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Basket.

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FIG. 1.

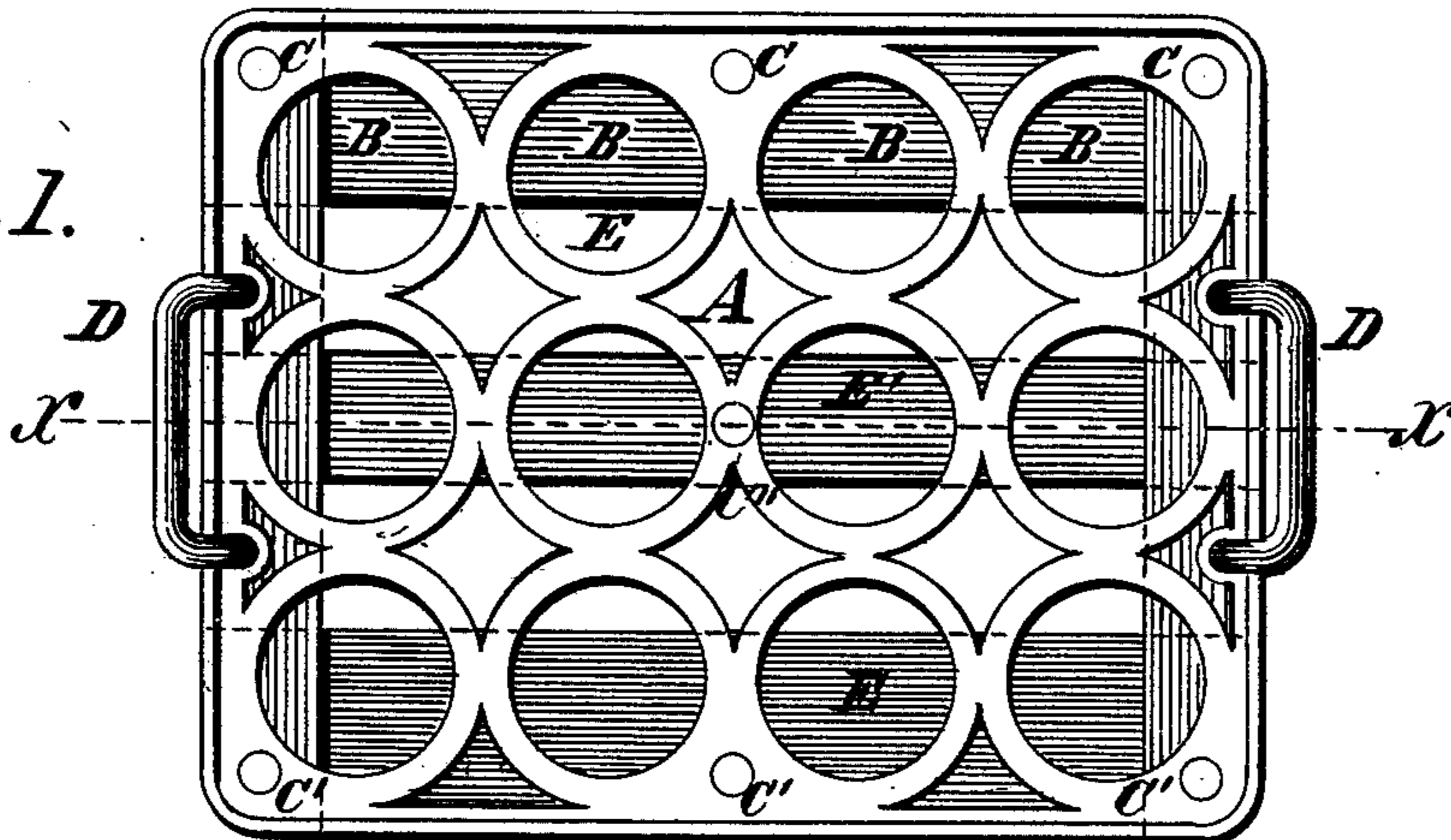


FIG. 2.

