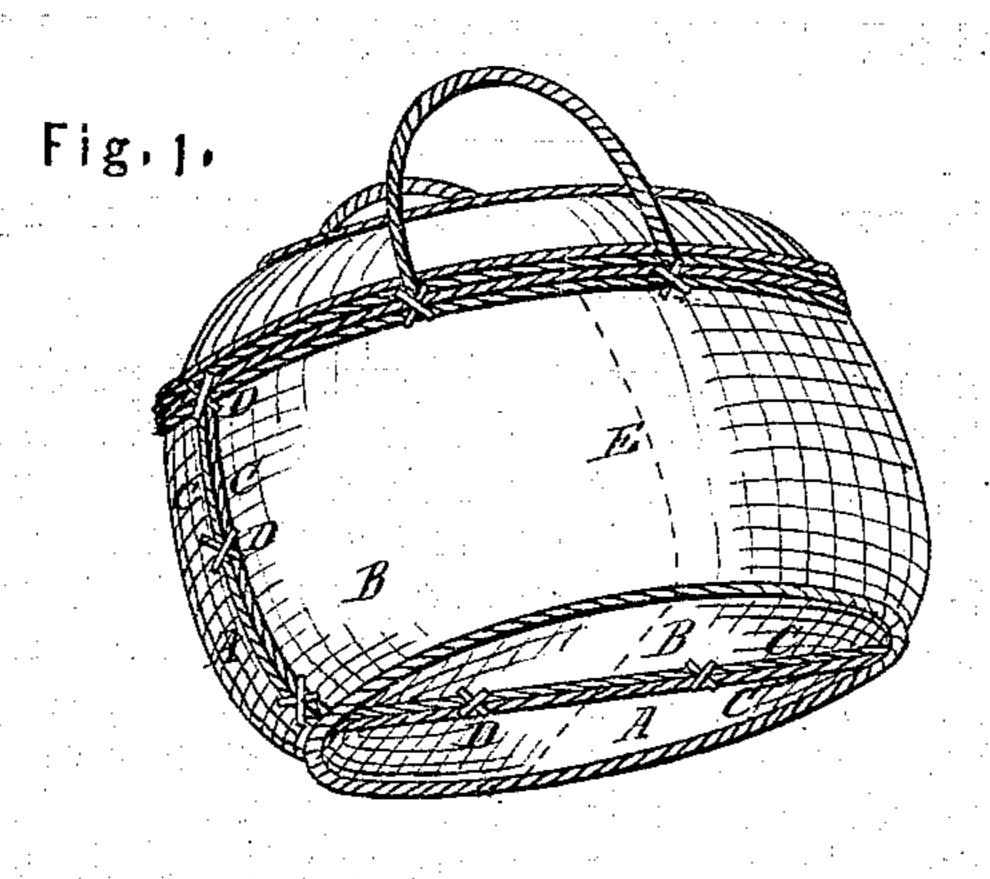
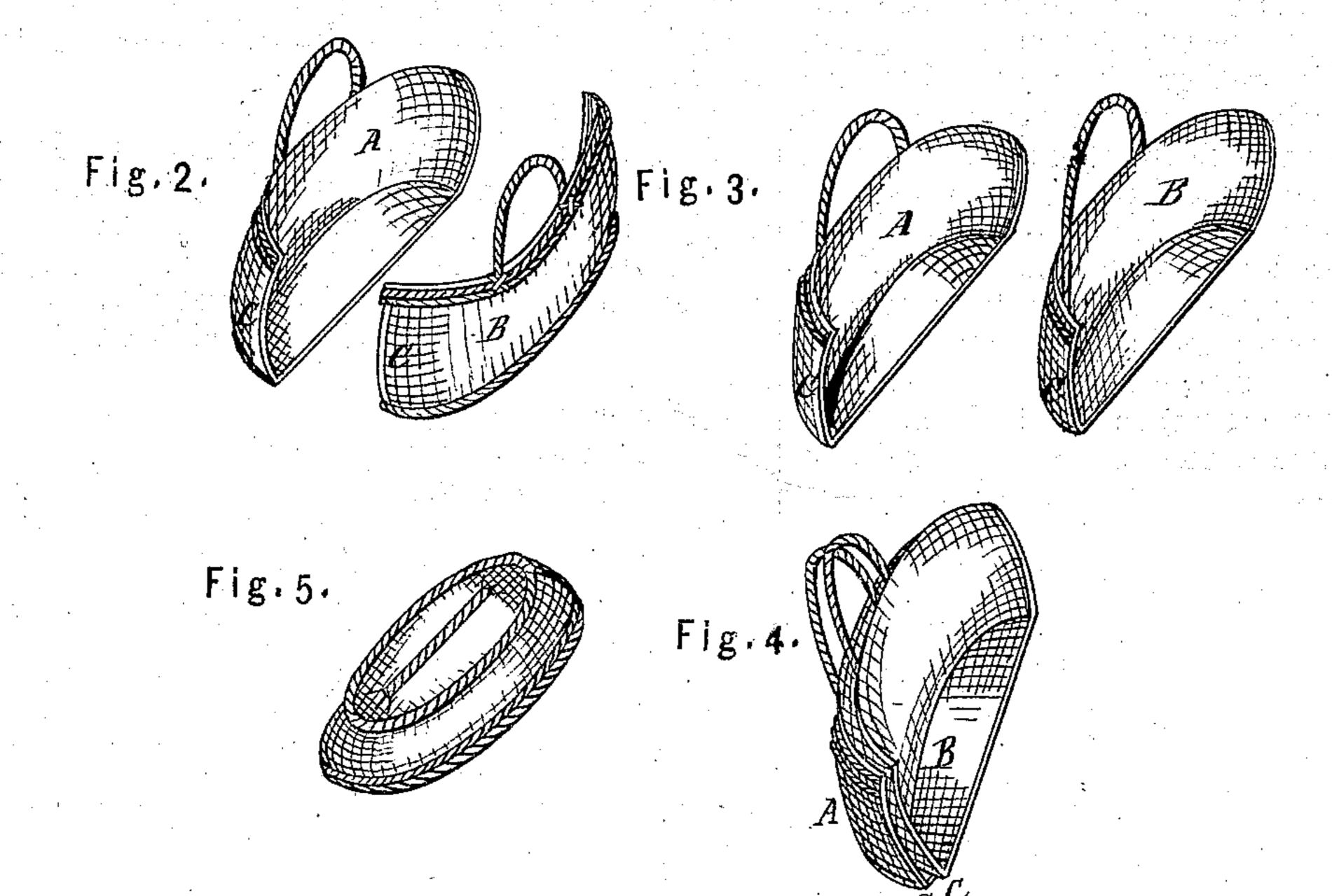
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## IMPROVEMENT IN RETICULE WICKER-BASKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 125,706, dated April 16, 1872.

