

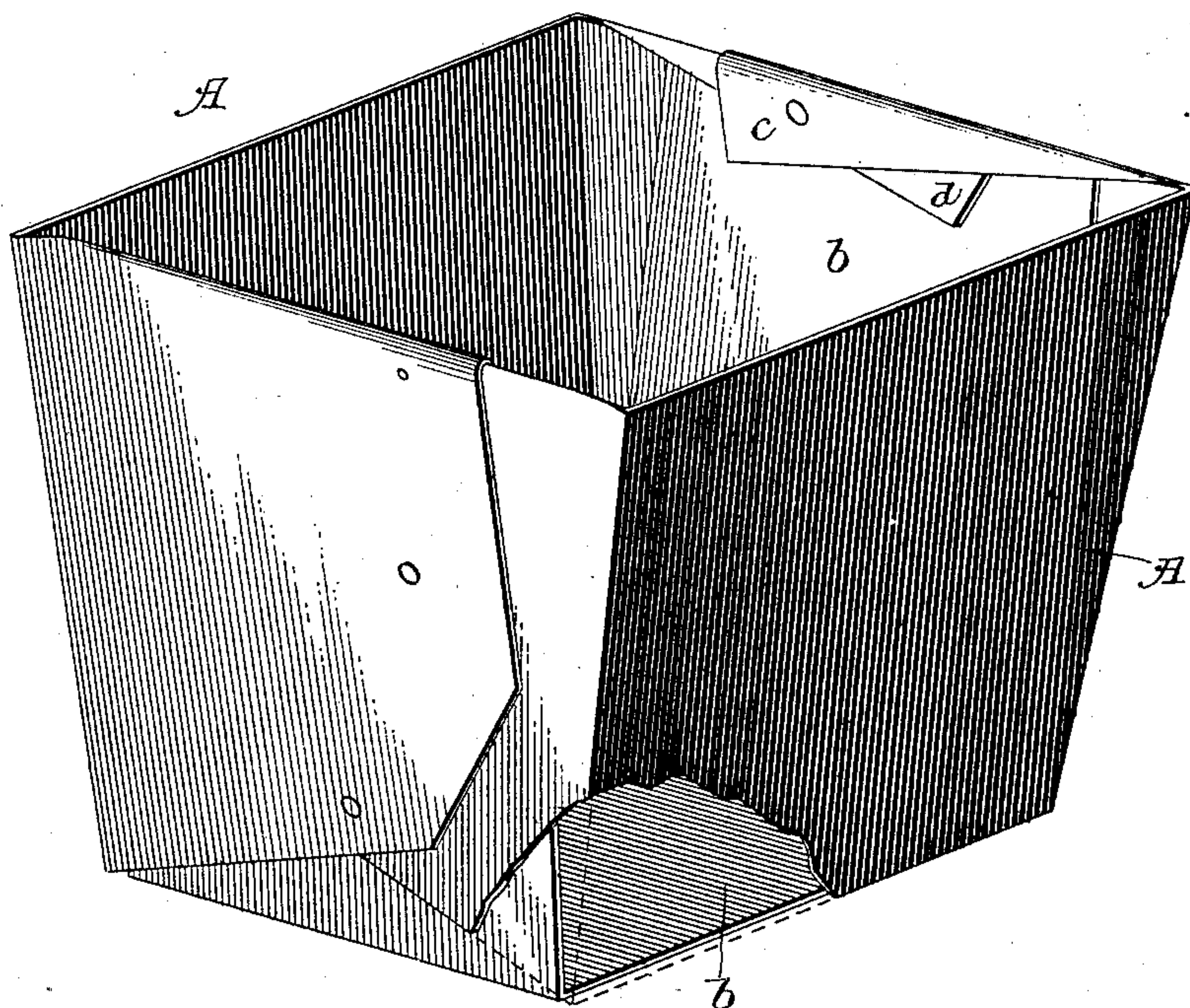
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SILAS F. WOODWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clipper Gap, in the county of Placer and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Veneer Fruit-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of fruit-boxes made from cut veneer and used for berries, grapes, &c.; and the objects of my improvement are, first, to prevent the boxes from splitting and falling to pieces, as they are disposed to do when secured by sewing, the numerous punctures of the needle creating a rift in the grain of the wood; second, to prevent the boxes falling to pieces by reason of the imperfect clinching of the tacks, when tacking only is relied upon to hold them together; third, to strengthen and stiffen the rim of the box. I attain these objects by the construction shown in the accompanying drawing, which shows in perspective a complete box.

The upper corners of the boards A A, forming the sides of the box, are folded over and upon the board *b*, forming the bottom and continuing up the sides, as shown at *c d*, thus increasing the thickness from three-ply to four-ply, if one corner be folded, or to five-ply, if

both corners be folded, and giving a better hold for the clinch of a tack and strengthening and stiffening the rim by the bend and "set" of the wood, which, being folded while soft from steaming, becomes set and rigid in this fold, and would hold the parts together if the tacks were imperfectly driven and clinched, or even if they were withdrawn.

I am aware that prior to my invention veneer fruit-boxes have been made by tacking the parts together, and by tacking and sewing the parts together, and by clamping the parts together by a piece or pieces of sheet metal folded tightly upon them. I therefore do not claim a veneer box or basket, broadly; but

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

A veneer fruit-box consisting of three pieces, a piece, *b*, forming the bottom and portions of two opposite sides, and two pieces, A, forming the body of the box, their end portions being arranged on the upwardly-projecting portions of the piece *b*, and having their upper corners lapped over and secured upon the piece *b*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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