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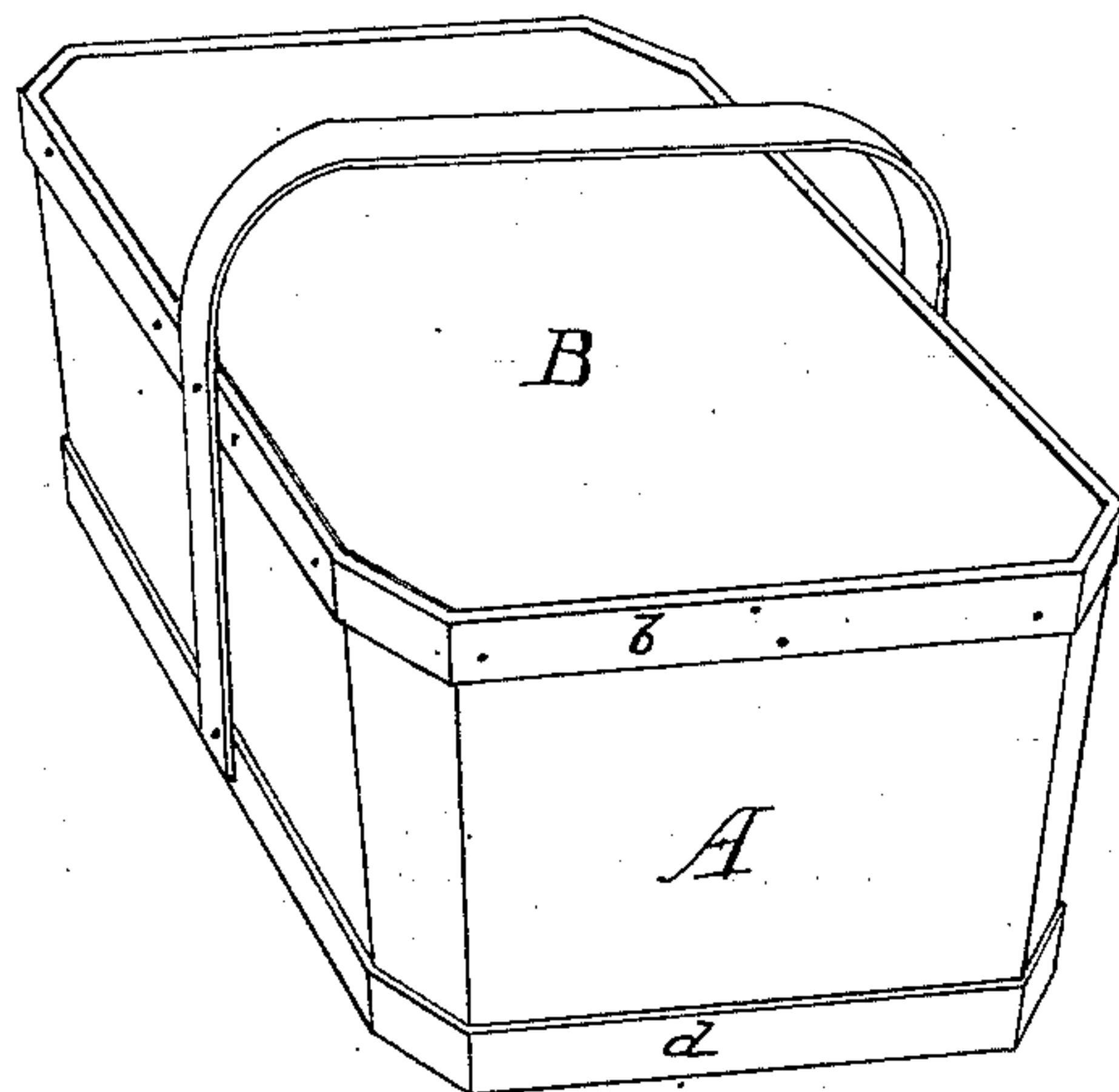


Fig. 1.

