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Fig. 1.

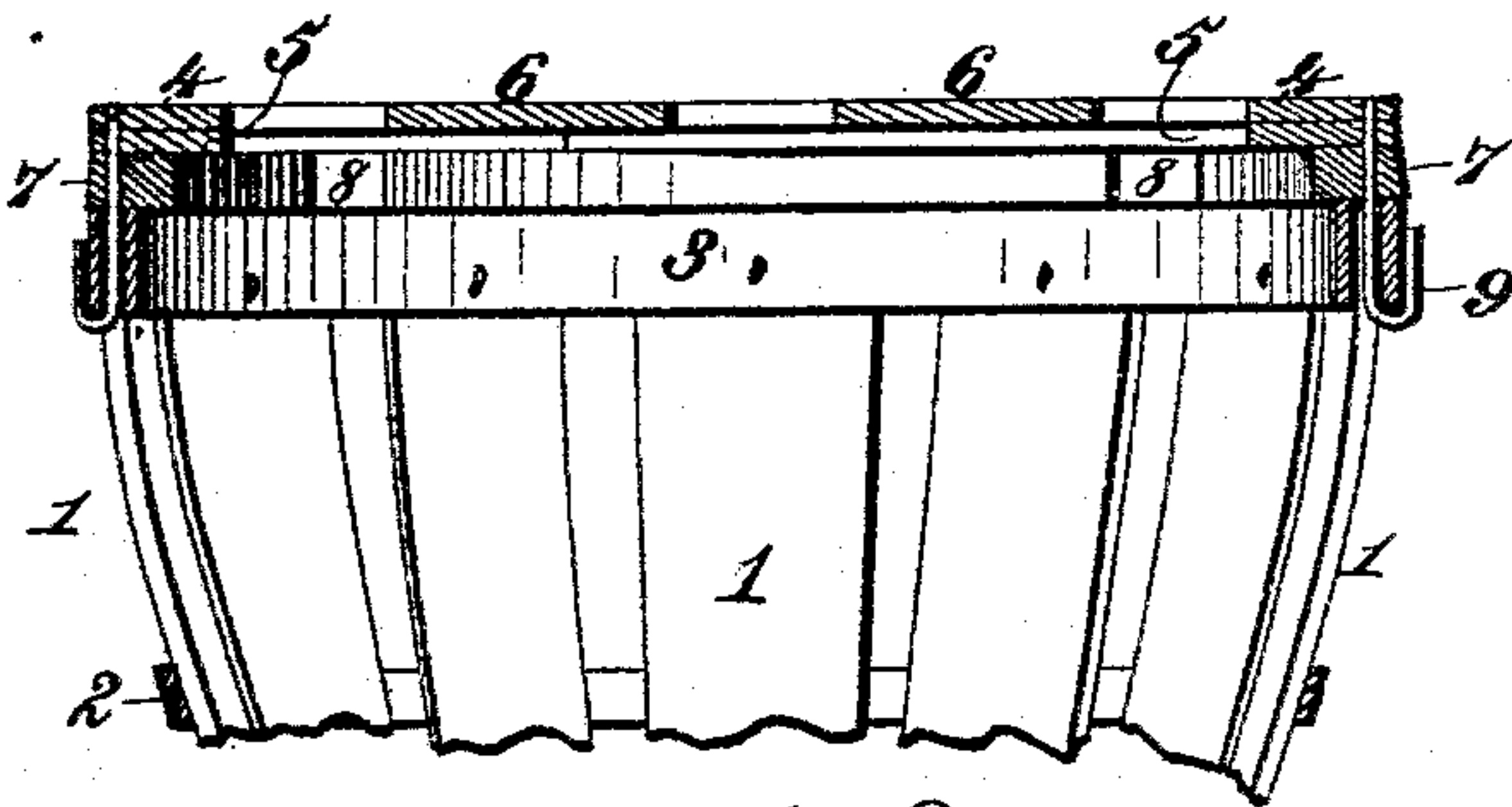


Fig. 2.

