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Fig. 1.

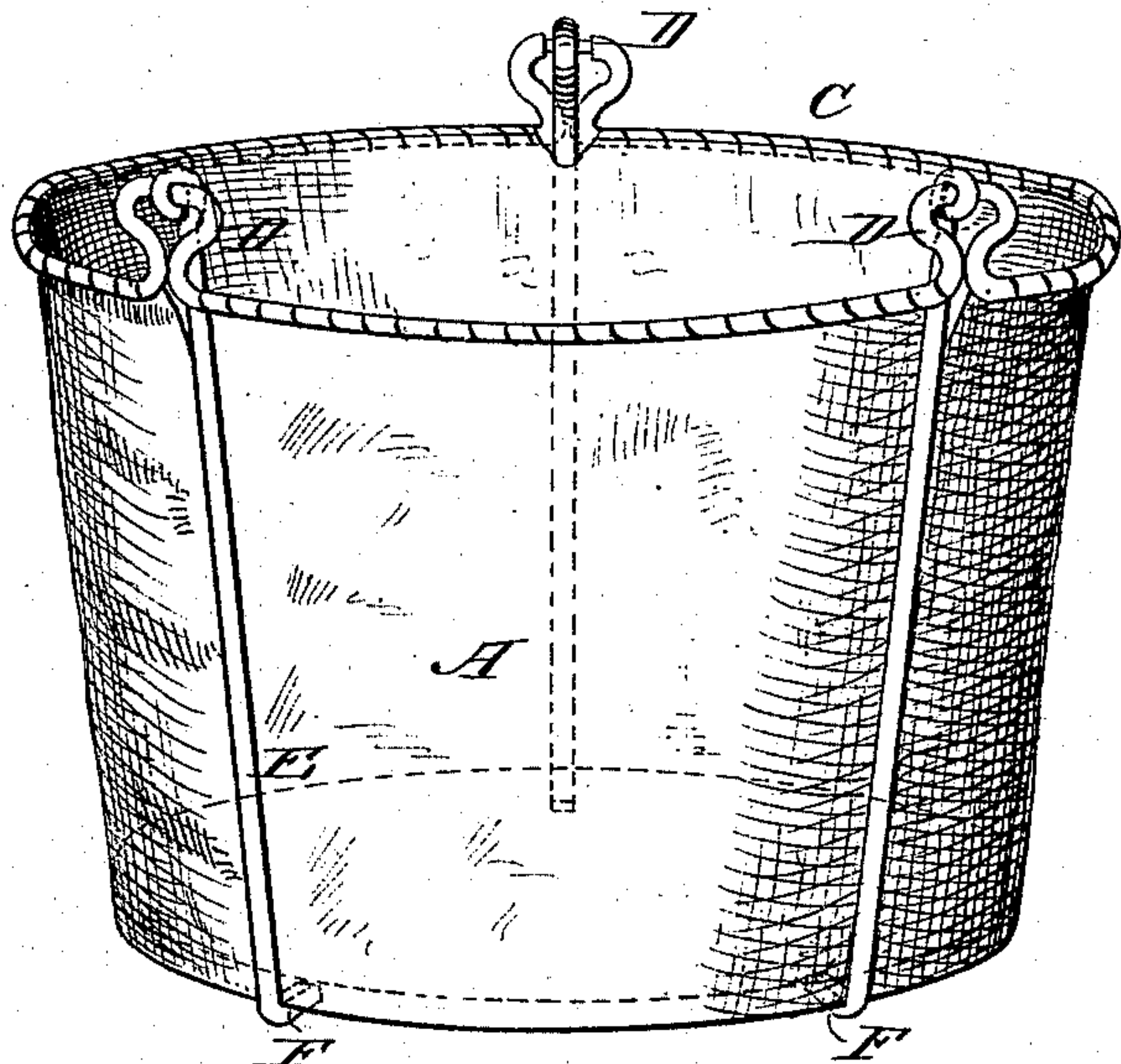
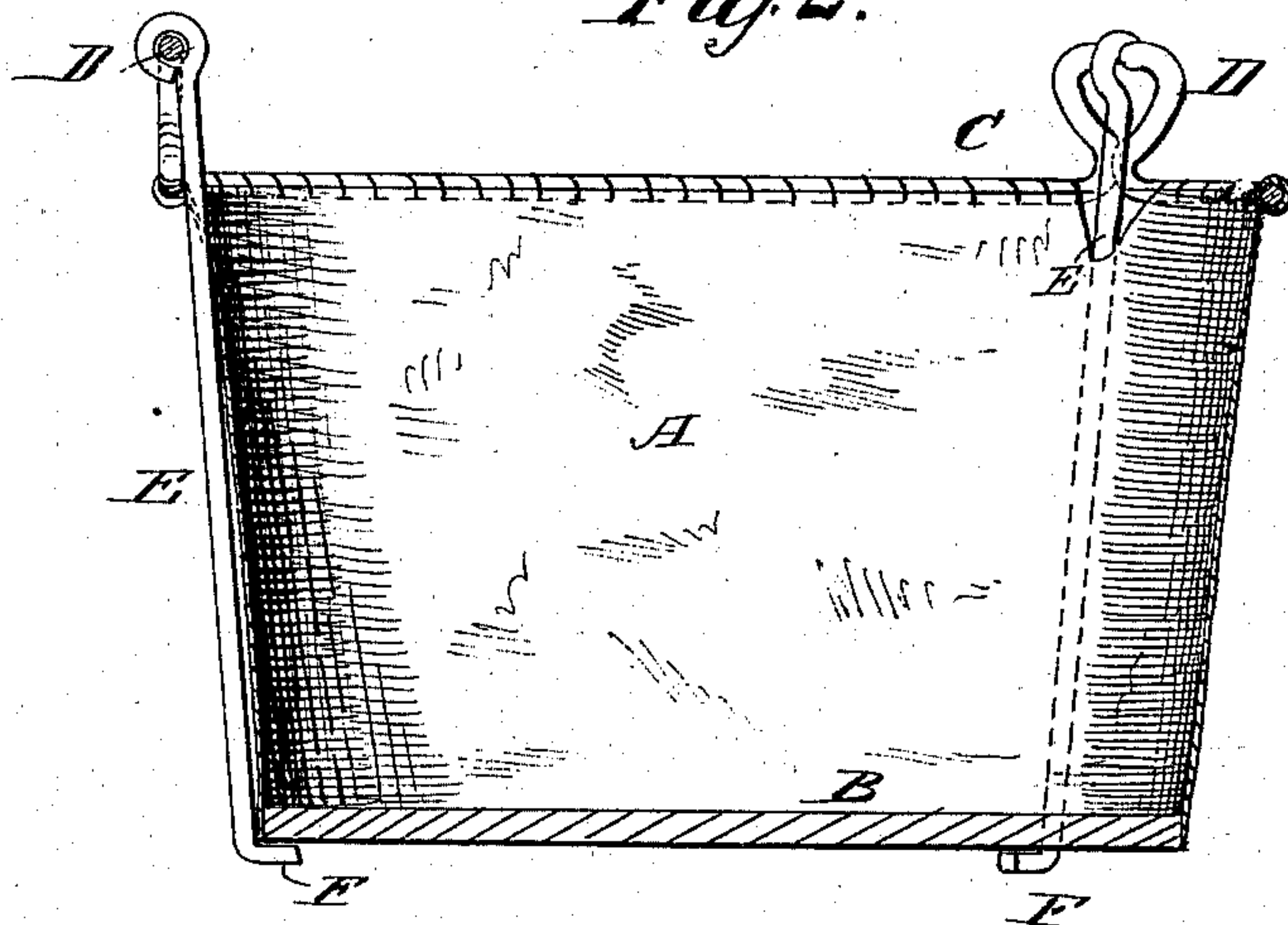


