

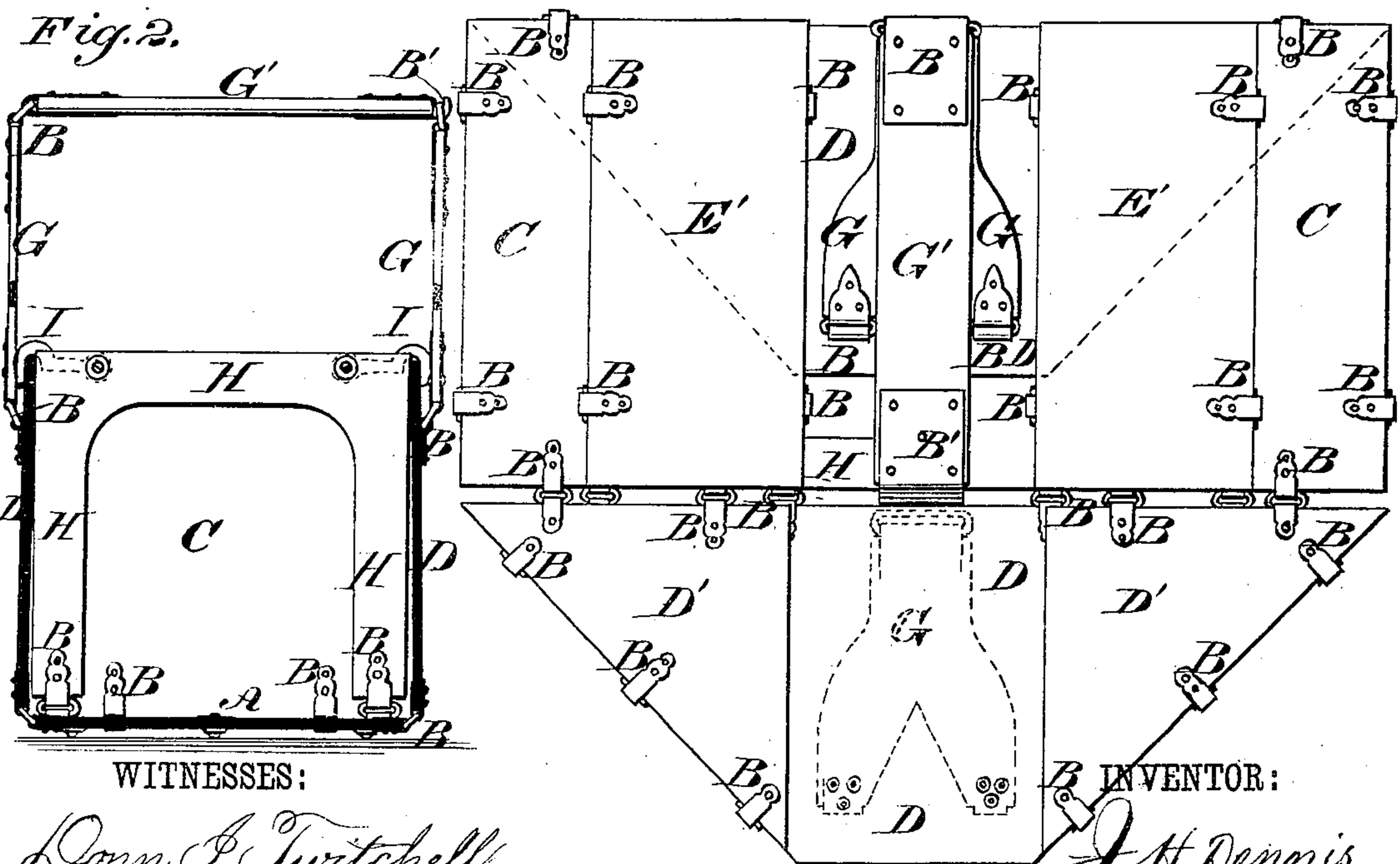
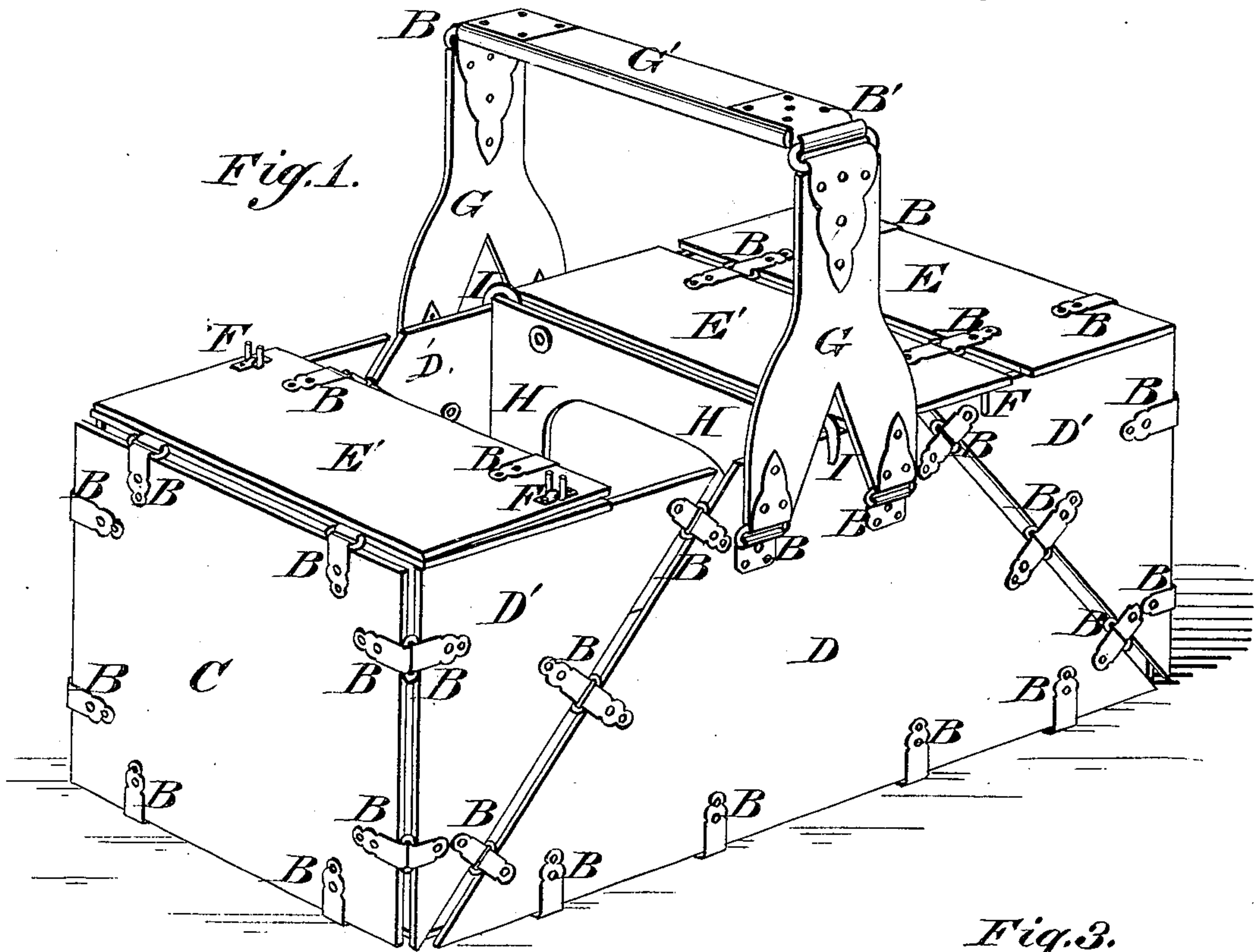
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. DENNIS, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Folding Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional end elevation. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same partly
10 folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to construct baskets in such a manner that they can be
15 folded into small space for convenience in transportation.

