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FIG. 1.

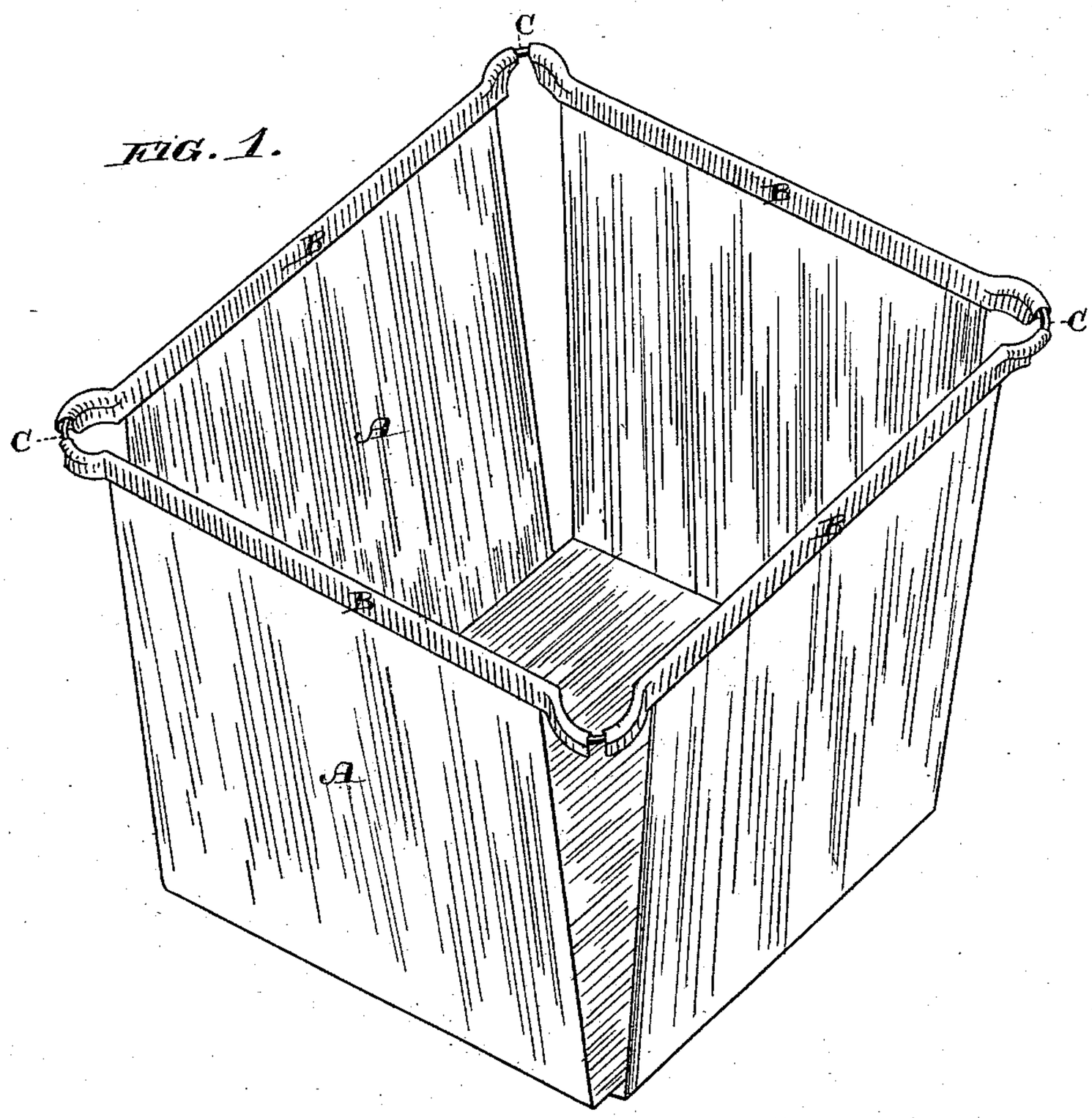
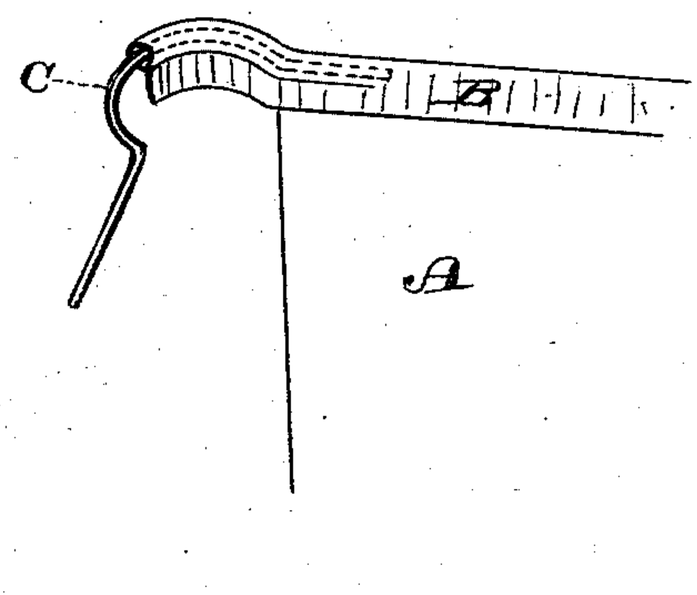


FIG. 2



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FRUIT-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, State of California, have invented an Improved Fruit-Basket; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to certain improvements in fruit or berry boxes or baskets which are composed of thin wood shavings or veneers crossing each other at right angles on the bottom and having their turned-up sides united at the top. These upper edges are united in various ways to insure strength and sufficient rigidity, as by wires, continuous strips of sheet metal, &c.

My invention is designed to utilize short strips of sheet metal in the construction of baskets of a considerable size; and it consists of a strengthening-strip of metal clamped upon each of the four sides and inclosing at their meeting angles wires, either short or continuous, which are properly bent and secured by crimping the metal upon them, as will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my basket. Fig. 2 shows a corner with the wire.

A A are two strips of thin wood or veneer, which cross each other at right angles, and are made of sufficient width to give the desired area to the basket, and of such a length that when the ends are turned up they will form sides of the desired depth. Upon each of these four sides a strip of tin or other sheet, B, of metal is fitted, being folded down upon each side of the top edge and indented or otherwise crimped upon the edge, so as to secure it and form a binding which will prevent these thin upturned edges with the vertical grain from splitting. The corners of these baskets do not meet exactly, but are separated, as shown, so as to ventilate the interior. Strips B project slightly beyond the edges at the top, and short pieces of wire C are crimped into a curved or semicircular form, the ends extending into the bight of the folded strips of metal B, as shown. The metal is crimped upon the wires by suitable machines, so as to partly follow the curve made by the wire, and thus prevent its being drawn out if short pieces are used.

It will be manifest that the wire may be made continuous, if desired, extending along the upper edges of the basket sides, and having the sheet-metal strips folded down over it and the edges of the basket, so as to secure both together.

I am aware that heretofore a berry-box has been combined with a bead and binding composed of a triangular-shaped metal strip bent to form a bead for wire upon the exterior of the box, and of a binding-strip extending from the bead over the upper edges of the sides.

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

A wire extending along the line of the upper edges of a fruit-basket and curved out of line at the corners of the box, in combination with strips of sheet metal folded upon the edges of the boxes and crimped around the bent portions of the wires at the corners, as described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

ROSWELL E. MOREY.

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