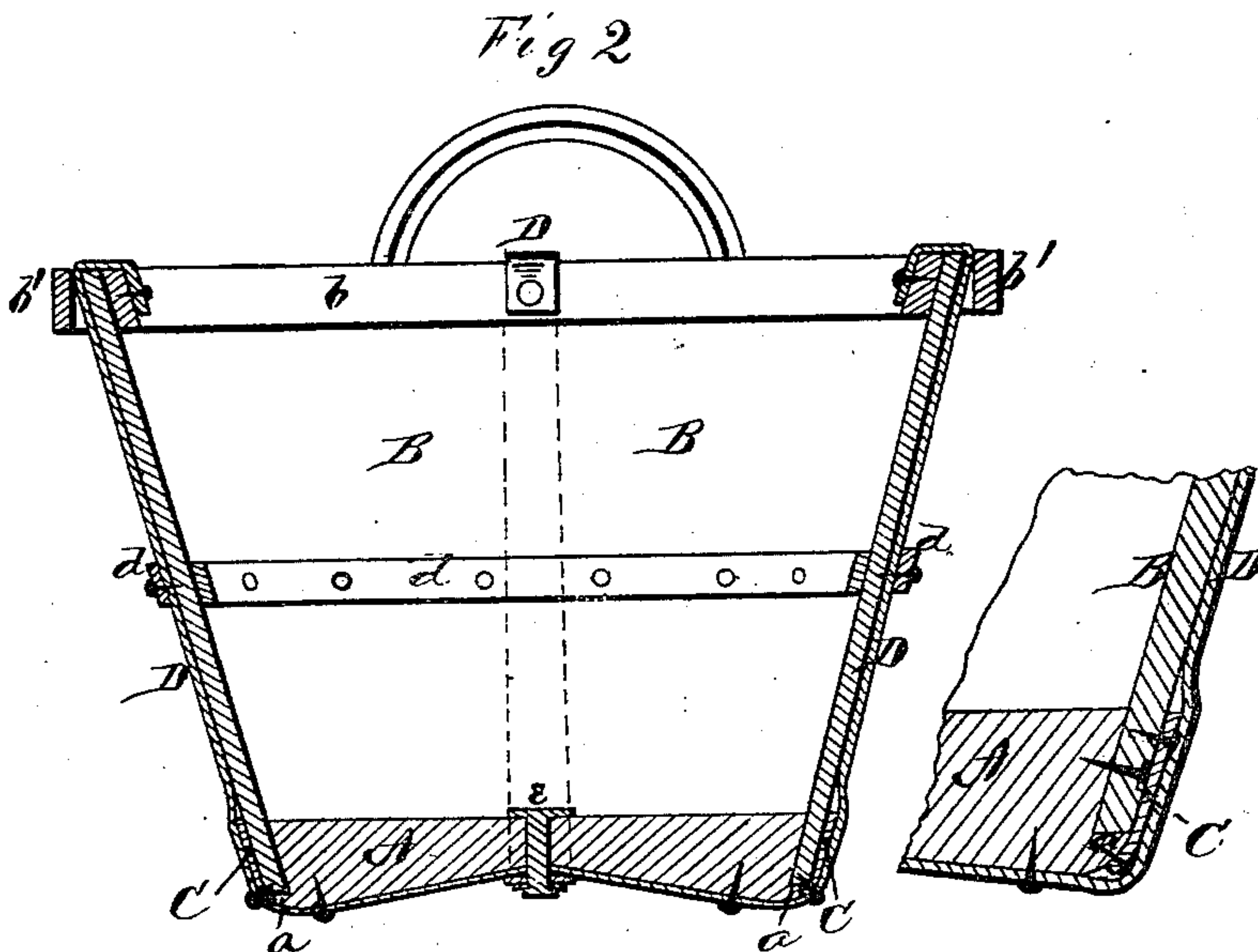
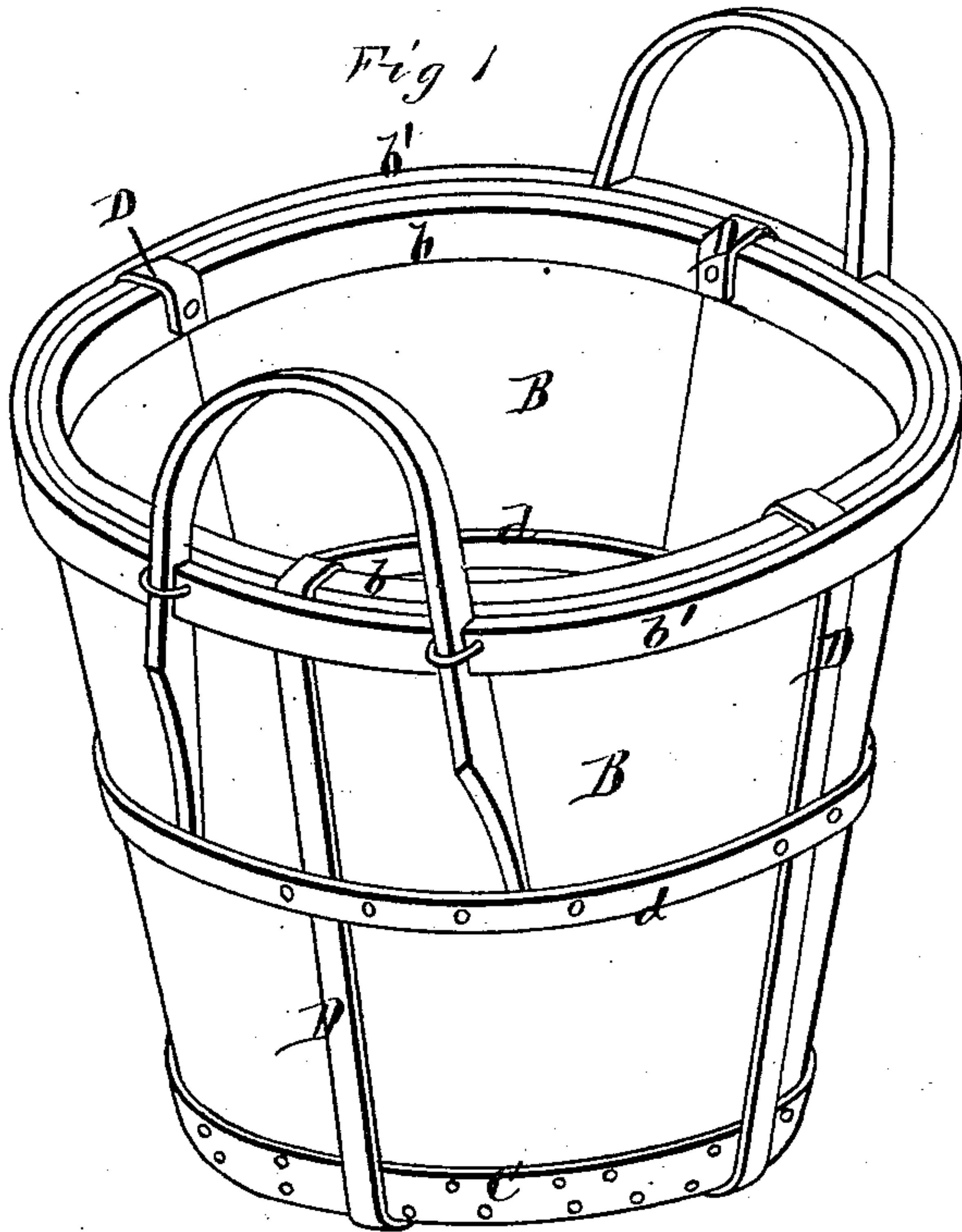


