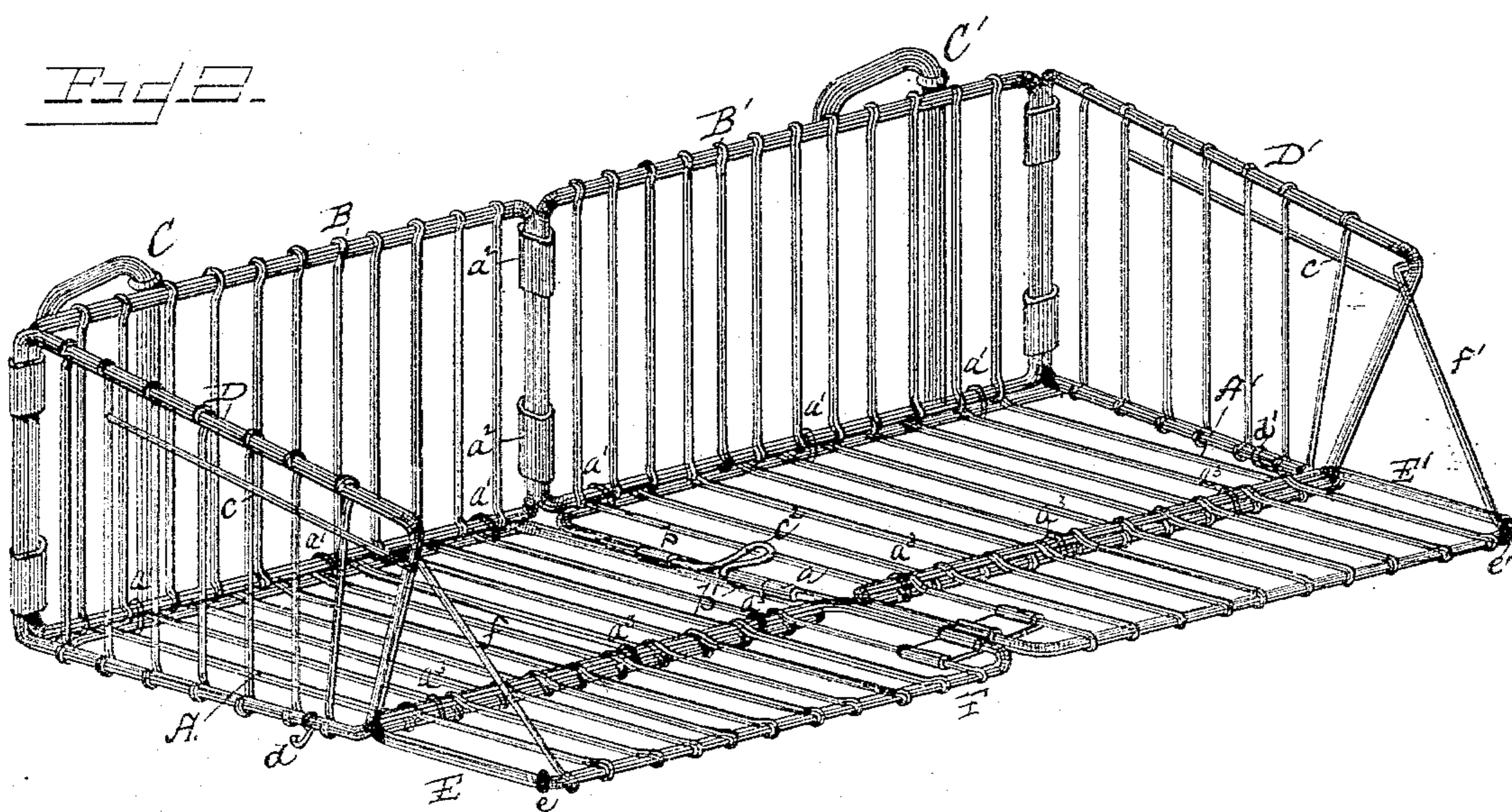
