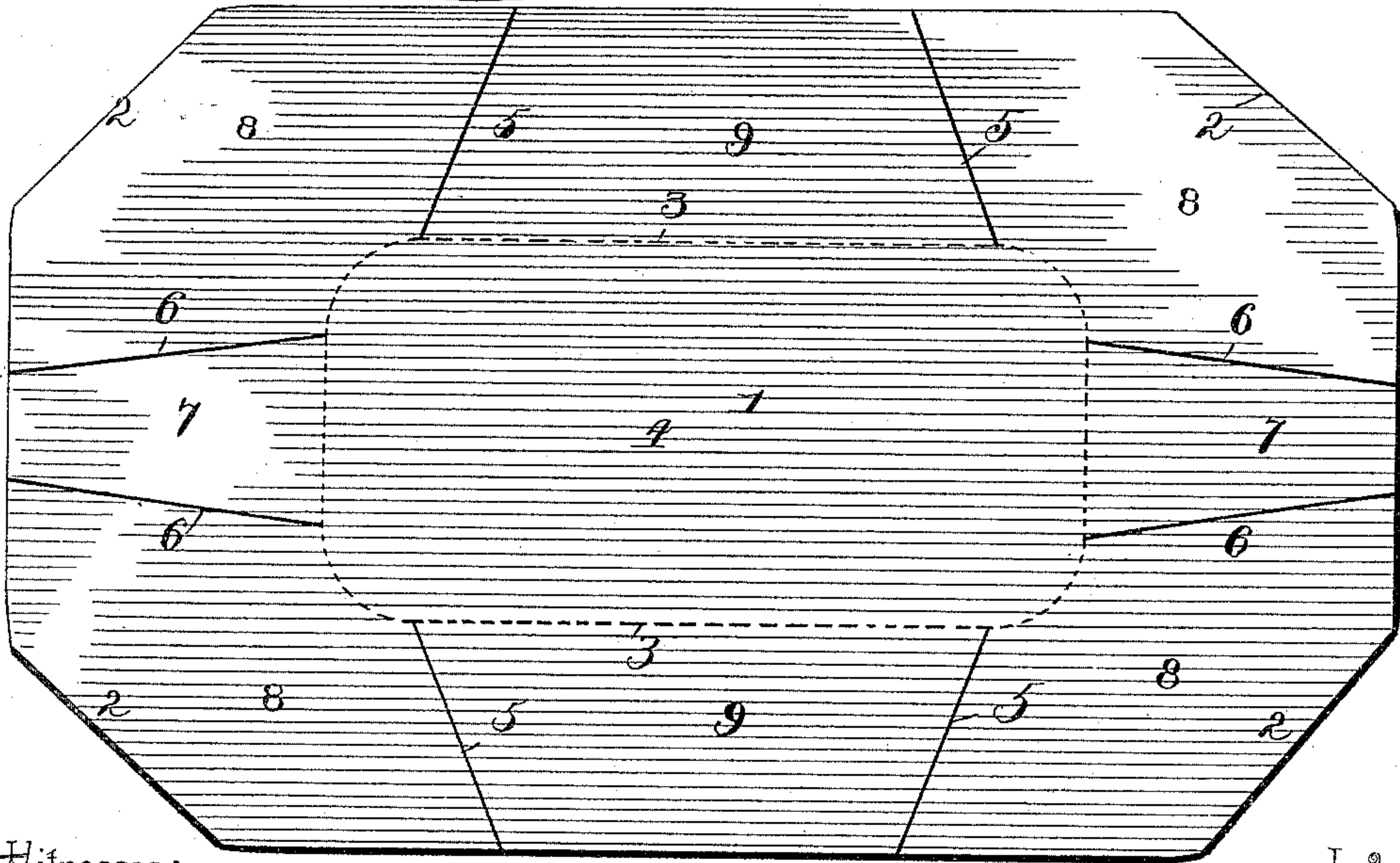
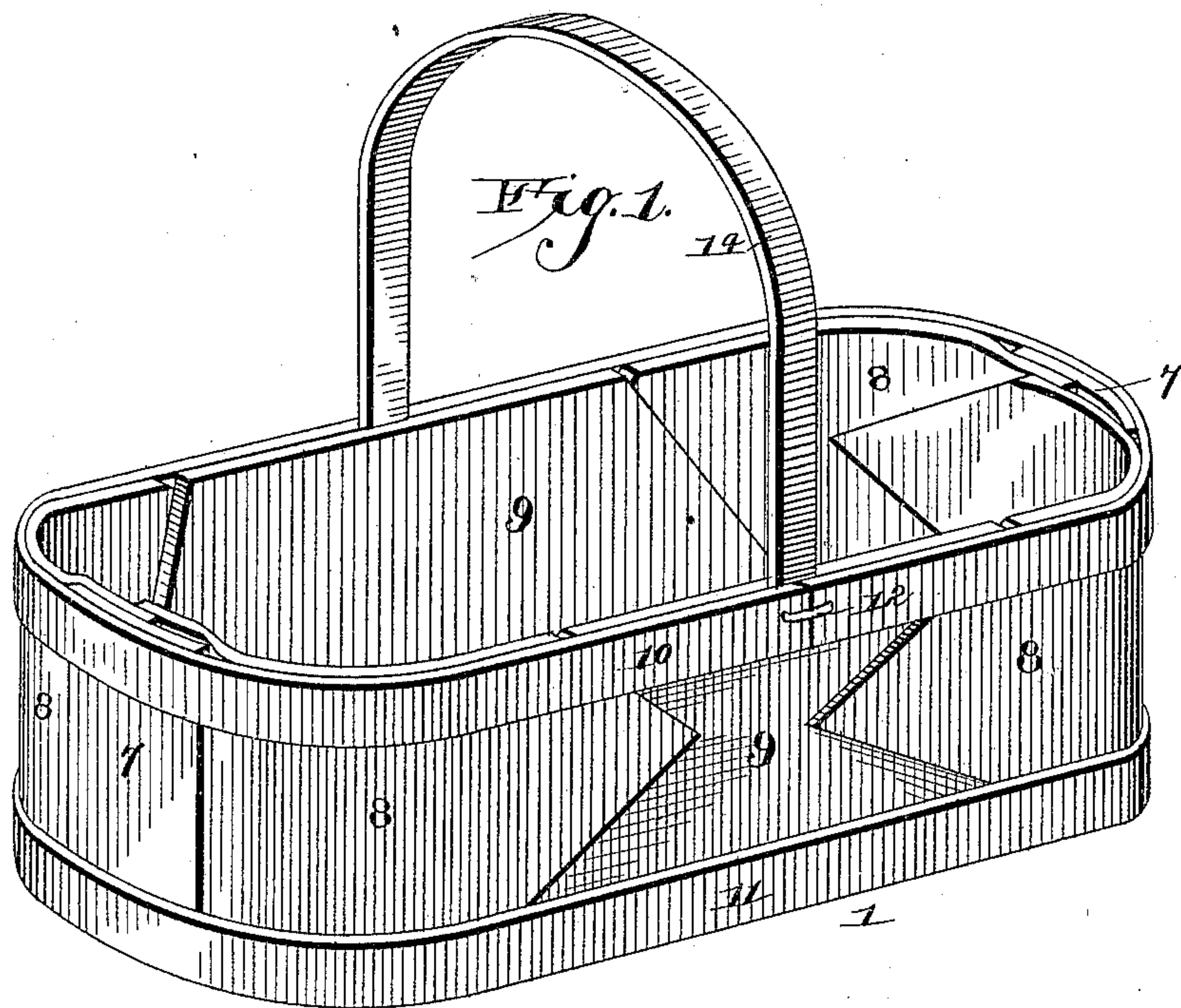


