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Fig. 1.

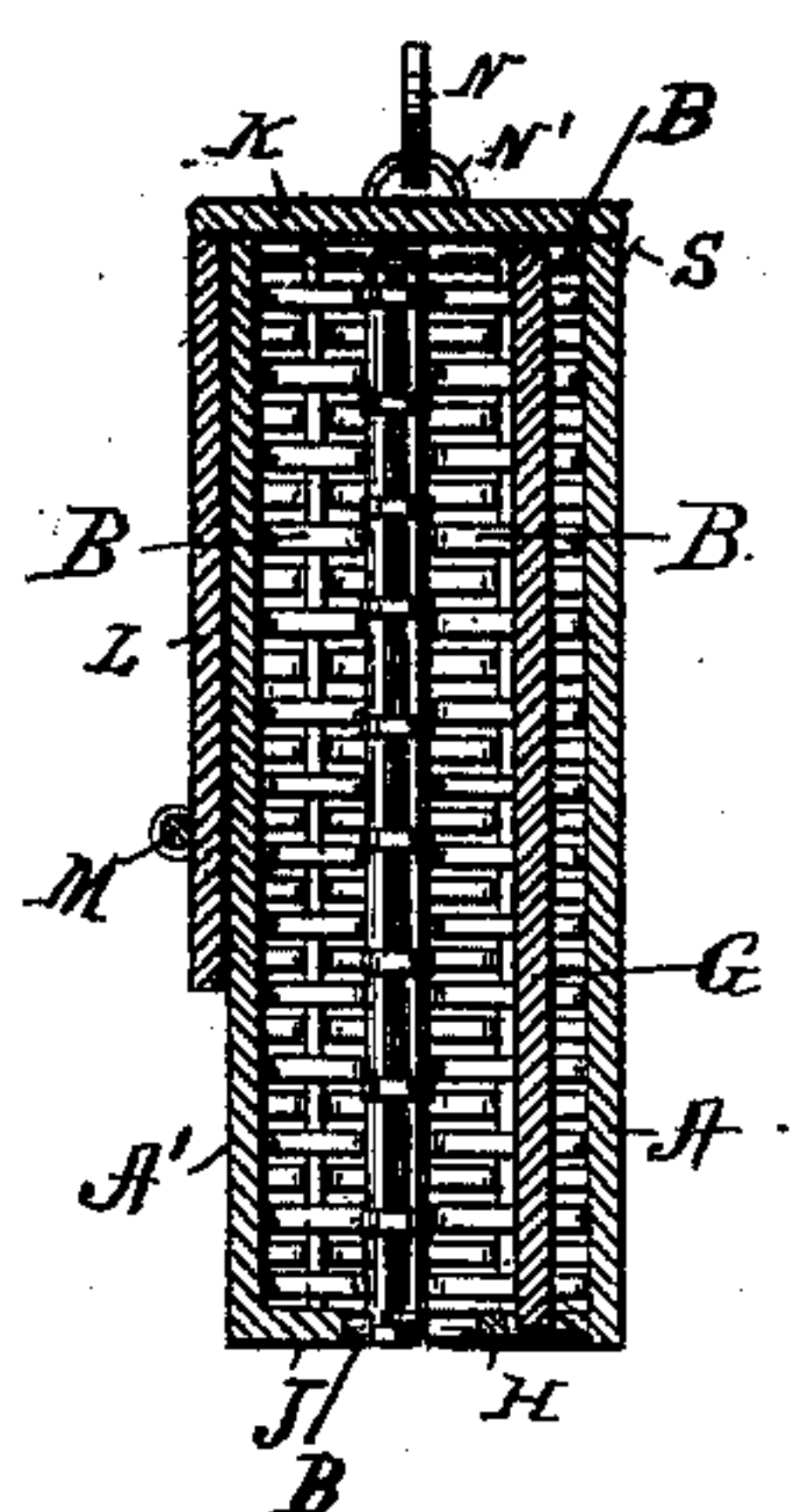


Fig. 2.

