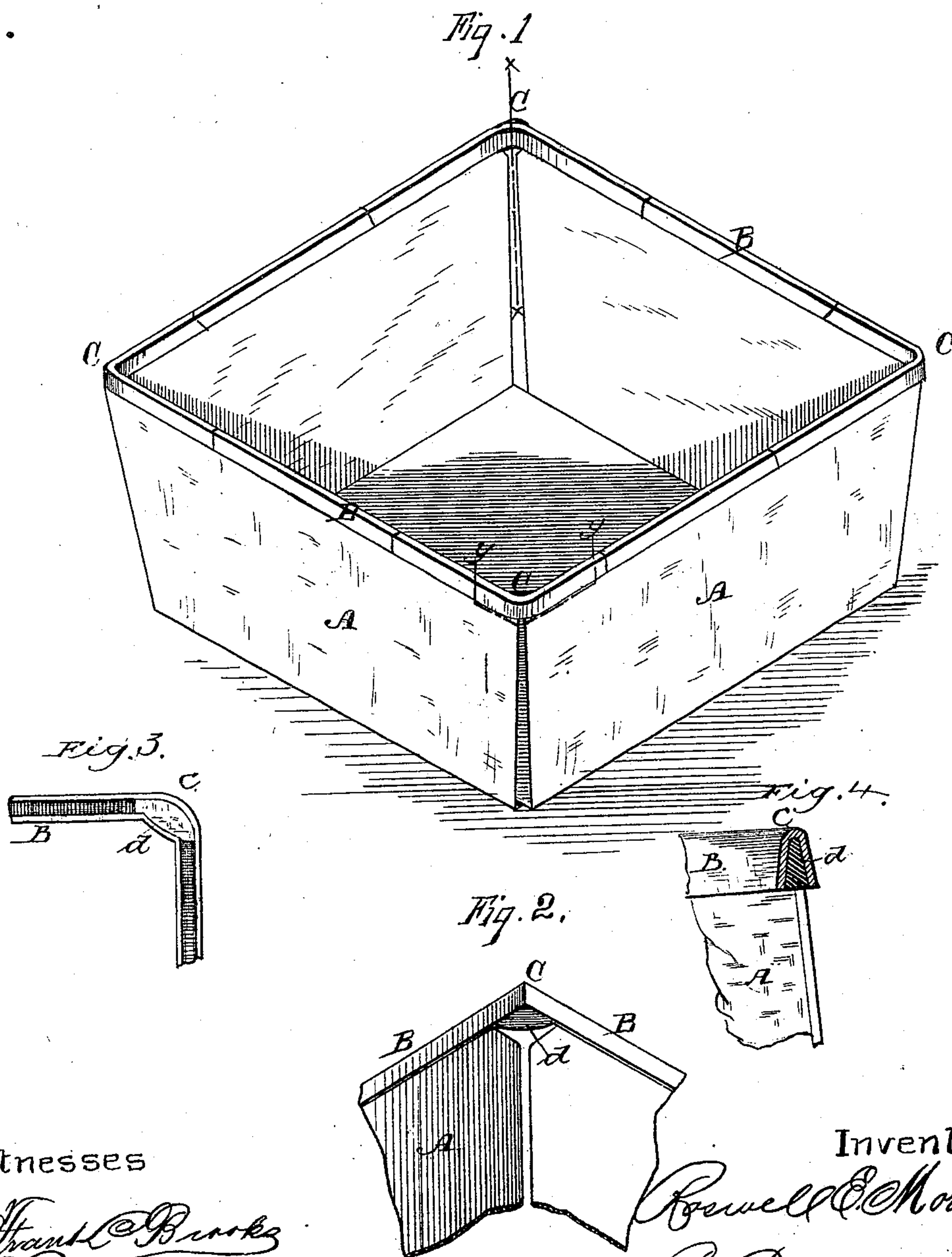


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BERRY-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSWELL E. MOREY, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented an Improved Fruit and Berry Basket; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to that class of berry-baskets made of bent veneers and provided with a sheet-metal rim crimped over the edge. Heretofore the sheet-metal rims have simply been bent at the corners, and experience shows that when the baskets are of the larger sizes used the bends at the corners of the sheet-metal strip are too weak to retain the basket in its proper form, and in handling it changes form.

The object of my invention is to overcome this difficulty; and my invention consists in casting within the sheet-metal rim at its corners a brace or strengthening-plug of solder or other metal or alloy.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket made after my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of a corner of the same, looking beneath the rim. Fig. 3 is a section on line *yy* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on line *xx* of Fig. 1.

The basket shown to illustrate my invention

is made of two veneers, A A, crossing each other at right angles and the ends turned up to form the sides of the box or basket. Around the top of the box the veneers are clasped by a sheet-metal rim, B, in a well-known manner. In such baskets the veneers are not brought together at the corners, leaving a space between the veneers where the sheet-metal strip is bent. In space between the veneers, at each corner *c*, and between the sides of the clasp- ing sheet-metal rim, I cast a strengthening- brace of solder or like material, *d*. This makes the corners of the strip substantially solid, and greatly strengthens the strip and enhances its capacity for preventing the top or rim of the basket or box from changing form.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a veneer basket provided with a sheet-metal rim, B, having cast-metal corners *d*, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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