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Fig. 1.

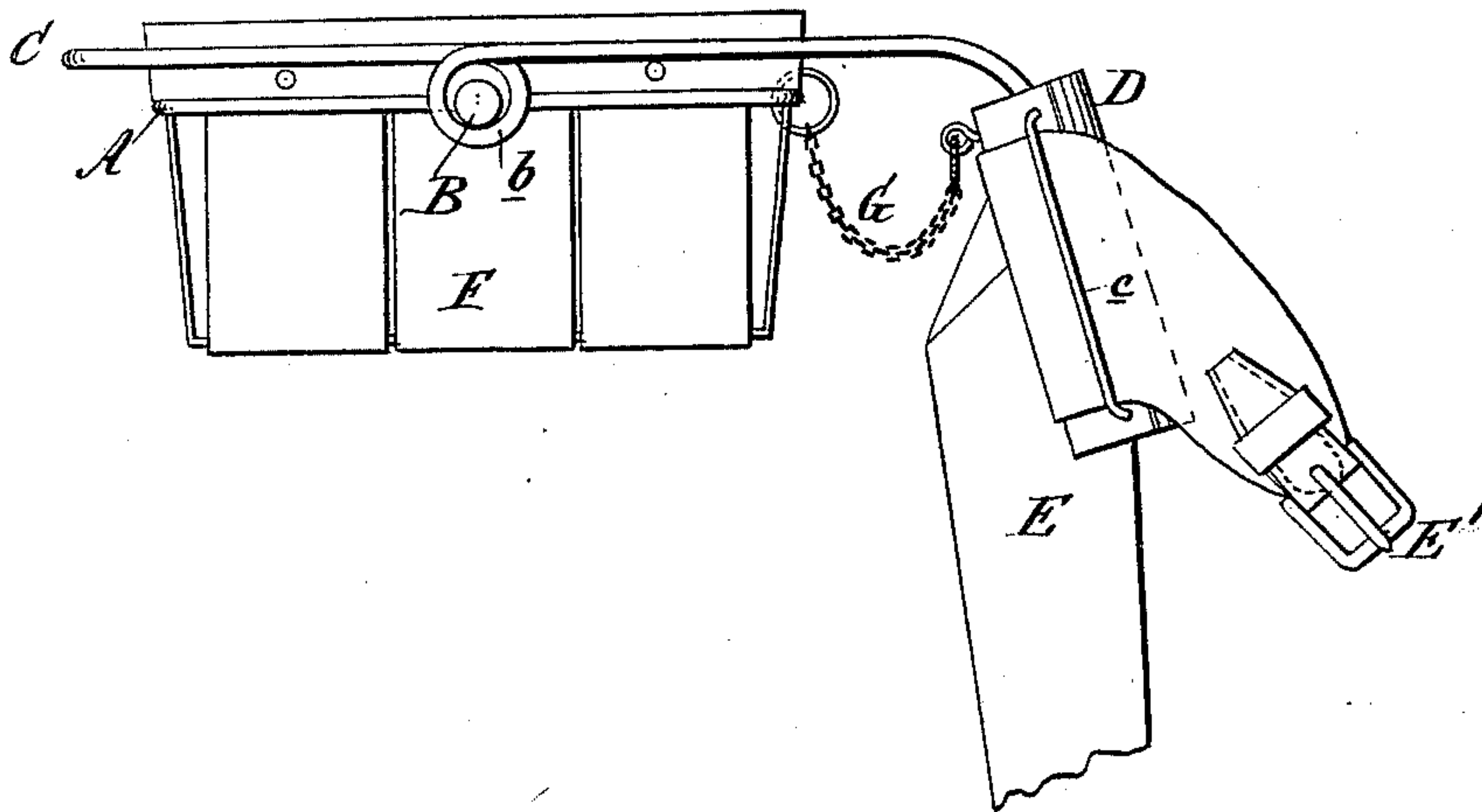
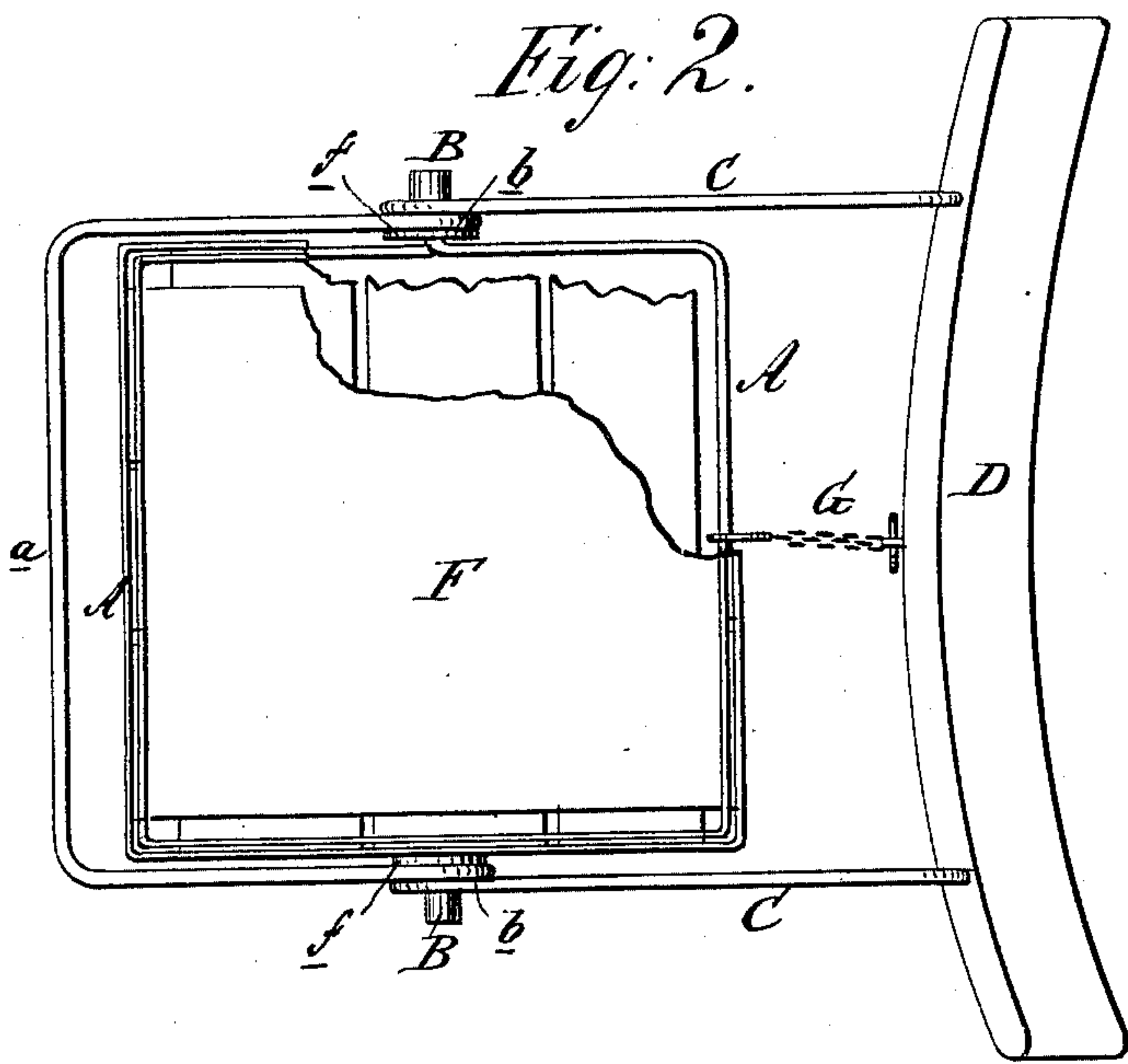