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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT W. VAN ORNUM, of Racine, in the county of Racine and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a wooden basket, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal vertical section, of my basket.

A represents the bottom of the basket. This bottom is beveled out on the under side, something after the form of an inverted tea-saucer. It is also beveled off upon the edge, more or less, to give the proper form to the basket, and formed with a shoulder, *a*, near the lower edge, for the body of the basket to rest upon. The body (or sides) of the basket is made of sheets B B, made of two, four, or more pieces, and cut to give the proper shape to the basket. The sheets B B are first securely nailed to the edge of the bottom A, and the joint then covered by a metal hoop, C, and all securely nailed to the bottom. This metal hoop C secures and holds the sheets in place, and protects the corner from wear. Across the under side of the bottom A, and up the sides of the basket, run metal bands or yokes D D, the ends of which are passed over the inside hoop

b at the top of the basket, thus taking all the lift, and consequently all the strain, off from the body of the basket. The body of the basket is bound at the top by an inside hoop, *b*, and an outside hoop, *b'*. The sheets are further held in place in the center by two hoops, *d d*, placed one on the inside, and the other on the outside, nailed together through the sheets, thereby preventing the sheets from warping or curling, and giving greater strength to the basket.

The yokes or bands D D may be of any number desired, two or more, and are secured in the center of the bottom A by a metal rivet, *e*, going down through the center of the bottom and through the yokes, and riveted by the use of a burr or washer. Standards or upright pieces are locked onto the edge of the bottom, and covered by the metal hoop C, and then the filling is woven in and the body of the basket made. The yokes are then put on and run up under the filling and over a standard, and doubled over the inside hoop, the same as on the sheet-basket.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the bottom A, made of a single piece of wood, provided with the circumferential shoulder *a*, with a body, B, the metallic base-hoop C, and the exterior yokes D D, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of July, 1873.

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