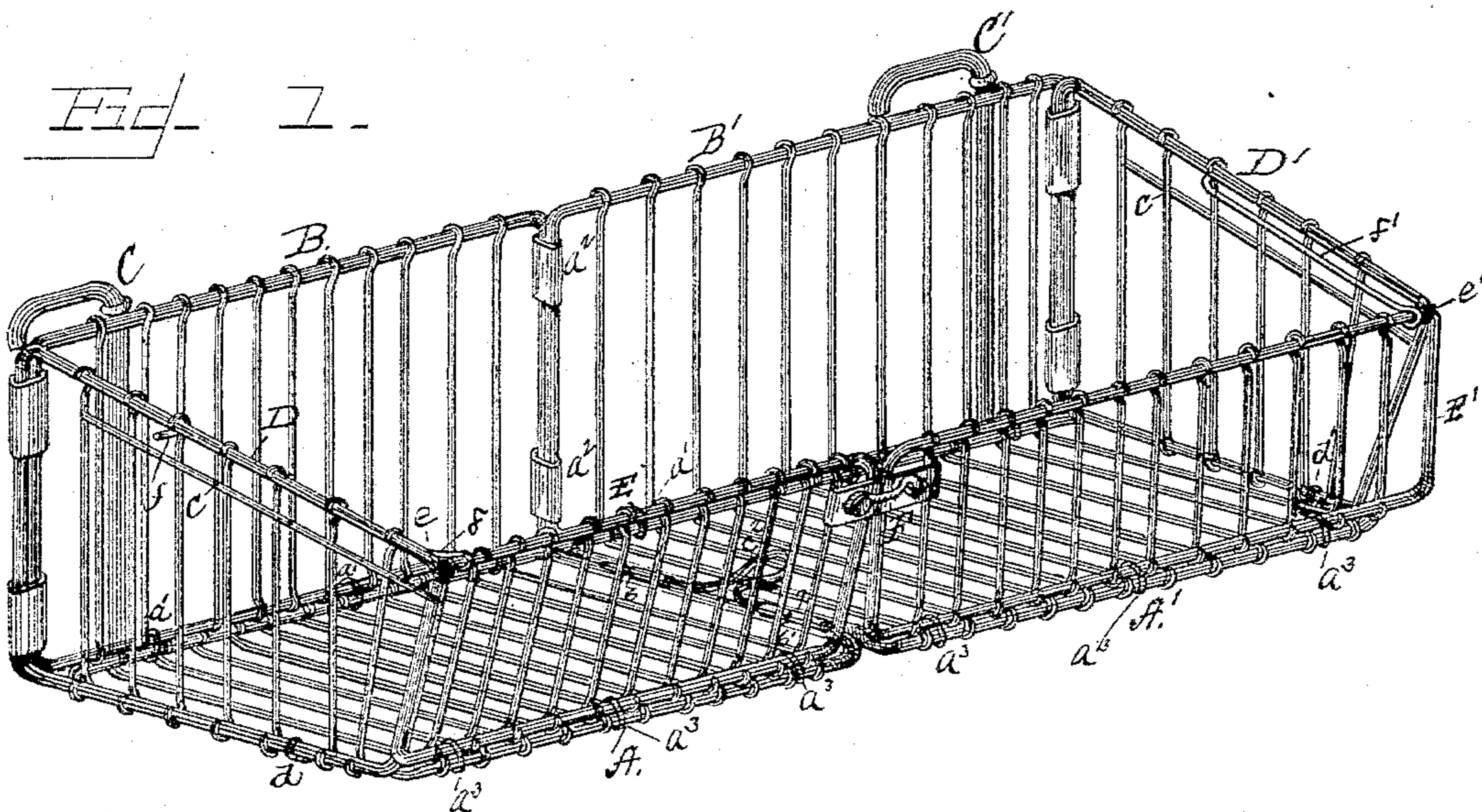