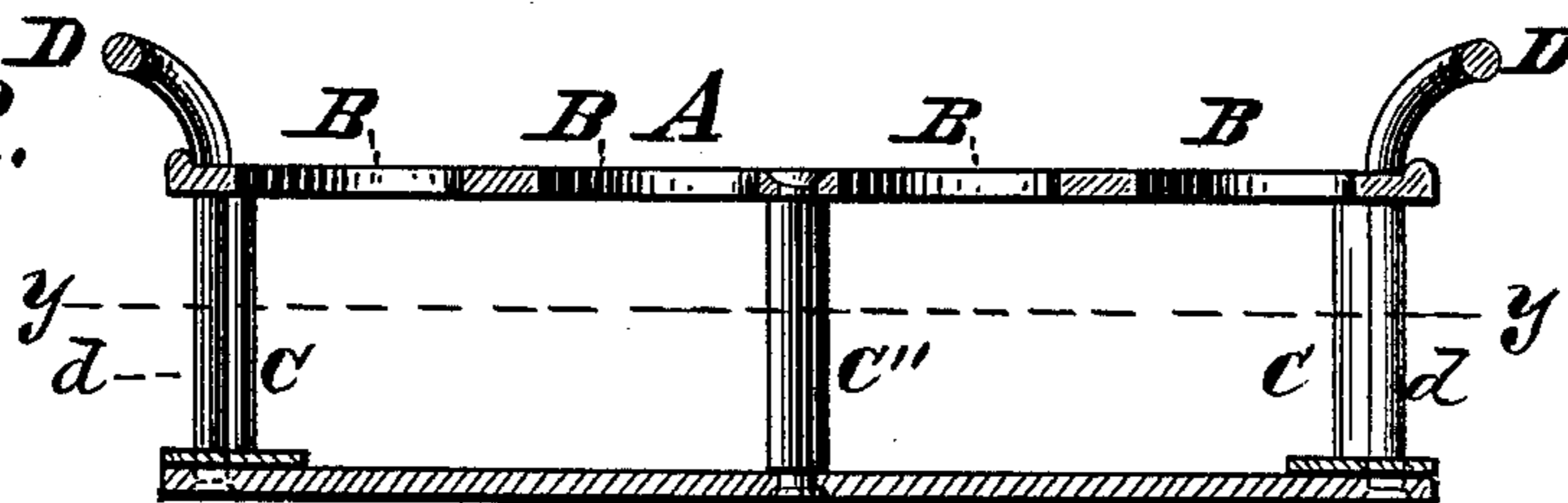
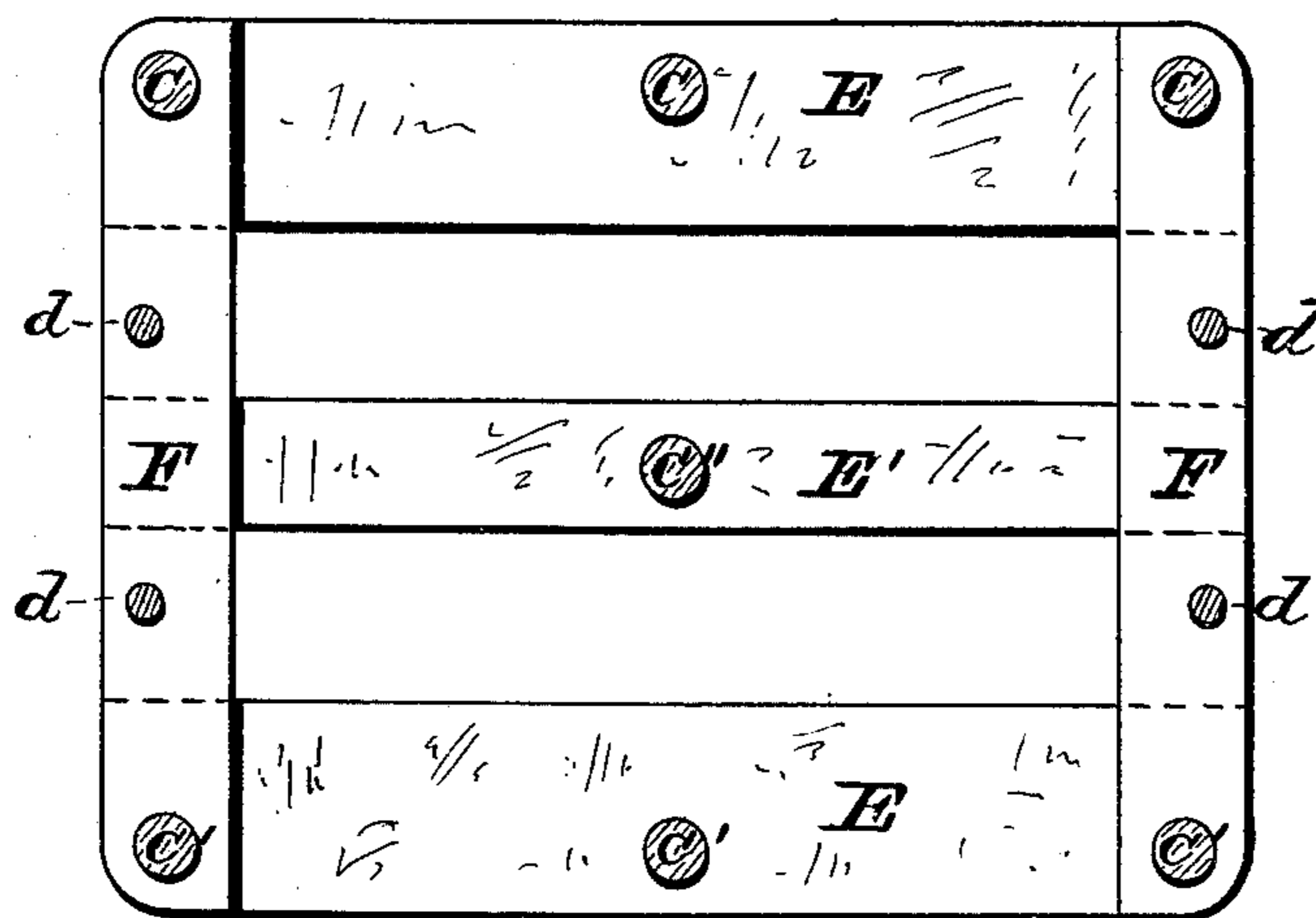