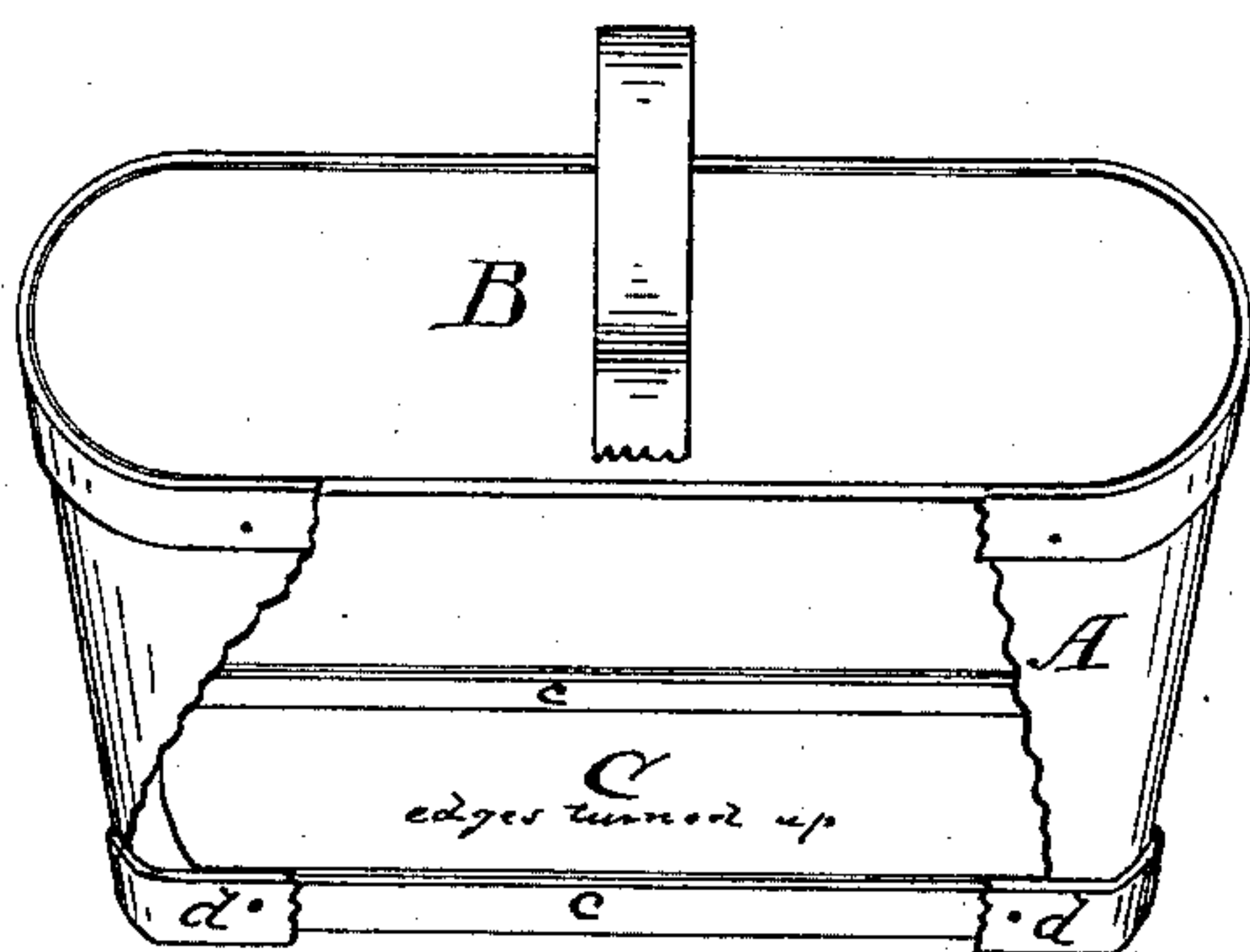


Fig. 2.

