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Fig. 2

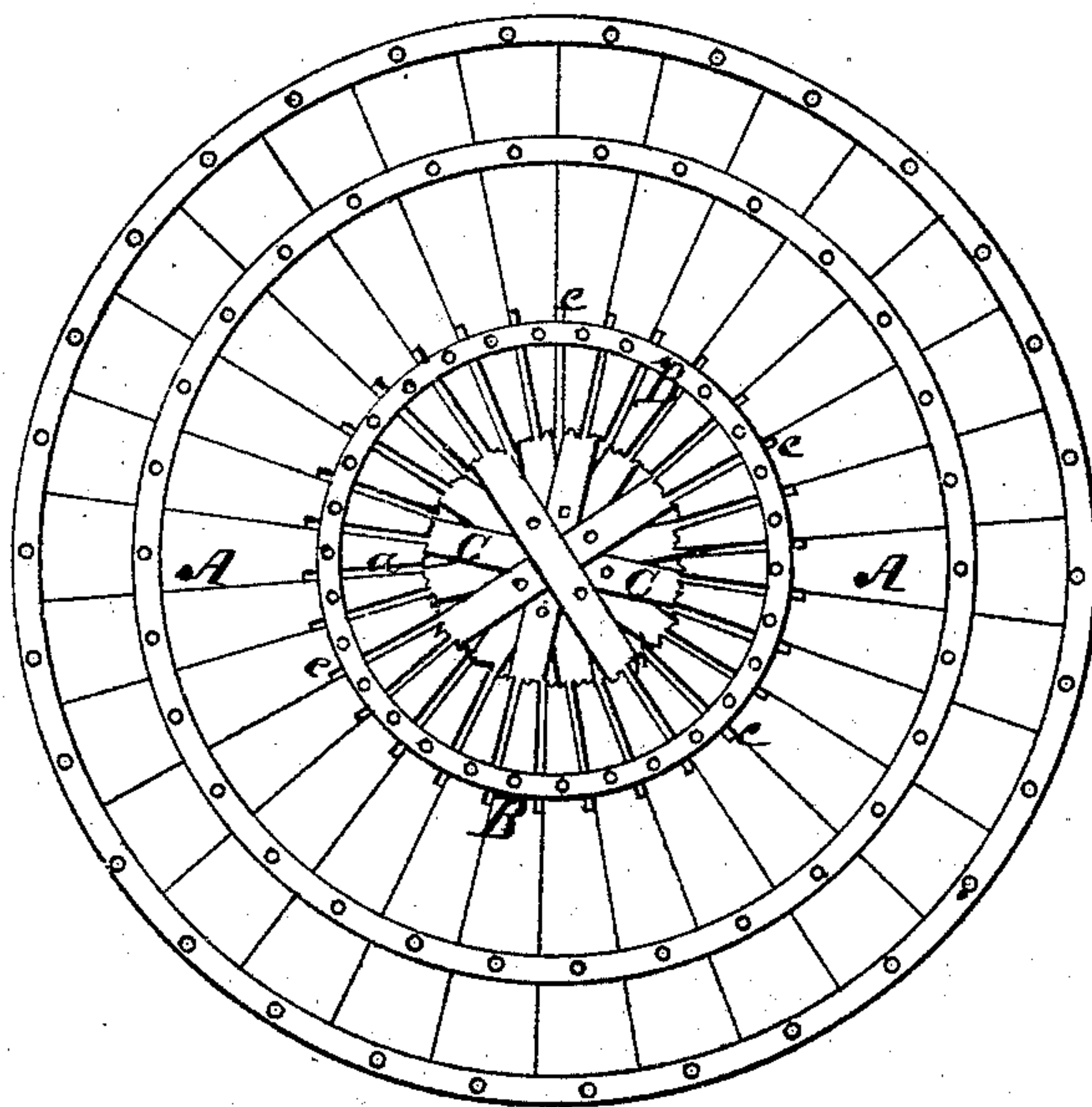
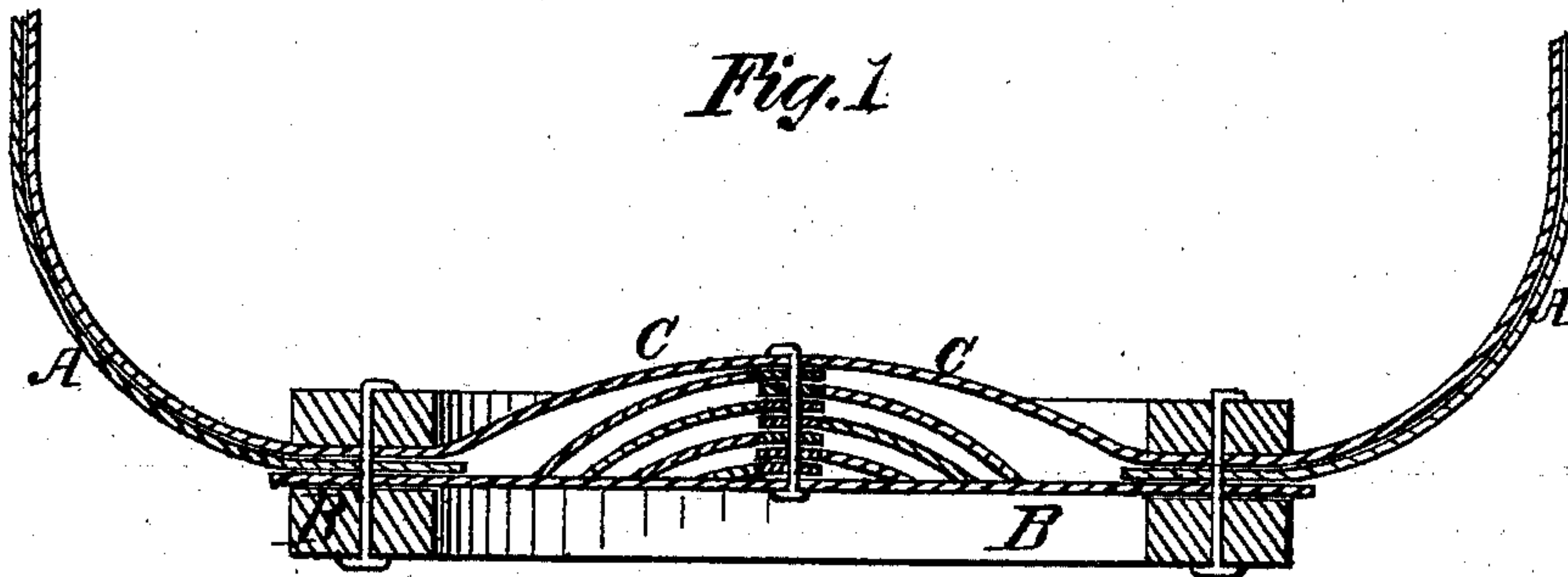


