes, as herein described, for fruit and like purposes, without changing the nature of the invention.

What I claim as my improvement, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described article, when made and formed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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