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BASKET.

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Fig. 1.

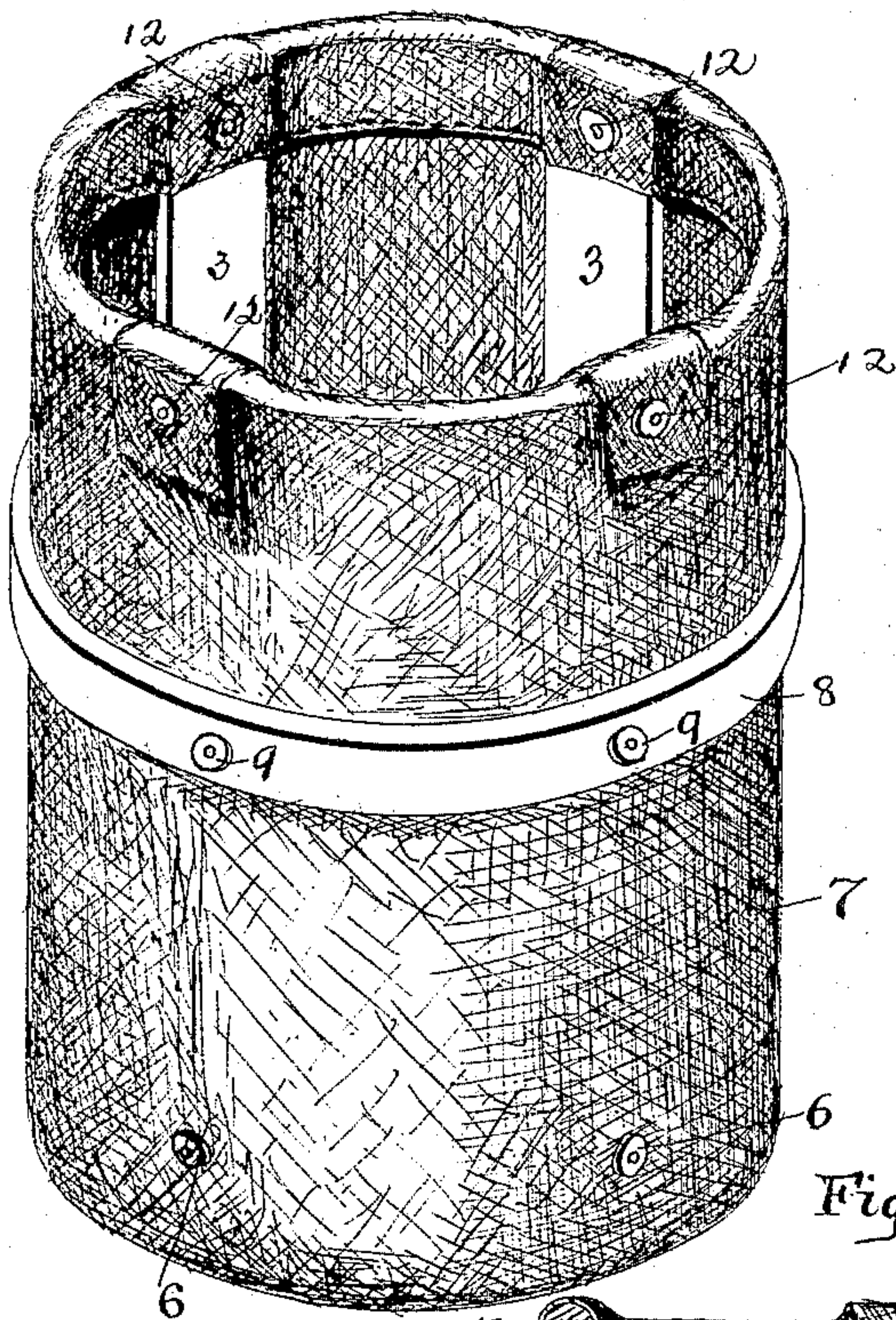


Fig. 2.

