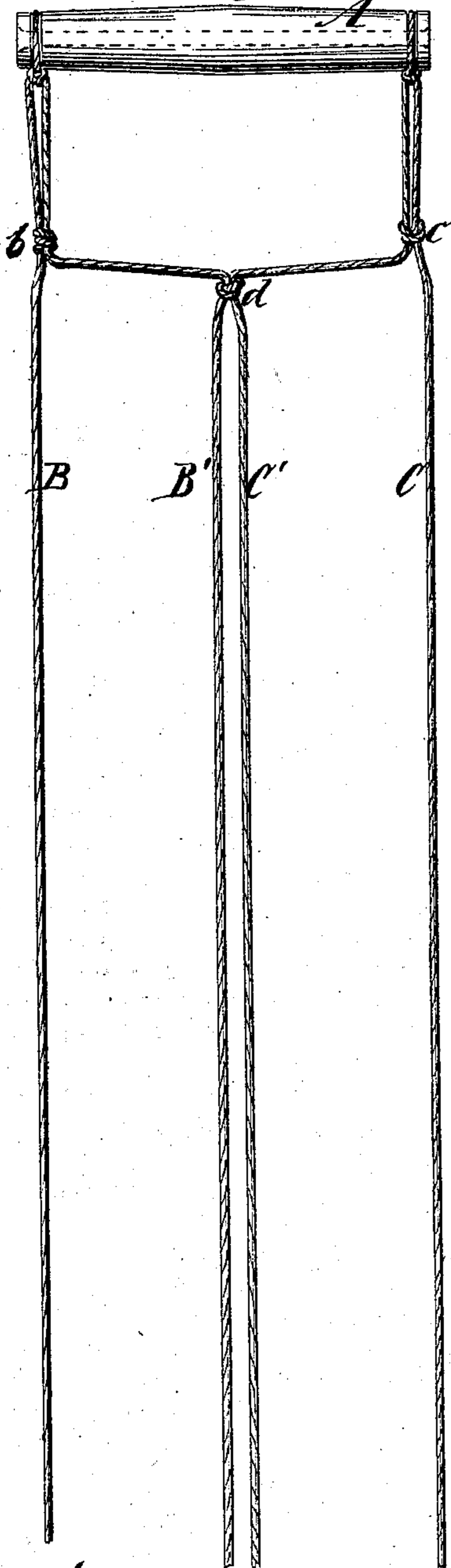


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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

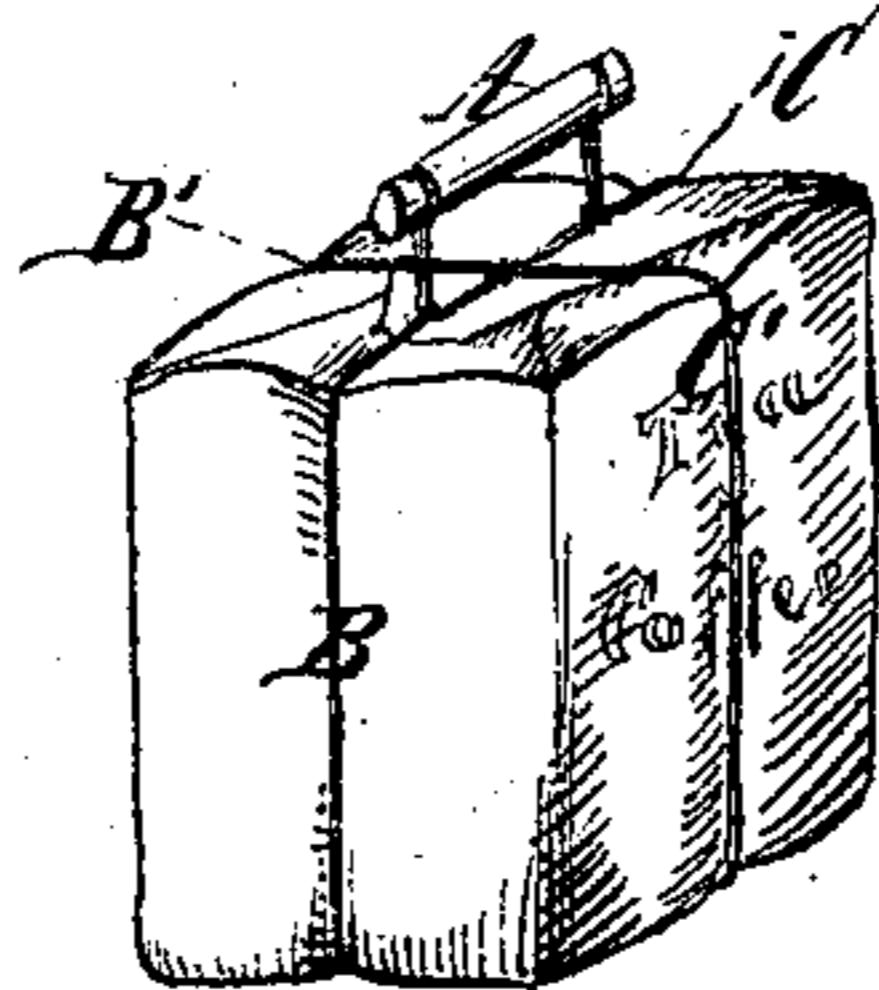


Fig. 3.