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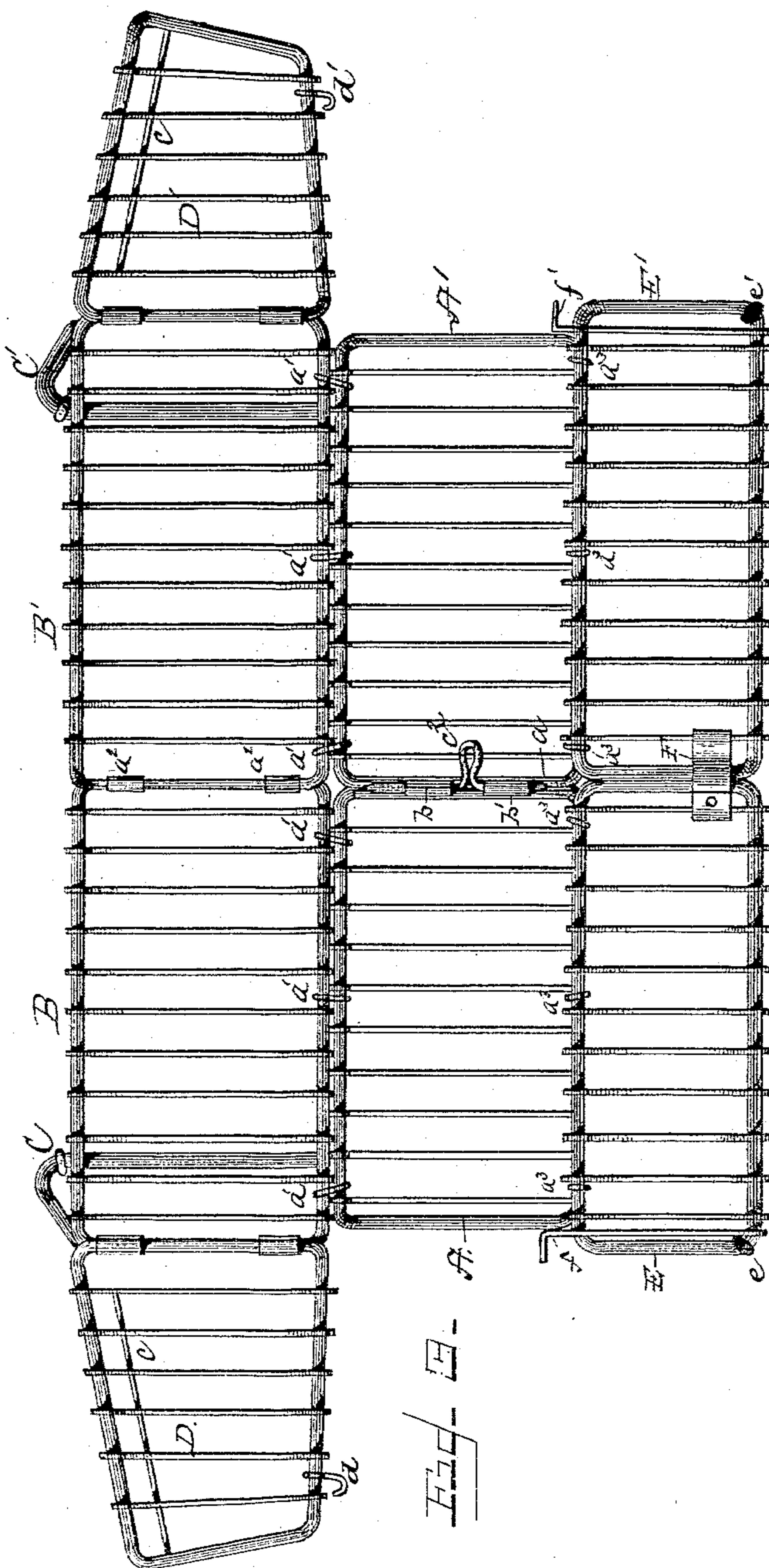
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## FOLDING BASKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENIA KILBORN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn, in the State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding baskets; and the object is to construct a device of the kind named which may be folded within the least possible space when not in use, and which, when arranged for the purposes of a receptacle, shall be strong in its connection and convenient for the purposes intended.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved folding basket. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the basket arranged for the purposes of serving as a shelf or table, and Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the arrangement of the parts in relation to each other.