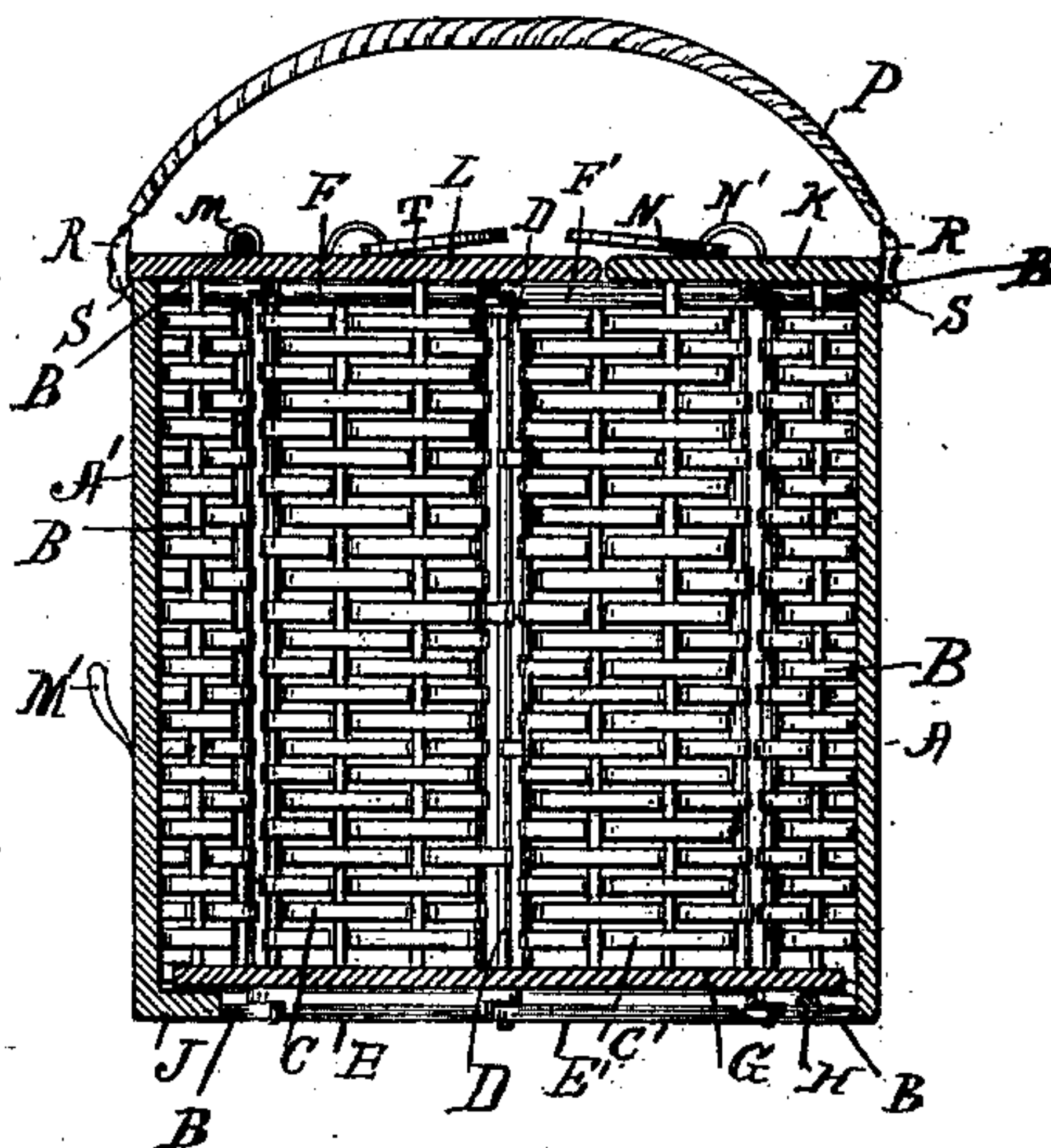