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES F. DONLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Penn Yan, in the county of Yates and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Paper Basket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to paper baskets adapted for the reception of light articles, such as small fruit, &c.

The invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a basket constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a plan of a blank from which the body of the basket is made.

In practicing my invention I take an oblong blank 1 of pasteboard and remove the corners to form diagonal ends 2.

3 represents the bottom fold-line, which, as will be seen, is curved at its ends and straight at the sides, thus inclosing what will subsequently be the bottom 4 of the basket.

The sides of the blank, before removing the corner portions, are divided into thirds, and from the points of division slits 5 are made in a slanting manner and toward the ends of the blank to the fold-line 3. The ends of the blank, after slitting, are also divided into substantially three portions by slits 6, made in a slightly-slanting manner toward the sides of the blank, and by these slits and those previously described are formed end portions 7, corner-pieces 8, and sides 9. Now by bending the portions upwardly upon the fold-line 3, which fold-line determines the contour of the bottom 4, the two corner-flaps at each end cross each other, and the end flap 7 is brought up in rear of the two corners 8, thus forming three thicknesses at each of the ends of the basket. Previous to bending the ends the side flaps 9 are bent upwardly, so that the ends of the corner-flaps toward the sides overlap the same and act as a re-enforcement for the sides, and thus the basket at the sides and ends is re-enforced and rendered strong at those portions which are subjected to the greatest strain. It will also be observed that by slanting the cuts the bases of the end flaps 7 and the side flaps 9 are

made wider than their tops, thus augmenting the strength of the completed basket. Bands 10 and 11 surround the basket when thus folded, and serve to maintain the parts in juxtaposition. These bands may be provided at their terminals with ordinary metal clips 12. The flaps at the meeting points may be glued or otherwise fastened together. An ordinary bail 14, having its ends inserted, preferably, between the band 10 and the side flaps 9, may, if desired, be provided.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A blank for a basket, having its corners removed, as at 2, its sides trisected by slanting cuts 5, and its ends trisected by slanting cuts 6, said cuts forming the corner-flaps 8, end flaps 7, and side flaps 9, and having the fold-line 3, forming the bottom 4, the cuts terminating at said fold-line, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described basket, consisting of the bottom 4, the side pieces 9, the end pieces 7, and the corner-pieces 8, the parts being assembled so that the corner-pieces 8 overlap each other and also overlap the side pieces and in turn are overlapped by the end pieces 7, which extend vertically along the outside of the corner-pieces at the point where they overlap each other.

3. The herein-described basket, consisting of the bottom 4, the side pieces 9, the end pieces 7, and the corner-pieces 8, the parts being assembled so that the corner-pieces 8 overlap each other and also overlap the side pieces and in turn are overlapped by the end pieces 7, which extend vertically along the outside of the corner-pieces at the point where they overlap each other, the bands 10 and 11 at the top and bottom, respectively, and the bail 14, having its ends secured between the band 10 and the side pieces 9, the whole forming a rectangular basket with rounded ends, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

JAMES F. DONLEY.

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