In the drawings I have demonstrated the device as constructed of wire, the sections having an outside wire, with cross-wires extended from the side lines of the section, and secured in position by soldering.

It is designed that the basket shall be made in two principal sections, adapted to be folded against each other.

The letters A A' represent the respective sections of the bottom of the basket. The innermost line of wire of one of these bottom sections is provided with a sleeve, *a*, and the other section on its innermost line of wire has secured to or formed thereon sleeves *b b'*, wherein is fitted a sliding bolt, *c*<sup>2</sup>, for the purpose of securing these sections together when in an extended or horizontal position.

The letters B B' represent the back sections of the basket hinged to the bottom sections, as shown at *a'*, and together at the center or meeting line of wires, as shown at *a*<sup>2</sup>, so that they may be turned down on the respective bottom sections, and also backward together.

For the purpose of affording means whereby the basket may be sustained in a suspended position, I provide the back sections with the rods C C', arranged preferably near the outer end of each section. These rods are secured to the sections by means of perforated ears

or wire staples fixed to the wires of the sections, and have their extended ends bent over to form hooks, which may be placed over or rest upon any object suitable to receive them. It is apparent that other means of suspension may be adopted in lieu of those described. The hook portions of these rods have drawn over them an elastic covering, or are provided with some flexible covering, in order that in their contact with the object from which the basket may be suspended that object shall not be abraded or defaced.

The letters D D' represent the end sections hinged to the outer ends or strands of the back sections, and adapted to fold back against the sections to which they are attached.

For the purpose of giving additional strength to these end sections, as well as for providing an anchor or bar to prevent the hook hereinafter described, fixed to the front section, from slipping down upon the wires, or from its point of connection, I secure to the vertical wires of the sections the cross bar or wire *c*, and to the lower wire of the section, near the front thereof, I affix a small hook, *d d'*, for the purpose of engaging with the end wire of the respective bottom pieces to sustain and connect these parts in proper position.

The letters E E' represent the front sections of the basket hinged to the bottom sections, substantially as shown at *a*<sup>3</sup>. At the outer upper end of each front section I affix knobs or studs *e e'*, for the purpose of preventing the hooks *f f'*, fixed to the upper wires of the front sections, from slipping down on the ends of these sections, and also for the purpose of giving additional security to the end sections when placed in position, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. To the upper portion of the front sections, where the line of wires meet, I secure the hook and staple F, whereby these sections are detachably connected together when it is desired to use the device either in its basket form or as a shelf.

In Fig. 2 I have shown the device arranged for use as a shelf or temporary table. This arrangement is attained by connecting the front sections at the meeting wires with the latch or fastening and dropping them to a horizontal position and connecting the hooks with the end sections, substantially as shown.

To utilize the device as a basket or receptacle, the sections may be placed in their extended position, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the bottom sections being united  
 5 by thrusting the bolt into retaining position, then bringing the back sections into a vertical position, then swinging the end sections on a line with the end wires of the bottom sections and engaging the hooks intended to se-  
 10 cure these parts together, then bringing up the front sections into vertical position; and securing them by means of engagement of the hooks with the end sections.

To fold the device after the parts have been  
 15 disengaged from connection, the front sections may be laid down upon their respective bottom sections, the back sections then folded inwardly, the end sections then folded back upon the back sections, and then the sec-  
 20 tions thus arranged folded together with the end sections on the inner side. The device thus folded together may be incased in a bag provided with a handle convenient for transportation.

25 In traveling, the device may be suspended from the back of a car-seat, and serves the purposes of a receptacle or any of the uses to which it may be applied.

What I claim as my invention, and desire  
 30 to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The bottom sections, A A', provided with means to detachably secure their innermost or meeting lines in horizontal position, in combination with the back sections, B B', hinged

to the bottom sections, and together at their  
 35 meeting wire, the end sections, D D', hinged to the back sections, and the front sections, E E', hinged to the bottom sections, and provided with means to detachably connect them  
 40 together at their innermost lines of wire, and having hooks to hold them in position to the end sections, all substantially as described, and for the purpose stated.

2. The bottom sections, A A', provided with means to detachably secure their innermost  
 45 or meeting lines of wire together, in combination with the back sections hinged together and to the bottom sections at their meeting lines or wire, and provided with means to hold the basket in a suspended position, the  
 50 end sections, D D', hinged to the back sections, and having the cross rod or wire C and bottom hooks, d d', and the front sections, E E', formed with knobs or lugs e e', and hinged to the bottom sections, and provided with means  
 55 to detachably connect them together at the innermost lines of wire, and having hooks f f', to hold them in vertical position to the end sections, all substantially as described, and for  
 60 the purpose stated.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

EUGENIA KILBORN.

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