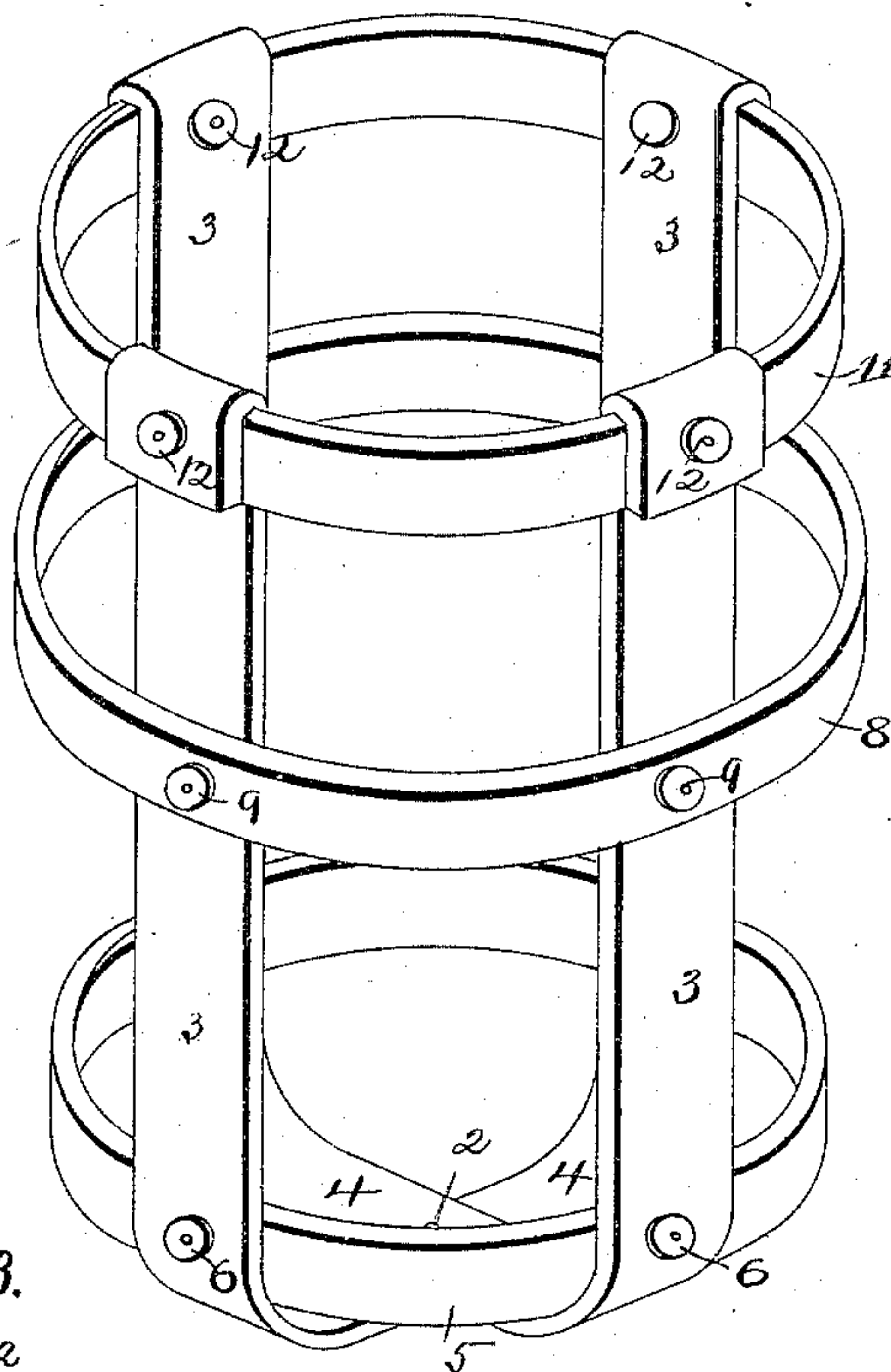
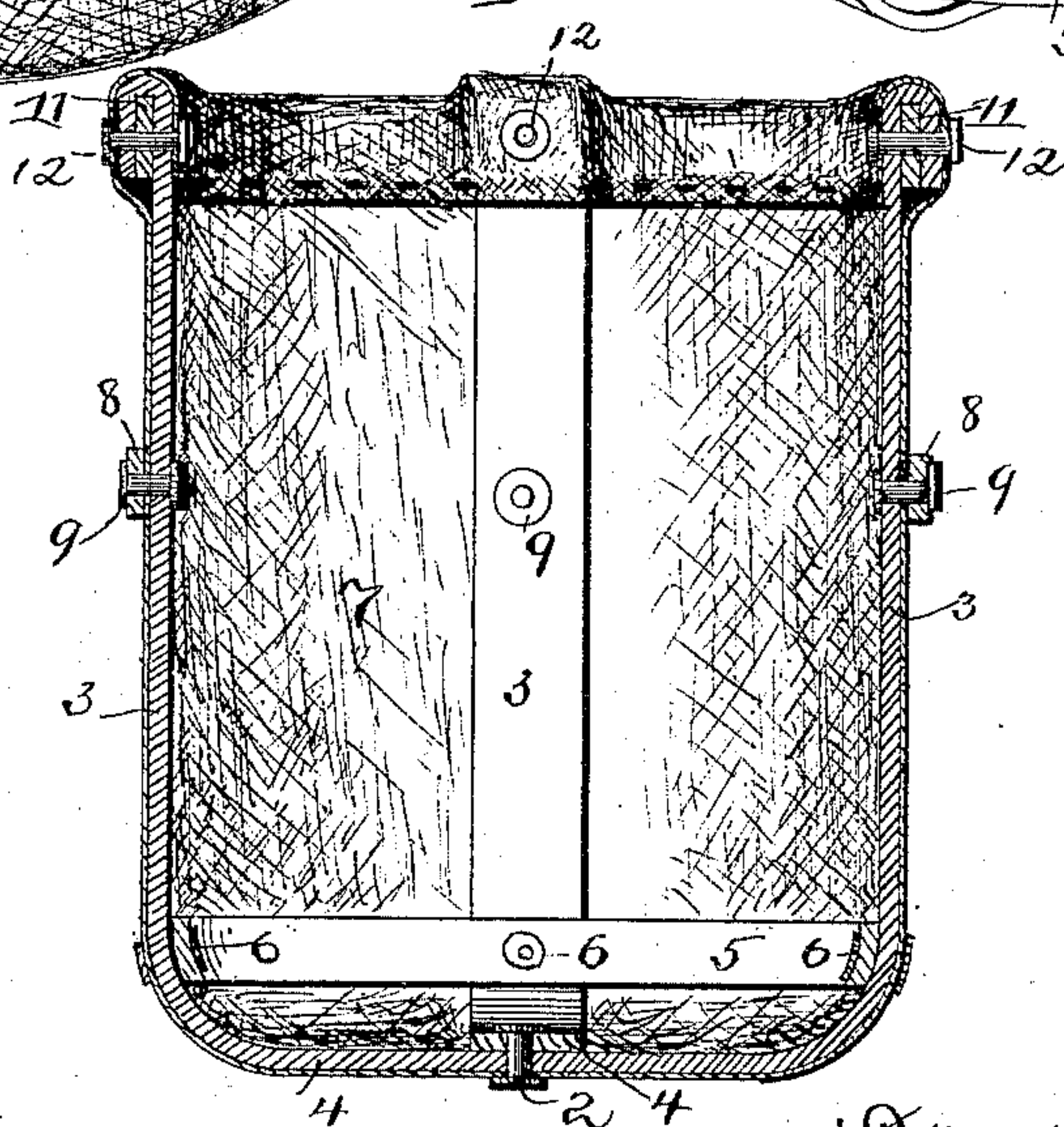