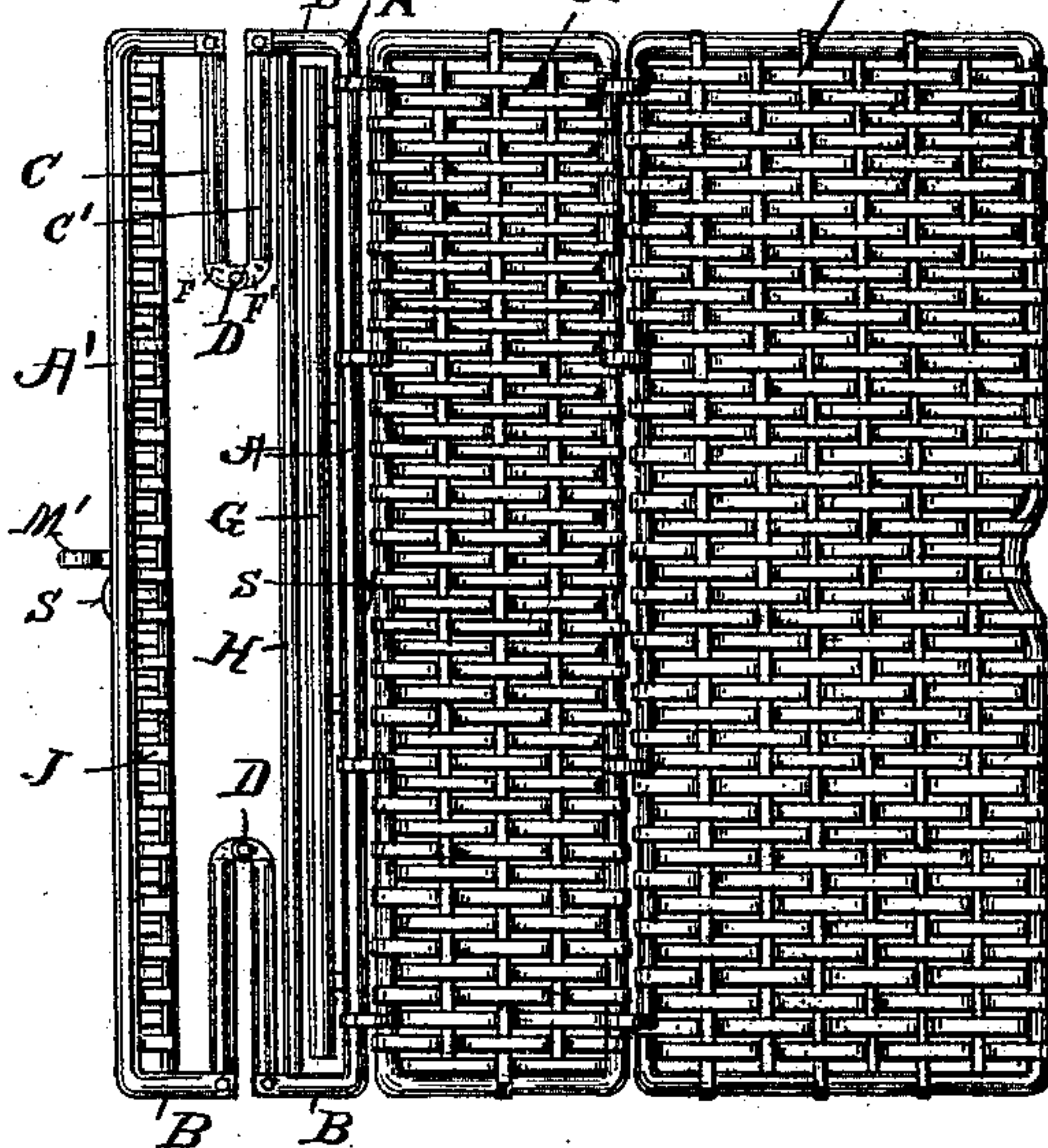


