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WICKER BASKET.

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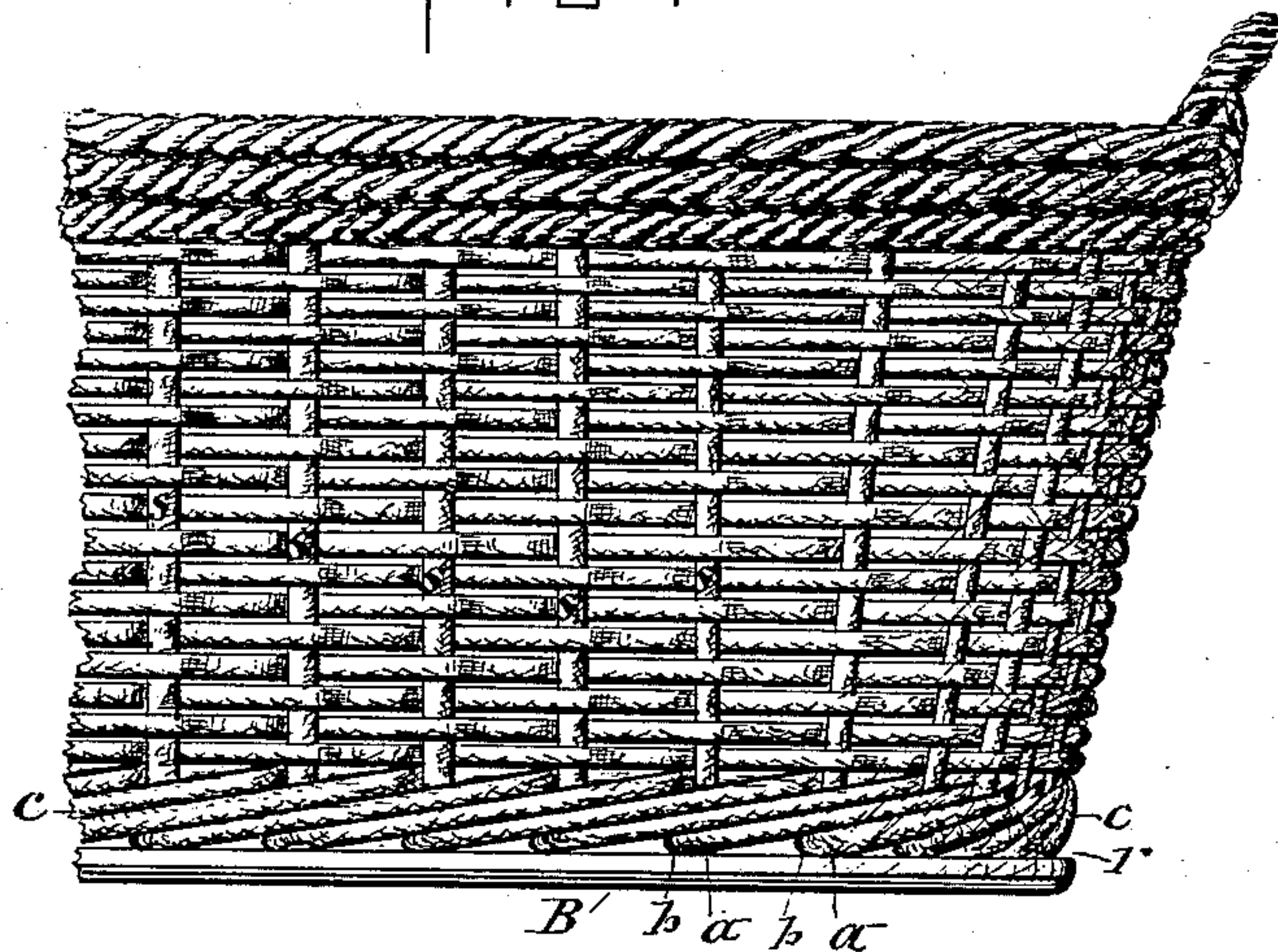


