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Improvement in Baskets.

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Fig I

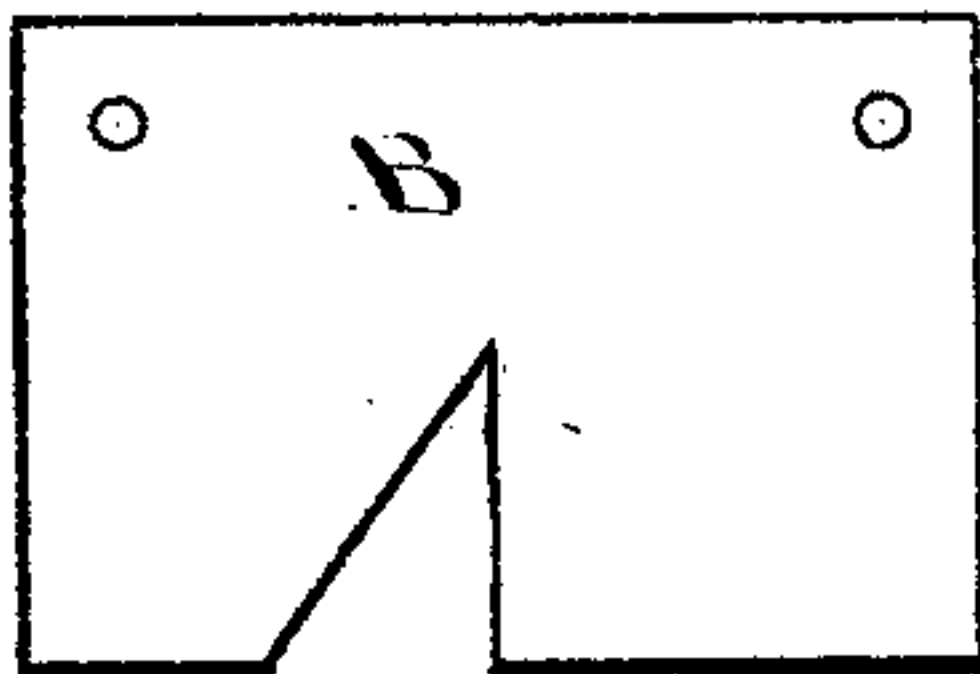
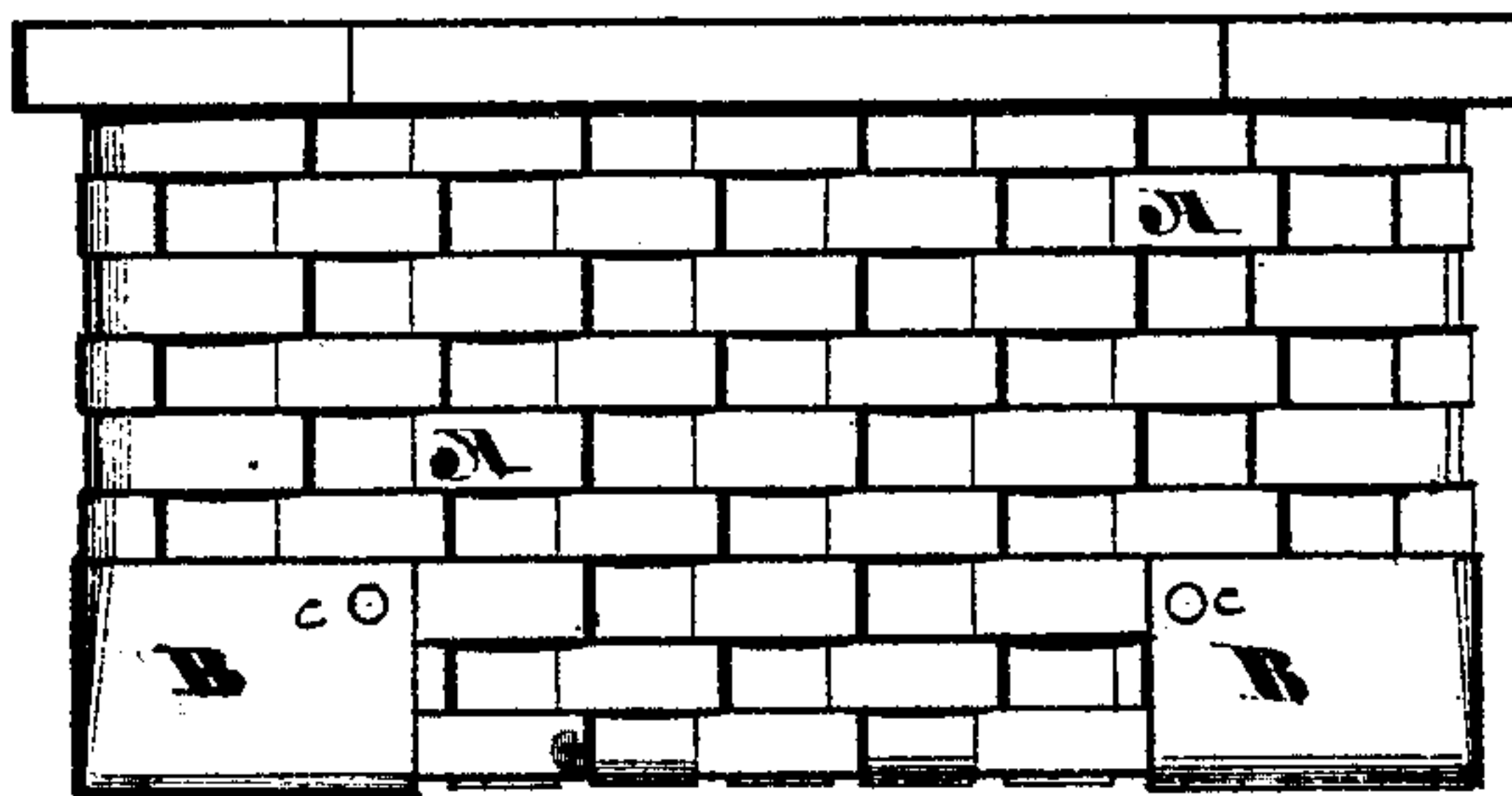
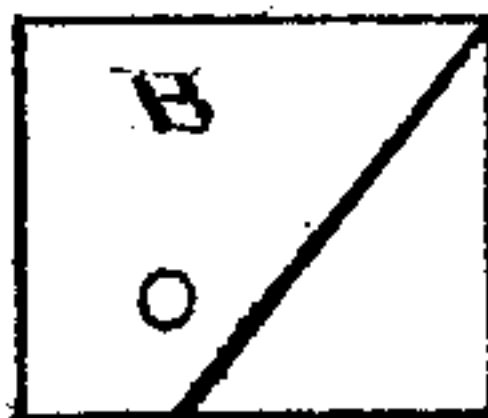


