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Fruit-Baskets.

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Fig. 1.

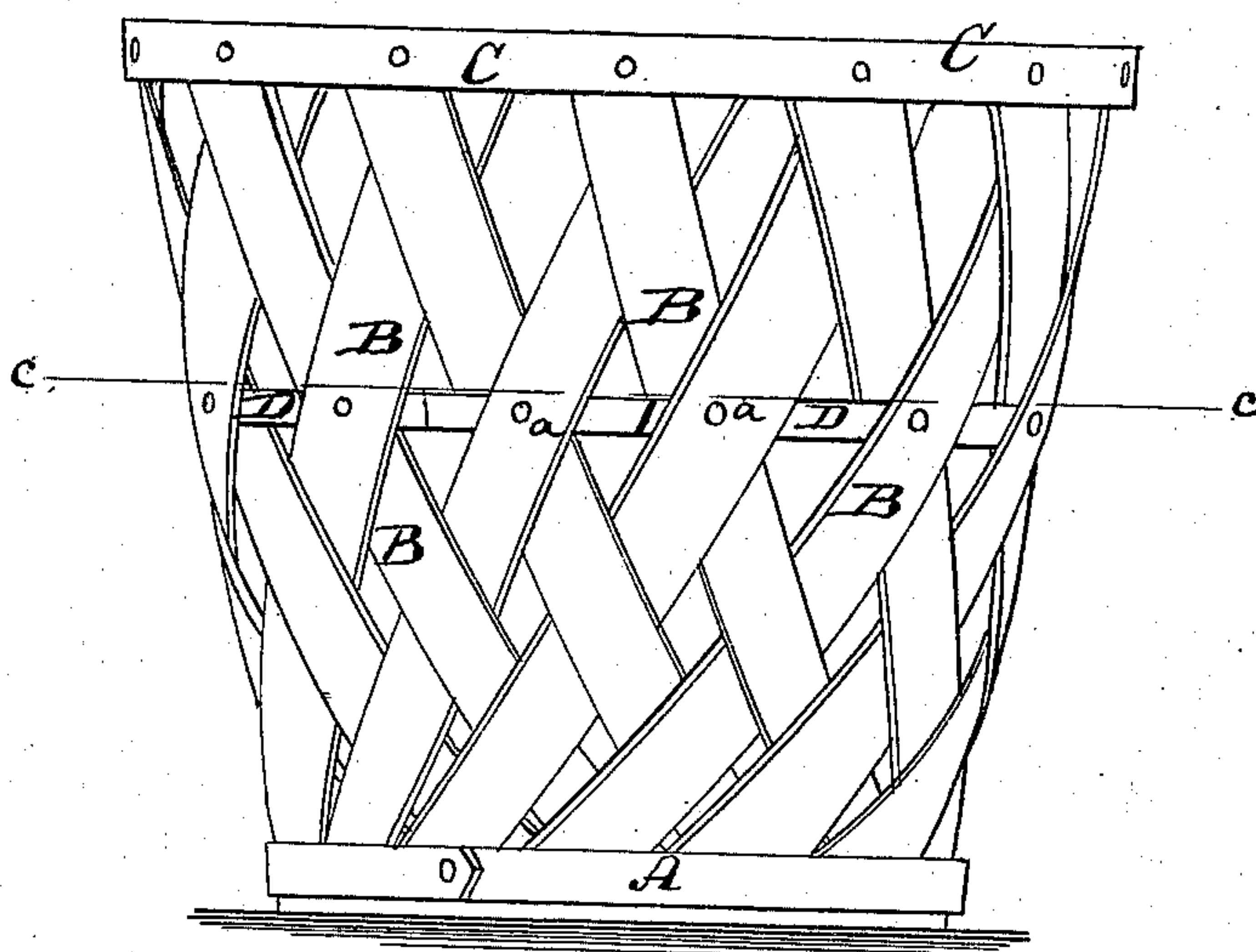
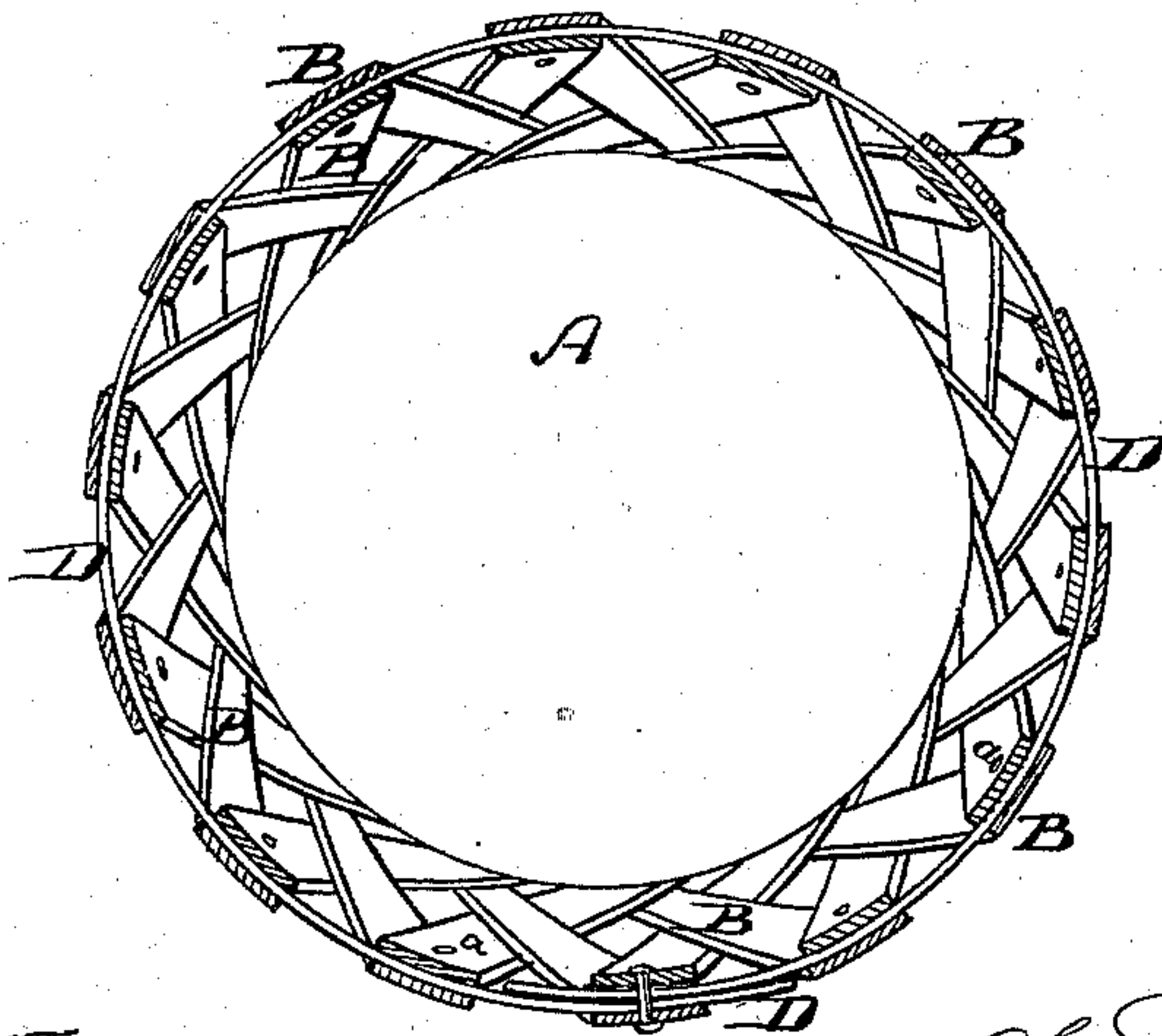