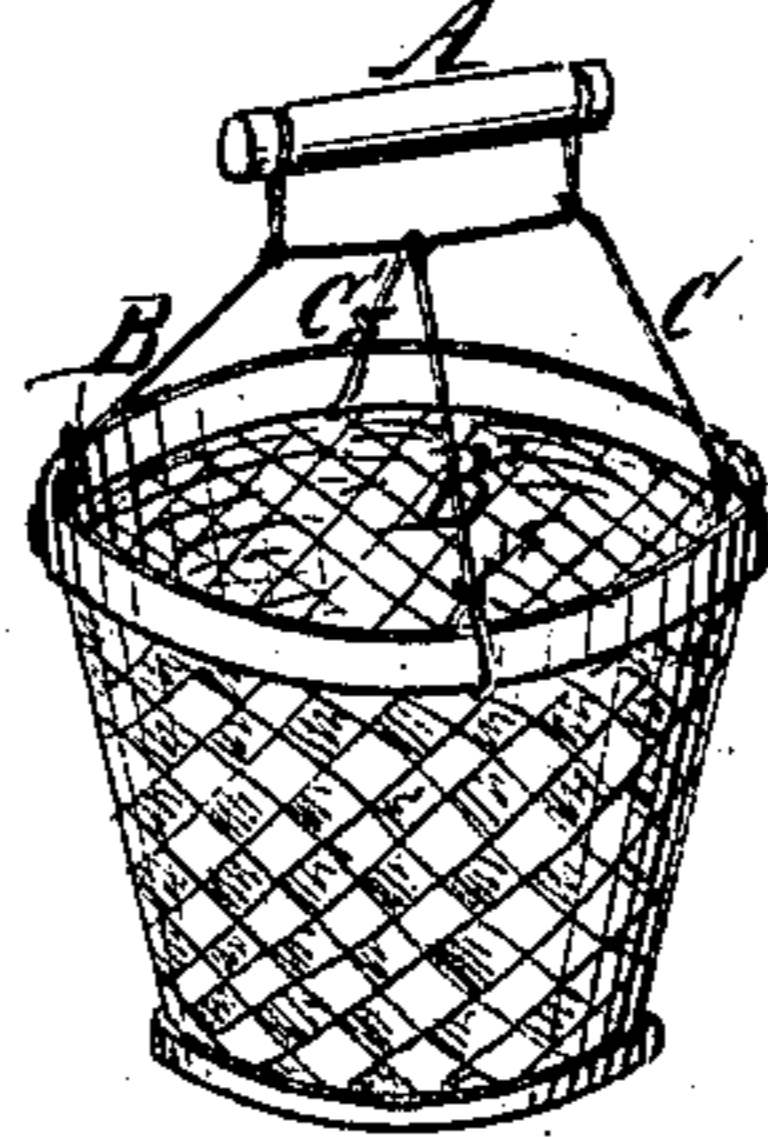
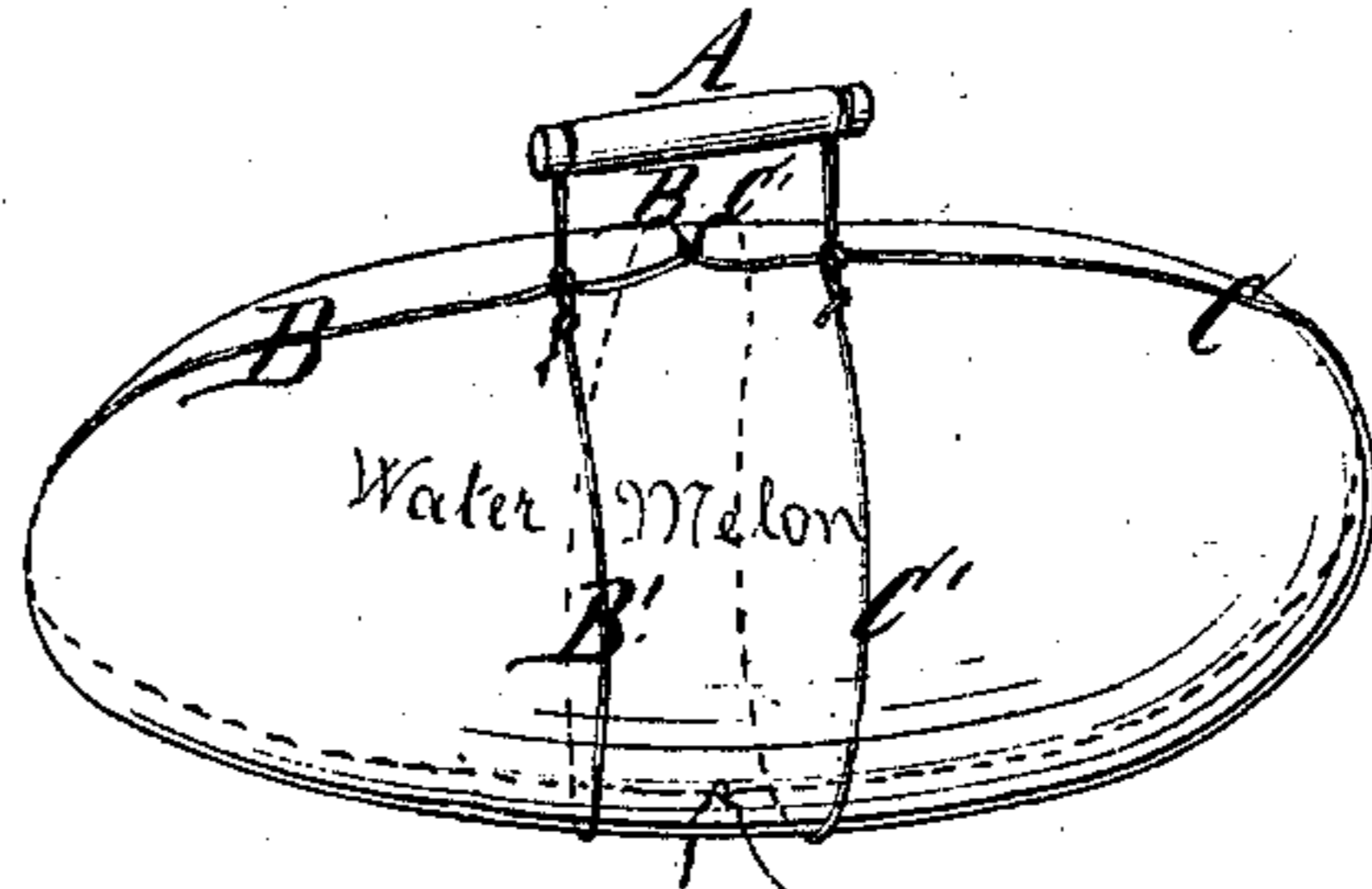