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. STARR, of Vicksburg, in the county of Warren and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Folding Cotton-Basket, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved basket for gathering or holding cotton, which basket can be folded very compactly, so as to occupy very little space while being transported or stored.

The invention consists in a basket or receptacle formed of an upper metal ring with loops, in which rods are pivoted, having their lower ends bent over rectangularly, so that they will catch under the bottom, which is attached to the sides, made of canvas or other fabric, and the sides are attached to the upper wire.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved folding cotton-basket. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The canvas or other fabric, A, forming the sides of a cotton-basket or collecting vessel or receptacle is attached to the edges of the wooden or other bottom, B, and to an upper metal ring, C, provided with three or more loops, D, to which rods E are pivoted, which rods have their lower ends bent toward each

other to form shoulders or projections F. The hooks or bends F F of the rods E pass under the bottom B and support the same.

The operation is as follows: When the basket is to be stored or transported the lower ends of the rods E are first sprung slightly outward and the bottom B folded or raised a little above the ring C. The rods E may then be folded across in the space between the bottom B and ring C, and the basket will occupy very little space. If the basket is to be used, the above parts are moved in the reverse order and direction.

The rods E are of such length that when the canvas or other flexible material is stretched they will extend from the ring C to and the hooks F project under the bottom B, relieving it of all strain.

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

In a folding cotton-basket, the combination, with the rigid bottom B and flexible sides A, of the ring C, provided with loops D, and rods E, having hooks F, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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