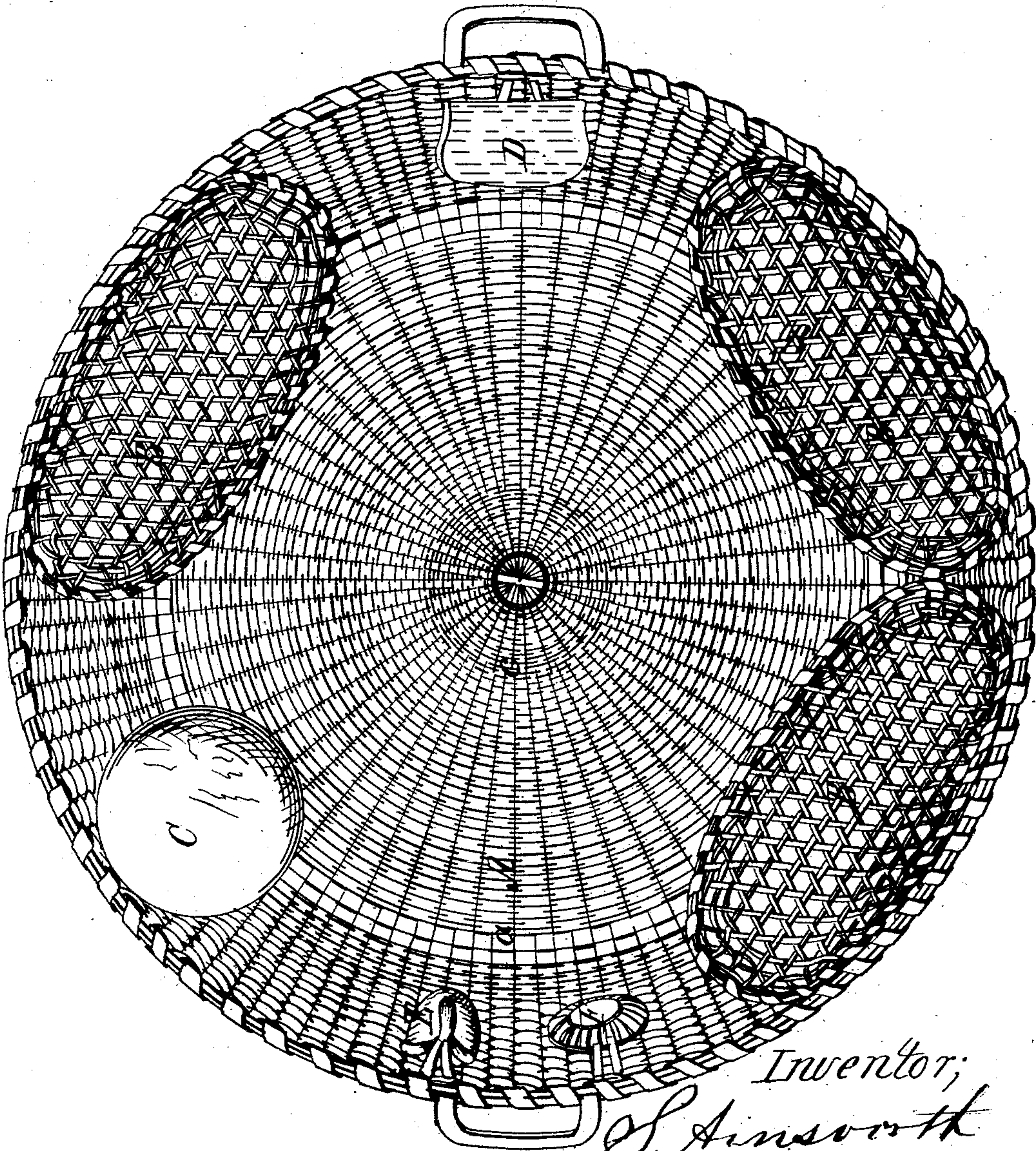


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IMPROVED LADY'S WORK-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. AINSWORTH, of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Work-Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference thereon.

To enable others skilled in the art to construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

The drawing is a plan view, looking from above, of my improved basket, which I construct of splints of wood of a peculiar character, cut by a machine designed especially for the purpose, and which, forming the subject of a separate application for a patent, need not be herein described.

The main splints A, which form the foundation or body of the basket, extend entirely across the basket from side to side. These splints are made very narrow at their middle portion, which forms the center of the bottom of the basket, from which point outward toward the sides of the basket the splints A increase regularly in width until they reach the point *a*, where each of the splints A is divided or split into two, as shown in the drawing. In forming them into a basket these splints A are placed across each other at the center, and for a short distance from the center three of them are covered as one piece by the circular splints which are interwoven with them. At *c* the splints A are separated, each one being interwoven separately, as shown, which process is continued to the point *a*, where each one is divided into two, and the process of interweaving continued until the basket is completed of the required size, the main splints A being bent in an upright posi-

tion to form the sides of the basket in the usual manner. By this means I construct a basket the bottom of which is nearly flat or smooth, with little or no projecting surface, and without inserting any foundation-splints, except such as extend entirely across the basket. Having thus formed the body of the basket, I then construct three (more or less, according to size) small oblong or oval-shaped baskets, B, which are securely attached to the inside of the large basket, as shown in the drawing. These are intended as pockets for the reception of scissors, thimbles, spools, thread, and similar small articles used by ladies in performing needle-work.

C represents a cushion, the body of which is a small basket of similar construction, though it may differ in shape, and being covered with velvet or other suitable material. This is secured in a manner similar to the small baskets B. An ordinary needle-book, D, is attached in a similar manner, as is also an emery-bag, E, and cake of wax, F.

I thus produce a very superior and convenient work-basket for ladies' use, and provide it with conveniences not hitherto possessed by this class of articles, thus combining utility and beauty, and furnishing an article that is both useful and ornamental and that commands a ready sale in the market. If desired, colors may be used to render the article more ornamental.

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

A lady's work-basket constructed substantially as herein described.

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