FIG. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANTON ULRICH, of Lockport, in the county of Niagara and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements on a Basket; and I do hereby declare that the following description of my said invention, taken in connection with the accompanying sheet of drawings, forms a full, clear, and exact specification, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has general reference to metallic baskets or trays for transporting bottled liquids; and it consists in the peculiar arrangement of parts and details of construction, as hereinafter first fully set forth and described, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings already mentioned, which serve to illustrate my said invention more fully, Figure 1 is a plan of the basket. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional elevation in line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view or plan of my basket, taken in line *yy* of Fig. 2.

Like parts are designated by corresponding letters of reference in all the figures.

Heretofore, in baskets for transporting bottled liquids and beverages, wooden, willow, and in some cases wire baskets have been in general use, the willow basket, however, having been preferred. These baskets, when used for peddling bottled beer or soda-water in an establishment doing a large amount of business, are soon worn out, owing to the rough handling they usually receive in the hands of consumers.

To avoid this rapid wear, and to produce a durable but nevertheless cheap basket, I construct them of a metallic top plate, A, provided with a number—usually twelve—apertures, B, for the passage of said bottles. This plate I prefer to produce in the process of casting, of gray iron, and to galvanize the same to prevent its rusting, and I support it by means of a number of metallic studs or pins, C C', fastened with one end in said plate A, and with the other extremity in longitudinal and transverse bars or plates E E' F, respectively. These plates F are fastened upon the top of the longitudinal bars E E' by means of said

studs C, so that the lower plates, E E', form runners upon which the basket is slid along upon the floor or racks, shelves, &c.

The basket is carried by means of two handles, D, formed into a U shape, the parallel members *d* of which pass through the top plate downward into the cross-plates F, and are securely riveted therein. By this arrangement of said handles the entire weight of the basket and bottles is lifted from the lower supporting-plates, E E' F, so that the pins or studs C are released from any strain which would be the case were the said handles fastened to the top plate, A.

For the lower plates I prefer to take band-iron of proper width and thickness, making them wide enough to serve as a base for the bottles when placed into the said basket.

The plate A being readily cast, and the other parts of my basket being all comparatively simple, it is evident that a basket of the kind described can be produced at a low figure, and, owing to the nature of the materials employed, it will outlast many of the willow or wooden baskets now used.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure to me by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a metallic basket composed of the open top plate, A, supported by the pins or studs C upon a grating composed of the longitudinal strips E E' and the transverse strips F, placed upon said strips E, and secured together by the pins C, and the handles D, having their shanks *d* passed through the top plate, A, and secured within the strips F, as and for the use and purpose stated.

2. In metallic baskets, the handles D, having the parallel members *d* passed through the top plate, A, and secured in the lower plates, F, as and for the object stated.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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