Fig. 2.



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BERRY-BASKET HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. ROBINSON, of Howlett Hill, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Berry-Basket Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple device for holding a basket while picking berries so that the berries shall not be spilled.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same without the strap or belt and with parts broken away to exhibit other parts.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents the frame, composed of stout wire or rod bent to conform with the outline of the basket, (in this instance formed into a four-sided rectangular frame,) and provided on opposite sides with projecting studs B B. C is another stout wire or rod bent so as to extend around and beyond the front of the frame A, as shown at *a*, and along the sides thereof, and said wire C has a turn made in it on each side of the frame A, thereby forming loops *b b*, in which the studs B B are inserted, so that said frame A and its contents may swing therein, the washers *f f* serving to prevent friction between the frame A and wire C. The ends of this wire C are continued rearward and entered into a rigid curved support, D, which support is preferably made of wood and is provided with loops or staples *c c* on its convex face.

E is a strap or belt provided with a buckle, E', that is passed across the face of the support D and through the loops *c c*, and is designed to be buckled around the body of the berry-picker, so that the device shall be held in front of the body in a horizontal position.

F represents a berry-basket suspended by its rim within the frame A, and G is a chain or cord connecting the frame A with the support D, said chain G being of sufficient length to permit the basket F to swing enough to preserve a level position, but not long enough to permit the basket to tip so as to spill its contents.

Using this device a berry-picker can use both hands in picking, and thereby can pick from one-third to one-half more berries in a given time than he can when holding a basket in one hand, as is commonly done.

I am aware that wire-frame fruit-box holders have been heretofore suspended from the body; but

What I claim as new and of my invention is—

The combination; in a fruit-box holder, of the frame A, having opposite studs B, the frame C, having side loops, *b*, the rigid support D, with strap E, and the chain G, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as shown and described.

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