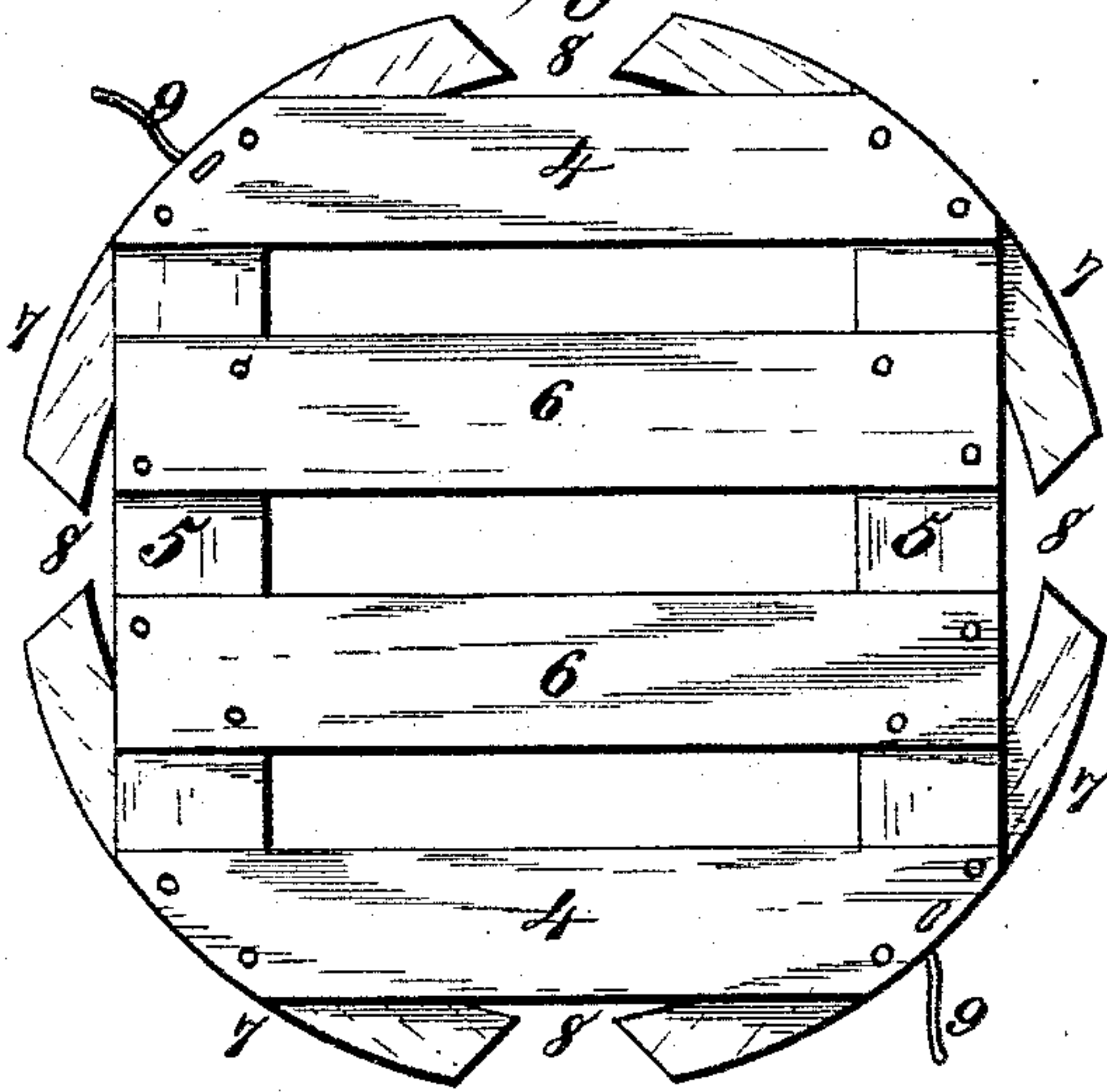
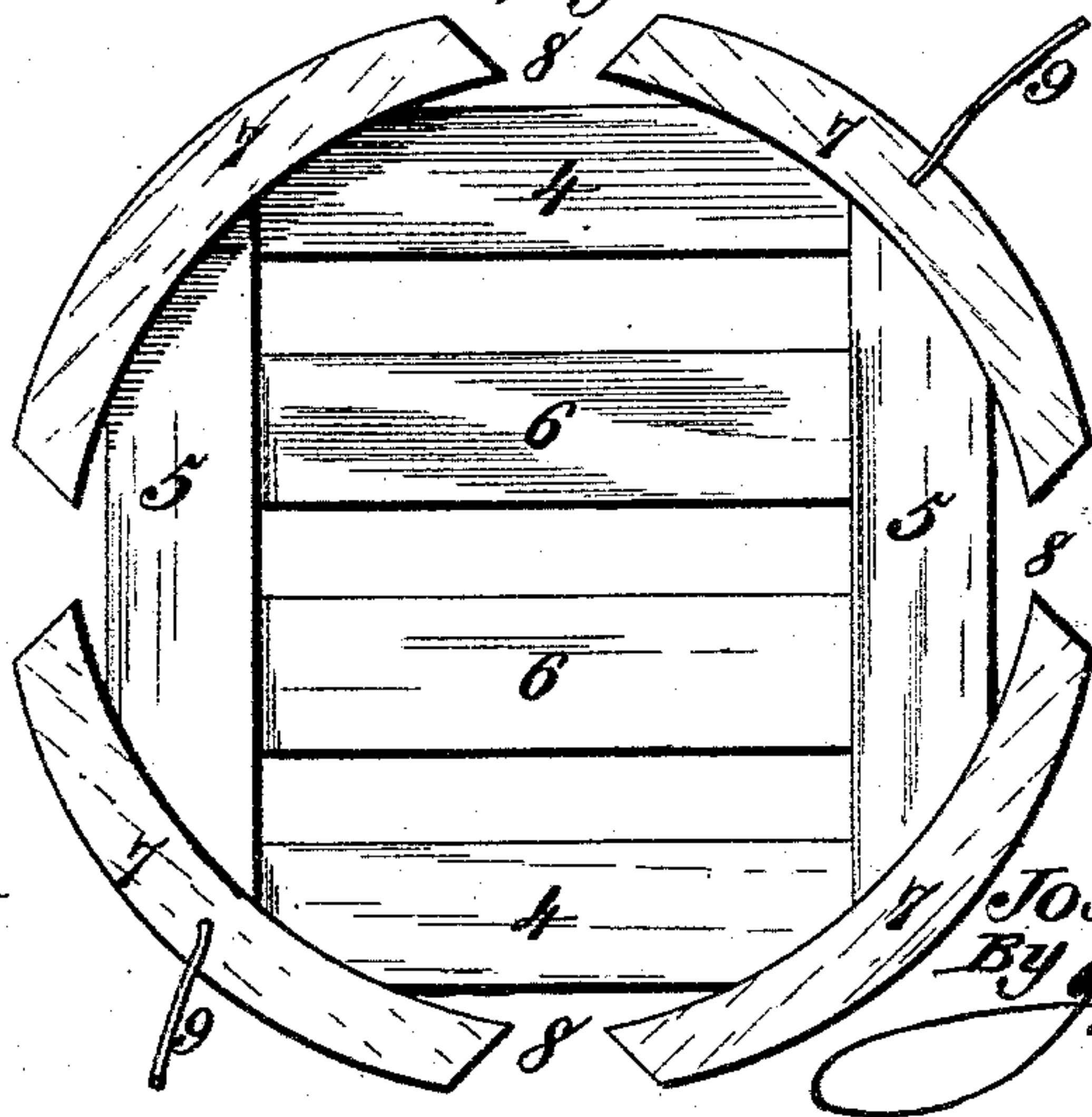