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN D. BEDELL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Fruit-Basket, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved fruit-basket. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to strengthen the middle portions of fruit-baskets, so that the same cannot bulge outward between the bottom and top, and consists in applying one or more hoops between the several layers of standards or upright or inclined splints or stays which constitute the sides of the basket. Such hoop or hoops, when placed between the overlapping or overlying thicknesses of standards or splints, will effectually prevent the bulging out of the sides of the baskets, and will, at the same time, be properly retained in place, even without special fastening devices. If it was applied around the basket to entirely embrace the same, it will be very apt to work down toward the smaller lower part of the basket, and finally drop off. If applied within the basket entirely it will be in the way of other baskets that are inserted during the transportation or storage of empty baskets, while it is not at all in the way when placed

between the several layers of standards or splints in the manner indicated.

In the accompanying drawing, the letter A represents the bottom of the basket. B B are the upright, vertical, or inclined standards, stays, or splints, of suitable kind and number; and C is the upper hoop of the basket. All of these parts are of suitable construction. D is a hoop of wood or metal, placed between the overlapping series of standards, splints, or stays, B, about midway between the bottom and top of the basket. It is placed on the outer sides of the inner layers of splints, stays, or standards, and on the inner sides of the outer series thereof, as shown, and may, if desired, be held in place by means of tacks or nails *a a*, which are indicated in Fig. 1, but which may, if desired, be entirely omitted.

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

A fruit-basket, constructed of a bottom, A, rim or upper hoop C, upright standards, stays, or splints B, and of a hoop, D, placed between the outer and inner layers of uprights or splints B, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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