Fig. 1



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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE C. JONES, of Dowagiac, in the county of Cass and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Mode or Manner of Constructing Stave Baskets; and the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the bottom portions of an upright half-section of the basket; Fig. 2, a view of the outside of the bottom, and the form of and the mode of arranging the outer series of staves.

My invention relates to that class of baskets which have a double series of staves, and are known as "stave baskets;" and consists in using for the inner series staves having a sufficient length to extend from the rim down across the bottom and up to the rim on the opposite side, while those forming the outer series extend from the rim down and terminate at or near the outside bottom hoop B B. These staves overlap each other along one of their edges, from their upper ends down to or near the said hoops B B. At this point I cut into and trim off enough of one of their edges, as shown at *c c*, so that such edges, when so trimmed and slightly tapered, shall join the edge of the stave next adjoining in the series.

It will be seen that the cutting away of the staves, as at *c*, forms each stave at its lower end with a shouldered notch on one side, and that that part of an adjoining stave which comes over this notch can be forced into the notch, and thus caused to lie flush or nearly so with the edge which is notched, and so on throughout the series; and, while this is the case, the notched edges serve as lateral abutments to the edges which are not notched; and, further, by thus forming and arranging my staves, I obviate the difficulty experienced

in keeping the staves in proper position while being pressed down over the forming block or mold, and prevent a tendency on the part of their outer and exposed edges to spring or warp outwardly, and become liable to be torn or worn off while in use. The lower ends of such outer series are secured and kept in their proper position by means of the hoop B B. They may also be fastened by the use of a circular board, (in which case the outside hoop may be omitted,) or disk, or by means of a number of short staves crossing each other at a common center, and terminating at the outer edge of the said bottom hoop.

In the accompanying drawings, A A refer to the outside series of overlapping staves; B B, to the outside bottom hoop, and C C to the inside series of long staves.

I do not claim under this patent an appendable bottom formed of staves and appended to a basket, as that feature of invention is claimed by me under a former application filed on the 14th September, 1872, and now pending in the Patent Office.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A basket having an inside series of long staves, in combination with an outer series of short staves overlapping each other along one of their edges from the rim down to or near the hoop B B, each stave in such outer series having one edge trimmed off and tapered from or near the point where it passes within such hoop to its lower end, as at *c*, and joining along such tapered edge with the edge of the next stave in the series, and the whole secured in place substantially as described.

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