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. PESINGER, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fruit-baskets and the like, although it may be applied to advantage to all other kinds of baskets—such as hampers—as well as to crates and to packing-boxes and to cases.

The object of my invention is to produce a convenient and capacious basket which in one position will form a roomy and substantial article, which position it will be made to assume while in use, the same basket being adapted, when not in use, to be folded and secured in a thoroughly compact manner, and in such a way as to occupy the smallest possible space.

To these ends my invention consists of an oblong rectangular casing, made of open or wicker work, the sides or larger surfaces of which are formed of single and continuous structure, the said sides having ends composed of two or more parts pivotally attached to each other and to the sides, so as to fold in upon each other, as will be described, and a bottom hinged to one of the sides and adapted to fold inwardly and to be inclosed in the other parts in the folded position, and a top, also hinged to one of the sides, consisting of two parts, the said parts being hinged to each other and arranged in such a manner as to cover the basket when it is folded or in its open position.

My invention also relates to certain details of construction, hereinafter particularly referred to, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a cross-section of my improved basket in its folded position. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the basket in its open or normal position. Fig. 3 is a top view of the basket in its folded position, with the cover thrown back to show the relative positions of the parts.

In the drawings, A A' represent sides of the basket, with offsets B B at the ends and at right angles with the sides. These offsets B B are rigidly attached to the sides A A'. Piv-otally connected to these offsets, at their inner edges, are the folding-in ends, formed of two parts, C C', and hinged to each other by means

of the centrally-located vertical rod D. This vertically-located rod D extends between the lower arms, E and E', situated in the lower edges of the folding-in ends, and the upper arms, F F', situated in the upper edges of the folding-in ends. This rod D forms, as afore-said, a hinge, as well as a means of connection for the two parts C C'.

The bottom G of the basket is hinged to the rear side, A, of the basket and at its lower edge. A rod, H, extends from one end of the basket to the other parallel with the side, so as to assist the supporting of the bottom when the basket is in its open position. A ledge or shelf, J, is also provided at the other side, A', of the basket for supporting the bottom at that side.

In Fig. 2 the bottom will be seen resting upon the rod H and the ledge J. In Fig. 1 the bottom is shown folded and resting against the rear side of the basket. This is also shown in Fig. 3. In Fig. 3 my peculiarly-constructed cover is also shown. This cover is made of two parts, K and L, they being hinged together at their longitudinal edges. Both parts are adapted to cover the top of the basket when the said basket is in its open position, as shown in Fig. 2. When, however, the basket is closed, as shown in Fig. 1, the smaller portion, K, of the cover is adapted to fit down over the top of the basket, while the larger portion, L, will be brought down in front, being secured in position there by means of a pin, M, and a loop, M'.

The smaller cover, K, is provided with a supplementary handle, N, secured in rings N'. By means of this handle the basket may be conveniently transported, as shown in Fig. 1. The main handle, however, is shown at P, it being arranged transversely of the basket-frame and secured thereto by means of snap-hooks R, which are secured in the eyes or bails S, rigidly secured in the sides of the basket-frame. This main handle P, as above described, is preferably employed in the large and medium sized baskets, while in the smaller baskets I may omit it, employing in lieu thereof another handle, T, similar to the handle N.

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

1. In a folding basket or other similar arti-

cle of manufacture, the combination of a side having offsets and a rod connecting the offsets, a side having offsets and a ledge between the latter, the upfolding bottom, and the infolding ends hinged to the offsets, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a folding basket or other similar article of manufacture, the combination of the sides having offsets at the corners, and the folding-in ends hinged to the offsets at their vertical edges,

with the lid or cover formed of two parts and divided longitudinally, as described, and adapted to fit down over the basket both when it is opened and when in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 15

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