In the accompanying drawings, A is the bottom of the basket, to the end edges of which are connected by hinges B the ends C.

20 To the side edge of the bottom A are connected by hinges B the sides D. The upper corners of the sides D are cut off, and the triangular pieces D' thus formed are connected with the main side pieces by hinges B. The
25 triangular pieces D' are also connected with the side edges of the ends C by hinges B.

To the upper edges of the ends C are connected by hinges B the outer parts, E, of the cover. Each half of the cover is made in two
30 parts or pieces, E E', the adjacent edges of which are connected by hinges B.

To the ends of the inner parts or pieces, E', of the cover are hinged U-shaped catches F, or other suitable catches, to engage with the
35 upper edges of the main or middle parts, D, of the sides, to keep the said cover in place upon the said edges.

The hinges B are made of eye-straps connected by links to form loose or double joints,
40 so that the parts connected by said hinges can fold down parallel with each other; or other suitable hinges may be used.

To the outer sides of the upper parts of the main side pieces, D, are connected by hinges B
45 the forked lower ends of the standards or side pieces, G, of the handle.

G' is the hand-piece of the handle, which is connected at one end with the end of a side

piece, G, by a hinge, B, and at the other end with the end of the other side piece, G, by a
50 separable hinge, B'. The separable hinge B' is formed by opening the eye of one of the eye-straps into hook form, so that it can readily be connected with and disconnected from the
link for convenience in folding the basket. 55

H is the center piece, partition, or brace, which is hinged at its lower edge to the bottom A, so that it can be folded down in either
direction upon the said bottom.

To the upper corners of the partition H are
60 pivoted hooks I, to hook upon the upper edges of the main or middle pieces, D, of the sides, to keep the said sides in place. The lower middle part of the partition H may be cut away, if desired, giving it a U form, as
65 shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In folding the basket the parts E' E of the cover are turned back over the ends C, the hooks I are unhooked, and the partition H is folded down upon the
bottom A. The hook-hinge B' of the handle 70 is disconnected and the sides D are folded down, the one inward and the other outward, which causes the triangular pieces D' of the sides to fold down upon their respective middle pieces and the ends C to fold inward, as
75 shown in Fig. 3. The hand-piece G' and one side piece, G, of the handle are folded down upon the inwardly-folded side D, and the free side piece, G, of the handle is folded down beneath the outwardly-folded side D, as shown
80 in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The outwardly-folded side D and the side piece, G, of the handle are folded beneath the bottom A, the whole basket being thus folded into small space, so that it
85 can be conveniently carried.

Baskets thus constructed are especially useful in traveling, and for picnics, marketing, and other purposes where they are carried in
one direction full and in the other direction empty. 90

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

1. A folding basket having each of its sides in three pieces, the middle one, D, hinged to
95 the bottom, and the end pieces, D' D', hinged

to said middle one and to one-piece ends, said ends being themselves hinged to a one-piece bottom, as described.

5 2. The combination, with the basket-sides made in three sections, D' D D', hinged together, to the bottom, and to the ends, of the partition H, hinged to the bottom, and connected by hooks with sections D D of the sides, as shown and described.

3. The combination, with the basket-ends 10 hinged to bottom and sides, of a cover made in two parts, each part consisting of two hinged sections hinged to the top of one end of basket, as shown and described.

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