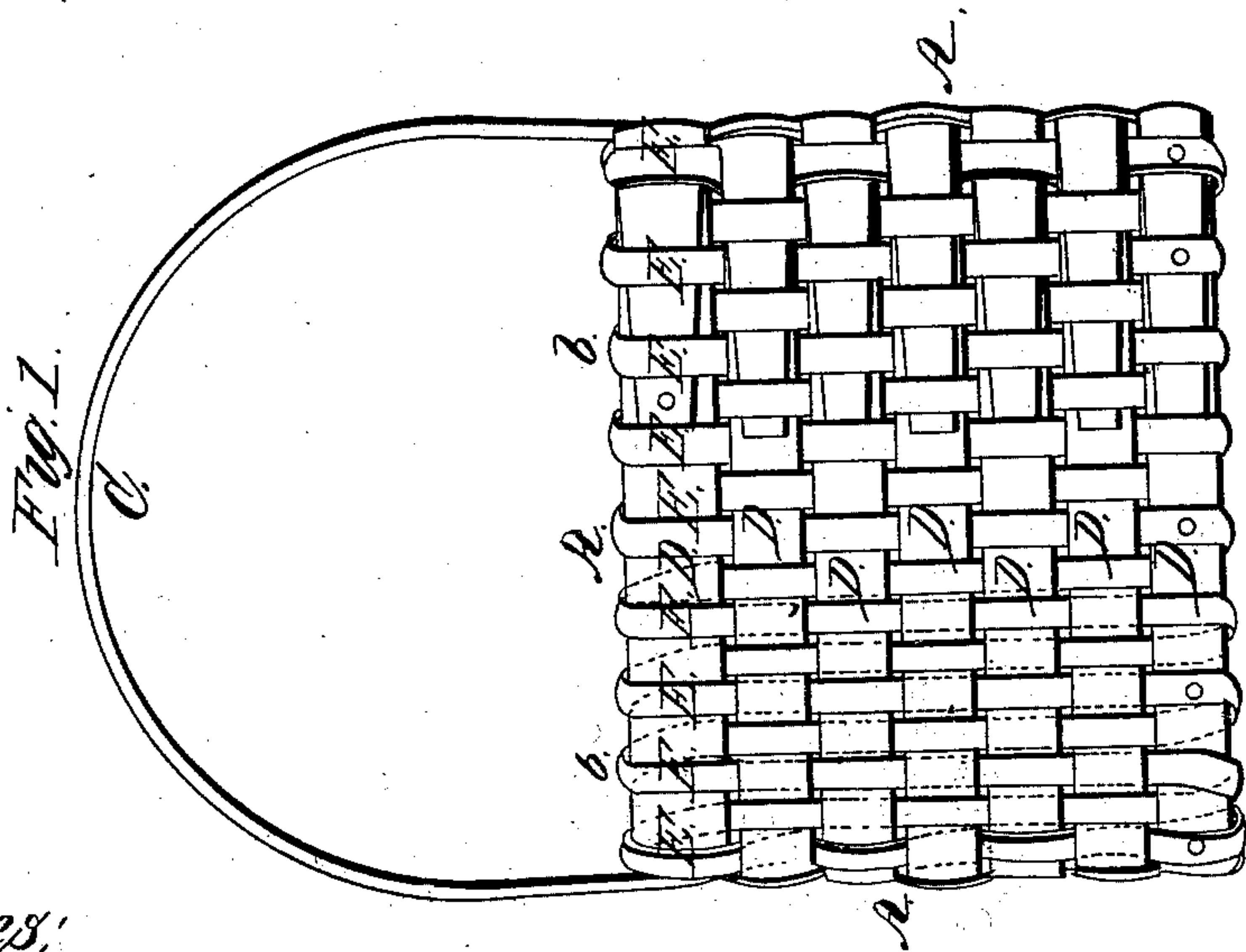
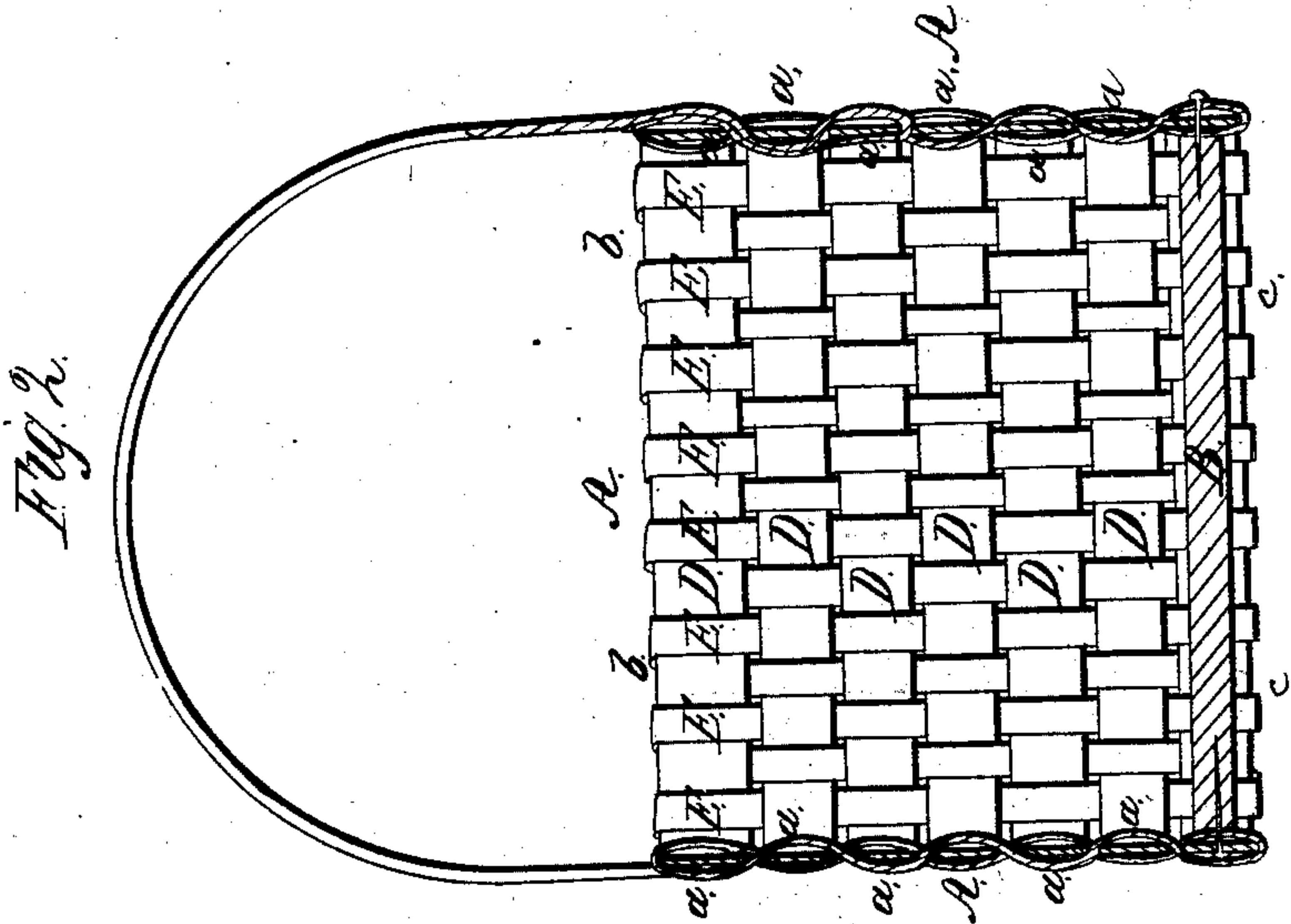