Fig. 3.



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BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OWEN JENNINGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Homer, in the parish of Claiborne and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Basket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to improvements in baskets for cotton, fruit, vegetables, &c., the objects in view being to provide a cheap, simple, light, and durable basket for the above purpose, and one in which the wall is soft or yielding, and therefore not disposed to injure or bruise the contents.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a basket constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view, the cover removed. Fig. 3 is a vertical radial section.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I employ two strips or ribs 1, not less than two or more than eight, of light metal or wood, and arrange the same so that they intersect each other at their centers and form a right angle. The strips are fastened by a rivet or brad 2, after which said strips are bent to form vertical ribs 3, located a suitable distance at each side of their respective centers to form bottom ribs 4. Slightly above their points of bending is located an internal hoop 5, of wood or metal, to which the vertical ribs are fastened, as at 6, by rivets or staples or other fastening devices. Near their centers the ribs 3 are encircled by an external hoop 8, which also encircles the covering 7 of the frame-work, said covering preferably being of light canvas ducking or other textile material, and through the ribs 3 the covering and the hoop 8 at the points of intersection of the ribs and hoop are inserted rivets or staples 9. The upper ends of the ribs are encircled in the outer sides by means of a metal or wooden hoop 11, through which and

the ribs are passed rivets or brads 12, said rivets or brads also passing through the covering 7, which takes over said hoop and has its edge stitched or otherwise secured to itself immediately below the hoop.

If desired, the ribs 3 may be bent outwardly over the outer side of the hoop 11, as shown in Fig. 1, and in this case the rivets or brads will be passed through the ribs at their bent portions, and within their bent portions the hoop and the two thicknesses of textile covering.

The above construction produces a basket of very simple and economical construction, which is strong, light, and durable, is not readily broken, and by reason of its pliable walls may contain fruit or readily-injured vegetables without danger of injury to the same by reason of becoming crushed against stiff walls and thereby bruised.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein-described basket, the same consisting of flexible ribs intersecting each other at their centers, at which point they are secured, and at some distance from their centers upwardly bent to form vertical ribs, an internal hoop connected to the vertical ribs immediately above their bent portions, an upper external hoop connected to the ends of the vertical ribs, a flexible textile covering for the basket, said covering having its upper end turned inwardly over the upper hoop and connected to itself, and fastening devices passed through the cover, the upper ends of the ribs, and the hoop, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described basket, consisting of a pair of flexible ribs crossing each other at their centers and at a right angle and fastened at their points of crossing, said ribs being upwardly bent at points near their centers and forming a bottom and vertical side ribs, an internal hoop fastened to the ribs immediately above their points of bending, an external hoop encircling the ribs near their upper ends, said ribs being outwardly bent to overlap the hoop, a covering of flexi-

ble material inclosing the frame thus formed
and having its upper edge bent inwardly
over the upper hoop and fastened to itself
below said hoop, and an outer hoop encir-
5. cling the ribs and cover at about the middle
of the basket and fastened to the ribs and
cover, substantially as specified.

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

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