Fig II.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 121,758, dated December 12, 1871.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELISHA B. COLE, of Huntington, Hampshire county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in strengthening and otherwise improving a basket of the ordinary construction by applying to the corners a metallic re-enforce, which is securely riveted to the basket itself by copper or other rivets; the object of my invention being to form a basket that will withstand more than the ordinary rough usage to which baskets are subjected without having their corners thereby broken off or staved in; and as the whole usefulness of the basket depends upon the preservation of the corners, upon which all the strain and wear comes, by my improvement I am able to produce a basket that, at a trifling addition to the original cost in constructing it with my corner, will last more than twice as long as a basket not thus protected.

In the drawing, Figure I is a side view of a basket with my improvement, and Fig. II is a view of the metallic corner before being applied.

A is a basket constructed of splints, woven or plaited, and having a rectangular shape or an approach thereto. B is the metal corner, formed

as shown in Fig. II, before being bent to conform to the three surfaces of the basket A, against which it comes in contact. *c* are the rivets, of which three are all that are required to each corner, one to each face. A V-shaped piece is removed from the stock of the piece of sheet metal forming the corner, so that when the metal is broken to place there will be no double thickness of metal to form a clumsy joint or to increase the difficulty of breaking the joints.

By these means I form a basket that retains its perfect shape to the last, and that is admirably adapted for the use of market gardeners, manufacturers, millers, or any parties who may need baskets of unusual strength, or to place in rows above or alongside of each other; and one simple and easily constructed, and that may have the bottom rectangular, while the top may vary from an oblong to a perfectly-round shape.

What I claim is—

The basket A, constructed of woven splits of wood, and re-enforced by the metallic corners B, securely riveted to the same, substantially as shown and described.

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