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE K. PARK, of Marlborough, in the county of Ulster and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fruit-Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a basket constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention relates to that class of fruit-baskets which are made of woven splints of wood. Such baskets are ordinarily made with the warp running up and down and the weft running around them; but my improvement consists in the arrangement of the splints which constitute the warp in the form of separate and distinct horizontal bands, with the splints which constitute the weft passing up and down between them, and folded or bent over the top or upper edge of the basket in such manner as to securely bind the same, whereby the basket is not only made much stronger, but the outwardly-projecting rim ordinarily formed around the upper edge of such baskets is entirely dispensed with, thus enabling the baskets to be packed together in much less space than those commonly in use, and whereby the sides of the basket are rendered much smoother in an up and down direction than such ordinary ones, thus enabling them to be much more easily packed and unpacked, the time and trouble required in packing and unpacking the baskets and the expense of transportation being by these means very considerably reduced.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

A represents the sides of the basket, and B the bottom thereof. As shown in the drawings, this bottom is made of a thin flat piece of wood secured in place by nails; but it may also be made of any other suitable material and be attached to the sides of the basket by any proper means.

C is the bail or handle by means of which the basket is carried. The sides A are formed of interwoven splints or thin flat strips of any suitably tough wood. Those splints D which constitute the warp of the said woven sides of

the basket are first formed into rectangular bands or rings by being bent around rectangular blocks or by other suitable means, and have their ends secured together in any appropriate manner. Any desired number of these annular warp splints or bands D are placed one over another, and the long splints E, which constitute the weft or filling, are interwoven with the said warp-splints by being passed up and down between them alternately upon opposite sides of each of the said warp-splints, as shown more clearly at *a* in Fig. 2, the weft or filling splints E being bent over the upper and lower edges of the sides A, or, in other words, over the outer edges of the two outermost annular warp-splints D, as shown at *b c* in the drawings, thus securely binding the same and holding them in their places. The weft-splints E are passed up and down between the warp-splints D and over the outer edges of the upper and lower warp-splints, as just set forth, until the interweaving is carried entirely around the said warp-splints, which completes the sides A of the basket, whereupon the bottom B and bail C are attached thereto in any proper manner, as hereinbefore set forth. Inasmuch as the uppermost warp-splint D is firmly and securely held in place by the bending over it of the weft-splints E, as hereinbefore explained, it follows that the outwardly-projecting rim employed upon and around the upper edges of ordinary fruit-baskets may be entirely dispensed with, so that any desired number of baskets may be packed in close contact with each other with no waste space between them, whereby a given number of baskets may be packed for transportation in a much less space than an equal number of the ordinary kind; and, furthermore, inasmuch as the weft-splints run up and down instead of around the basket, as in ordinary baskets, there is no chance for them to catch upon those of adjacent baskets in packing or unpacking the same.

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

The combination of the warp-bands D with the interwoven weft or filling splints E, passing up and down and bent over the upper edge of the basket to form the binding, substantially as herein set forth, for the purposes specified.

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