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSHUA H. MARVIL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Laurel, in the county of Sussex and State of Delaware, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Basket Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to fruit-basket covers of the class described in Letters Patent granted to me March 16, 1886, No. 338,179, and October 5, 1886, No. 350,376.

The object of the invention is to improve, perfect, and simplify the construction of the basket-cover in such manner as to permit the fruit to be heaped in the basket and exposed to view without affording any access thereto between the basket rim and cover.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a central vertical section of the upper part of a fruit-basket provided with my improved cover. Fig. 2 is a plan of the upper side of my improved fruit-basket cover. Fig. 3 is a plan of the under side of the same.

By referring to these drawings it will be seen that the basket is made in the usual manner from vertical splints 1, braced by hoops 2 and a double chine, 3.

The basket-cover consists of an octagonal frame comprising two pairs of strips, 4 and 5, having mitered ends. These strips 4 and 5 are arranged, as shown, to form the border-frame of the cover, and their mitered ends are securely connected in any suitable manner, thereby forming an octagon with four short sides and four long sides. The central portion of this octagonal frame is covered with one or more cross-slats, 6, arranged parallel with the slats 4 and having their ends secured to the slats 5, as shown.

On the under side of the cover is a single tier of fellies, 7, by which the octagonal frame is raised above the basket-rim. Each of these fellies consists of the segment of a circle, and their adjacent ends are formed as shown in Fig. 3, being cut off at an angle to the radius of a circle, so that when the fellies are secured to the mitered ends of the under slats, 5, narrow flaring spaces 8 will be left between their

ends. As will be seen, these segmental fellies are of such length that when secured beneath the short sides of the octagonal frame their ends very nearly meet. The cover thus constructed is secured to the basket-rim by means of wires 9, fastened to two diametrically-opposite fellies. When the cover is placed in position, these wires are projected down between the inner and outer hoops of the chine and between the adjacent slats of the basket-body, whence their lower ends may be bent upward and over the chine, if desired, to hold the cover securely in place.

By this construction the cost of the basket-cover is much less than when two or more tiers of fellies are employed, as in my patent No. 338,179; and by reason of the slight space between the ends of the fellies a better protection is afforded to the fruit than by the short oblong corner-blocks shown in my Patent No. 350,376. At the same time sufficient space is provided beneath the cover for heaping the contents of the basket above its rim, whereby the quality of the goods can be displayed without removing the cover, and ample ventilation permitted. It will also be seen that the proximity of the felly ends enables the piled or heaped up fruit to be confined securely in the basket during transportation, and prevents surreptitious removal of fruit without detaching the cover.

In the construction shown it will be observed that the border-frame of the cover is composed of four pieces of uniform length cut at their ends to a square miter. These mitered ends are placed together, one over another, with the miters parallel, and are securely connected by the same nails that secure the segmental fellies in place, thus saving nearly one-third of the nailing usually required in this class of work, and thereby effecting considerable economy in labor, time, and material.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A cover for fruit-baskets, comprising an octagonal border-frame, one or more cross-slats, and a single tier of segmental fellies secured to the under side of said frame with their adjacent ends nearly in contact, one felly being attached beneath each short side of the

border-frame and extending beyond the same, substantially as shown and described.

2. A cover for fruit-baskets, comprising an octagonal border-frame consisting of two pairs
5 of parallel slats having mitered ends, one or more cross-slats, a single tier of segmental fel-
lies secured to the under side of said frame with their adjacent ends nearly in contact, and fastening-wires projecting from two dia-

metrically-opposite fellics, substantially as so shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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