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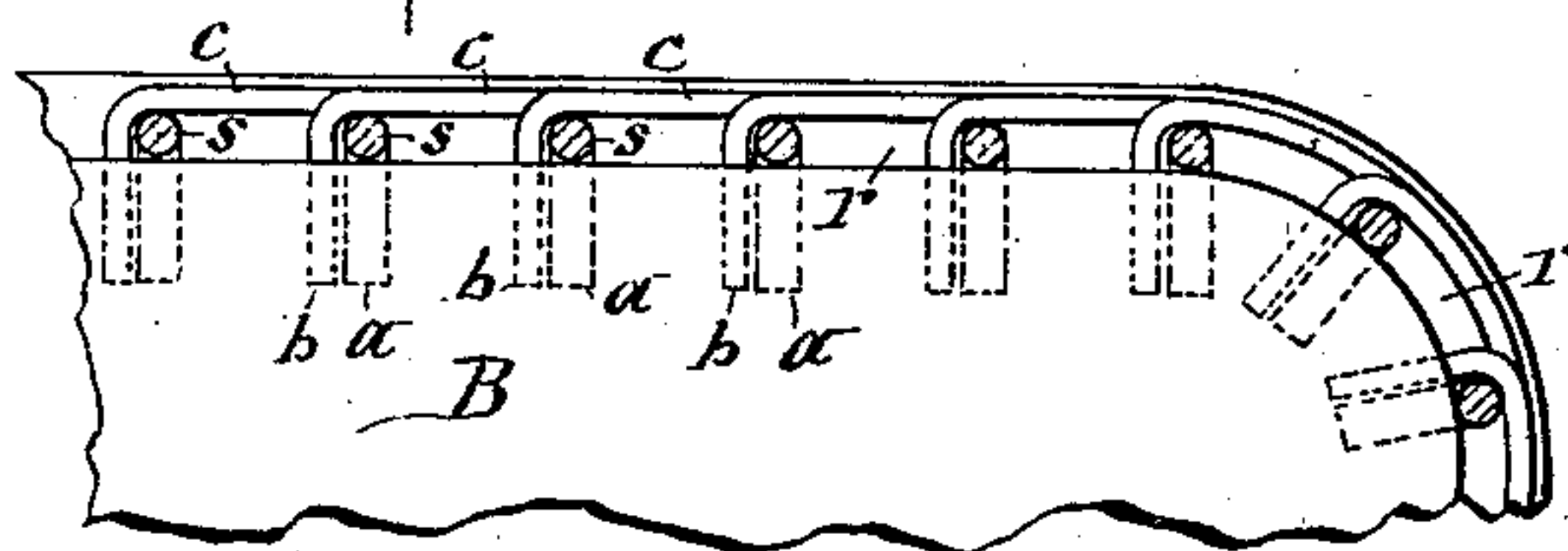
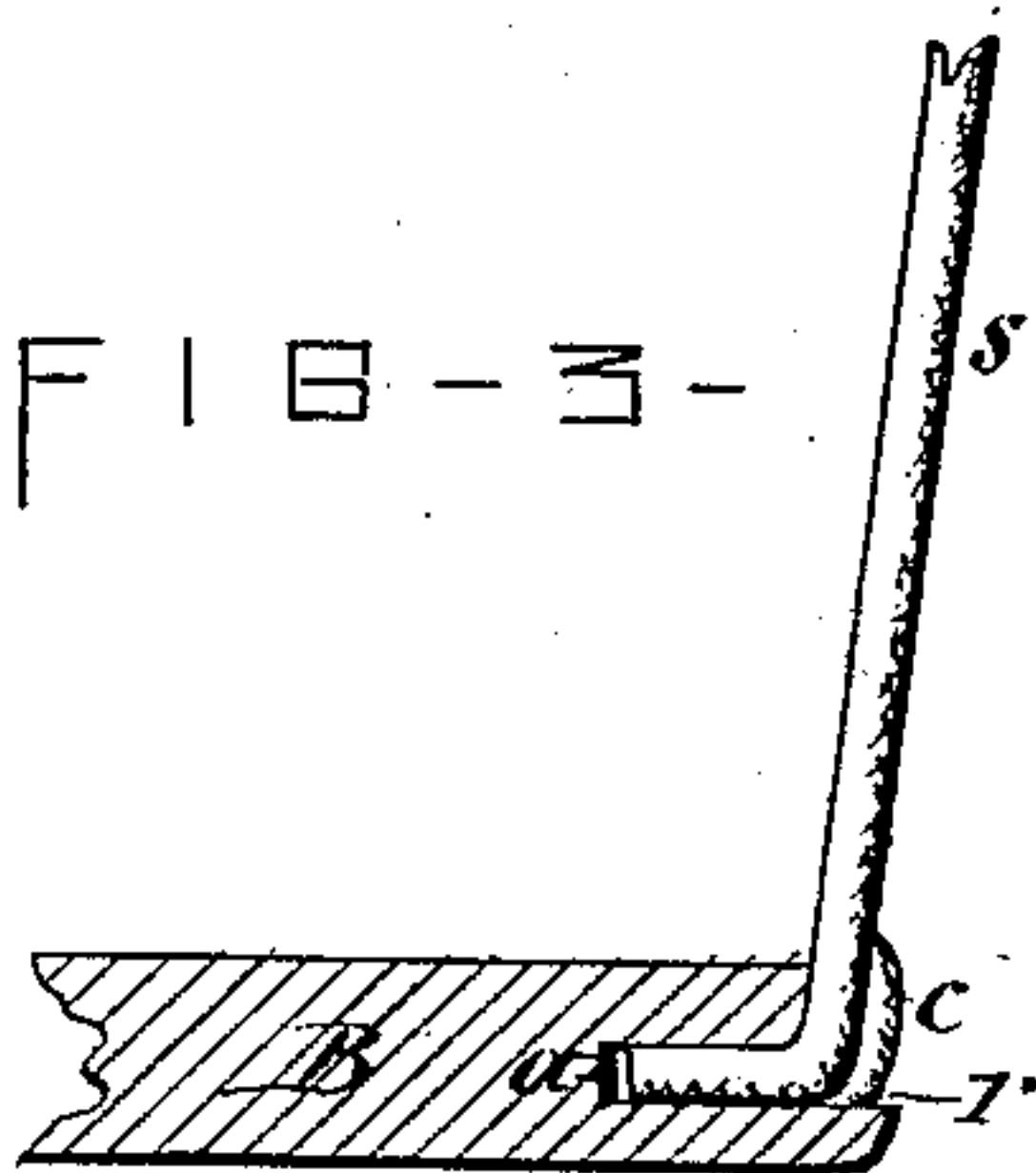