Specification describing certain Improvements in Reticule Wicker-Baskets, invented by Joseph Venet, of the city, county, and State of New York.

The object of my invention is to enable reticule wicker-baskets, (and those of similar form) to be packed into a small convenient space for transportation and storage, it being well known that reticule baskets which are small at their mouths cannot be placed one within another as baskets of conical and other form can. Hence reticule baskets in quantity, occupying a large space in transportation, render freight expensive and add to the mercantile expense of the basket. To rectify this inconvenience, and save extra freightage, I have conceived the idea of constructing wicker reticule baskets, or those of smaller mouth than body, in sections, either centrally, longitudinally or transversely, as the case may require, in such manner that the sections can be easily packed one within the other, occupying a small space during transportation, and easily and readily put together when required for use; in which consists the nature of my invention, as I will further explain by reference to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a reticule wicker-basket, the sections being united and the basket ready for use. Figs. 2 and 3 represent the basket in sections. Fig. 4, the sections placed one within the other for transportation; and Fig. 5, the cover of the basket.

In the said drawing, A and B are sections, dividing the body of the basket longitudinally into two parts, the sections being provided with a strong edge, C C, at their connection, giving additional strength to the basket, when the sections are united by straps D D, of willow, rattan, or other material, as shown in Fig. 1, and the section-line may run transversely of its length, as shown in dotted line E in said figure, if preferred.

What I claim is—

A basket constructed of two or more sections, A B, as a new article of manufacture, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 15th day of February, 1872.

JOSEPH VENET.

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