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SLINGS FOR PACKAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. STEVENS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sling for Packages; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my sling when the same is open. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a package tied in my sling in a smaller scale than the previous figure. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a water-melon tied in my sling. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a basket secured in my sling.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a sling composed of four strings, which are connected to a handle, two strings to each end of the handle, which are tied together near the handle, while one of the strings, suspended from one end of the handle, is also tied together to one of the strings suspended from the opposite end of the handle in such a manner that when the four strings are tied round a package of any desired form the handle remains in a convenient position to be grasped by the hand, and the package can be carried with ease and facility.

In the drawing, the letter A designates a handle, to each end of which are connected two strings, B B' C C'. The strings B B', and also the strings C C', are tied together by knots *b* and *c* respectively, at a short distance from the handle A, and another knot, *d*, serves to unite the strings B' and C', as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

By this arrangement a sling is obtained, which can be used with great advantage for carrying bundles, packages, or articles of any shape or form with great convenience, the

handle A being readily brought in such a position that it can be grasped with the hand, and that all danger of squeezing the hand between the bundle and the handle is avoided.

In Fig. 2 I have shown an ordinary grocer's bundle or package tied in my sling. It will be noticed from this figure that the strings B and C are passed round the bundle in a direction, and the strings B' and C' in a direction at right angles to that of the strings B and C, and after the ends of the strings B and C, and also those of the strings B' C', are drawn up tight and tied together the bundle or package is securely retained in the sling, and when the handle is grasped with the hand and the bundle is raised up the hand is in a convenient position, and the bundle can be carried without difficulty.

In Fig. 3 I have shown my sling as applied to a basket, and Fig. 4 shows my sling applied to a water-melon. These figures require no further explanation, but they show clearly that my sling can be applied with ease to packages, bundles, or articles of any desired form or description.

If desired, the handle may be hollow, with the strings running through the same, and tied in the manner shown in the drawing.

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

A sling, composed of a handle, A, and four cords, B B' C C', connected together at a certain distance from the handle by knots *b* and *c*, respectively, whence the strings B' C' are brought together and connected by a knot, *d*, leaving a permanent connection, *b d c*, running parallel to the handle and formed by parts of the strings B' C', all as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

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