FIG-3-



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WICKER BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. MILLER, of Liverpool, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wicker Baskets, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in that class of wicker baskets which have a wooden bottom; and the improvement consists in forming the bottom of the basket of a wooden board having a rabbet cut out of its upper edge, and providing the inner shoulder of said rabbet with two series of horizontal holes and securing the body of the basket to said bottom by bending the lower extremity of the standards inward and inserting them into one of the aforesaid series of holes, and bending the ends of the wickers composing the usual braiding at the base of the basket-body around the exterior of the standards and terminating them in the other series of holes aforesaid, thereby not only firmly securing the wooden bottom to the body of the basket and thoroughly bracing the basket, but also effectually protecting the basket-body around the edges of its base by the simplest and comparatively most inexpensive means, all as hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claim.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a portion of a basket embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken immediately above the wooden bottom; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section, illustrating the construction of the wooden bottom and its connection with the body of the basket.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

s s denote the usual standards, which, with the horizontal wickers entrained between them, form the body of the basket, usually finished at the top and bottom with the wicker-braidings *c*.

B represents the wooden bottom of the basket.

Said bottom I form of a board, around the upper edge of which I cut a rabbet, *r*, and into the inner vertical shoulder of this rabbet I bore two series of horizontal holes, *a* and *b*. Into the holes *a*, I insert the lower ends of the standards *s*, bent at the requisite angle for the purpose, and into the holes *b*, I insert the ends of the wickers *c*, which form the usual braiding around the base of the basket, said wickers being bent around the exterior of the standards *s* and terminating in the holes *b*, the holes *b* being close to the holes *a*, so as to produce a short bend in the braiding passing over the exterior of the adjacent standard *s*, and thereby more firmly bind itself, as well as assist in confining the ends of the standards in the holes in the bottom *B*. The horizontal portion of the rabbet projecting outward under the base of the basket-body serves to protect the same from wear, thus rendering the basket more durable.

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

The combination of the bottom board, *B*, having cut out of its upper edge the rabbet *r*, and provided in the inner shoulder of said rabbet with the horizontal holes *a* and *b*, the standards *s*, having their lower extremities bent and inserted in the holes *a*, and the wickers *c* of the bottom braiding having their ends bent around the exterior of the standards *s* and terminating in the holes *b*, the horizontal portion of the rabbet projecting over the base of the basket-body, all constructed and combined substantially in the manner described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 31st day of December, 1881.

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