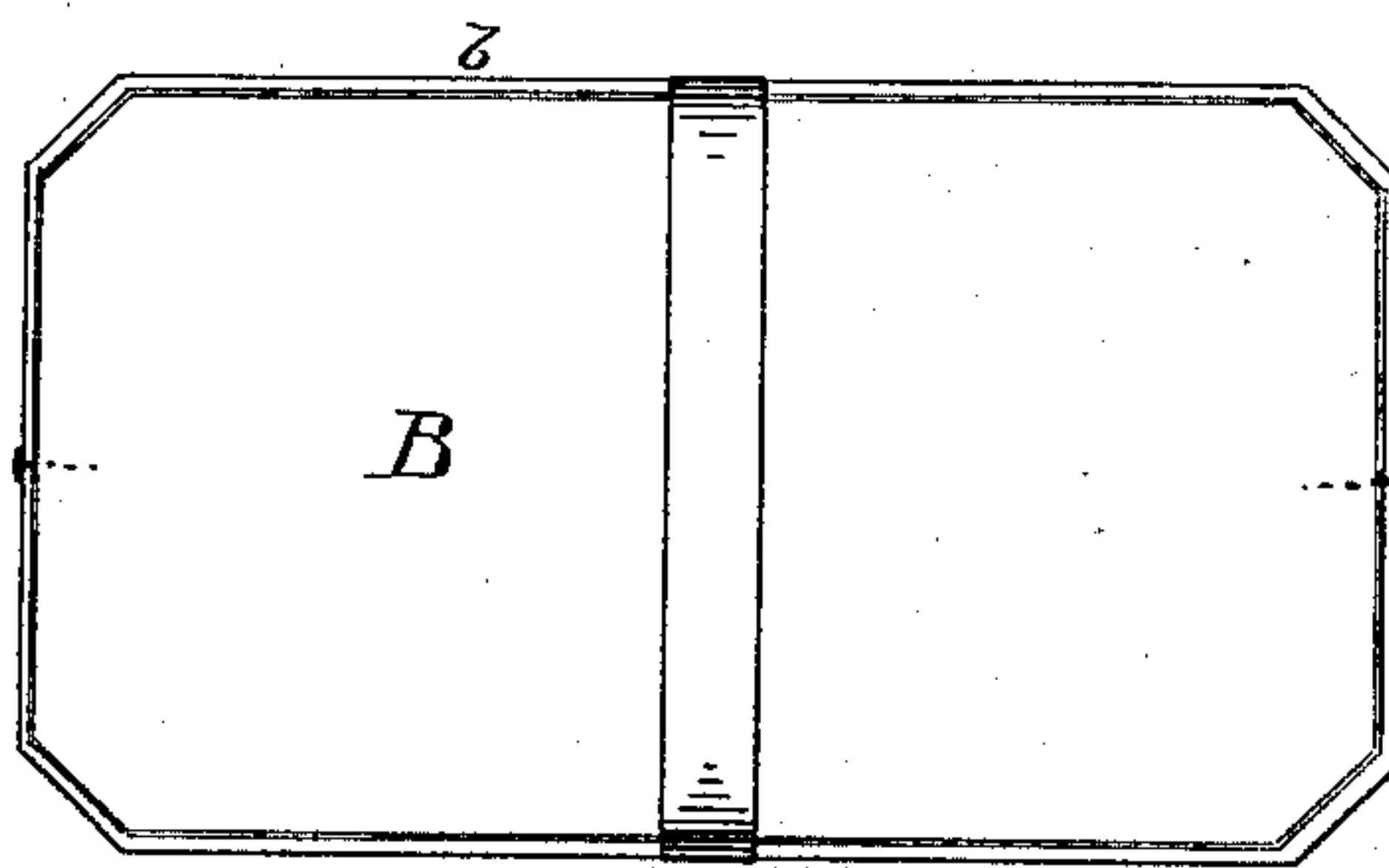


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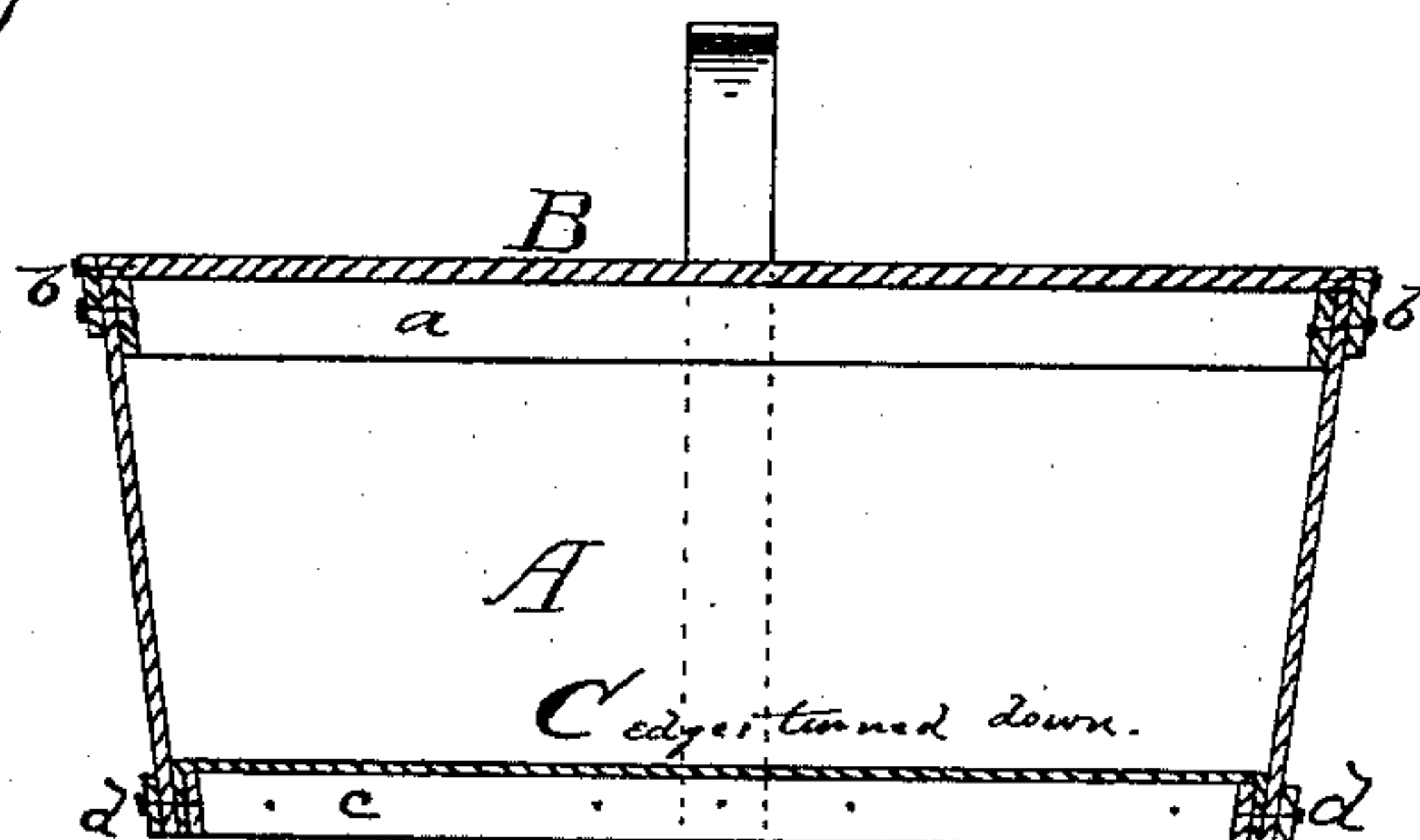


Fig. 3.

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## BASKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. HAMILTON, of Euclid, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the cover and bottom with the sides of baskets, as herein-  
after described and claimed.

Heretofore the method of attaching covers to shipping-baskets has been very imperfect, affording but little protection to the contents, and the connections being easily broken, the covers become detached. The bottoms also have been weak and easily broken for want of strength and sufficient protection.

My improvements are designed to give not only full protection to the contents of the basket, but to greatly stiffen and strengthen the basket. These improvements consist in a certain construction of the top edge of the basket and in securing the cover therein, also in a certain construction of the bottom, using thin stuff, with the grain running crosswise, bending the ends of said stuff down and securing said edges between the sides and bottom hoops, all as pointed out hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a basket, showing manner of securing cover. Fig. 2 is a side view of a round-end basket having side broken out to show manner of securing cover and bottom. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 4 is a top or plan view of a basket, showing cover fitted into the rabbet.

A is the body of the basket, which may be made of thin wood or splints. To the inside upper edge is placed a hoop or band, *a*, with its top edge even or flush with the top edge of the splints. Around the outside upper edge is placed a hoop or band, *b*, having its

upper edge extending above the inner band, and splints to form a rabbet all around the upper inner edge of the basket. These hoops or bands are secured to the body and to each other by tacks or nails through all. B is the cover, which is fitted in the said rabbet. It is made of a thin board and is secured by tacks driven through the outer band or hoop into the edges. These tacks may be withdrawn for removing the cover. The bottom edge of the basket-body is also provided with an outer and inner hoop or band, *c d*, and the bottom C has its side edges bent downward, and said downward bends are inserted between the body and the inner hoop, and tacks or nails driven through secure the bands, bottom, and sides all together.

The bottom may be placed in with its bent edges standing upward and secured between the hoop, if desired, and thus give a little more room in the basket; but the other method is preferable. The handle is secured in the usual way.

For shipping fruit this makes a strong, durable basket. For ventilation the cover and sides may have holes and the bottom have slots or be made short at the ends.

Having described my improvement, I claim—

In splint baskets, the combination of body A having inside band, *a*, flush with top edge of splints, the outside-band, *b*, extending above said splints and band, and the cover B fitted in said band *b*, and the lower edge of sides having inner and outer hoops or bands, *c d*, and the bottom C having its edges bent and secured between said hoops, substantially as described.

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