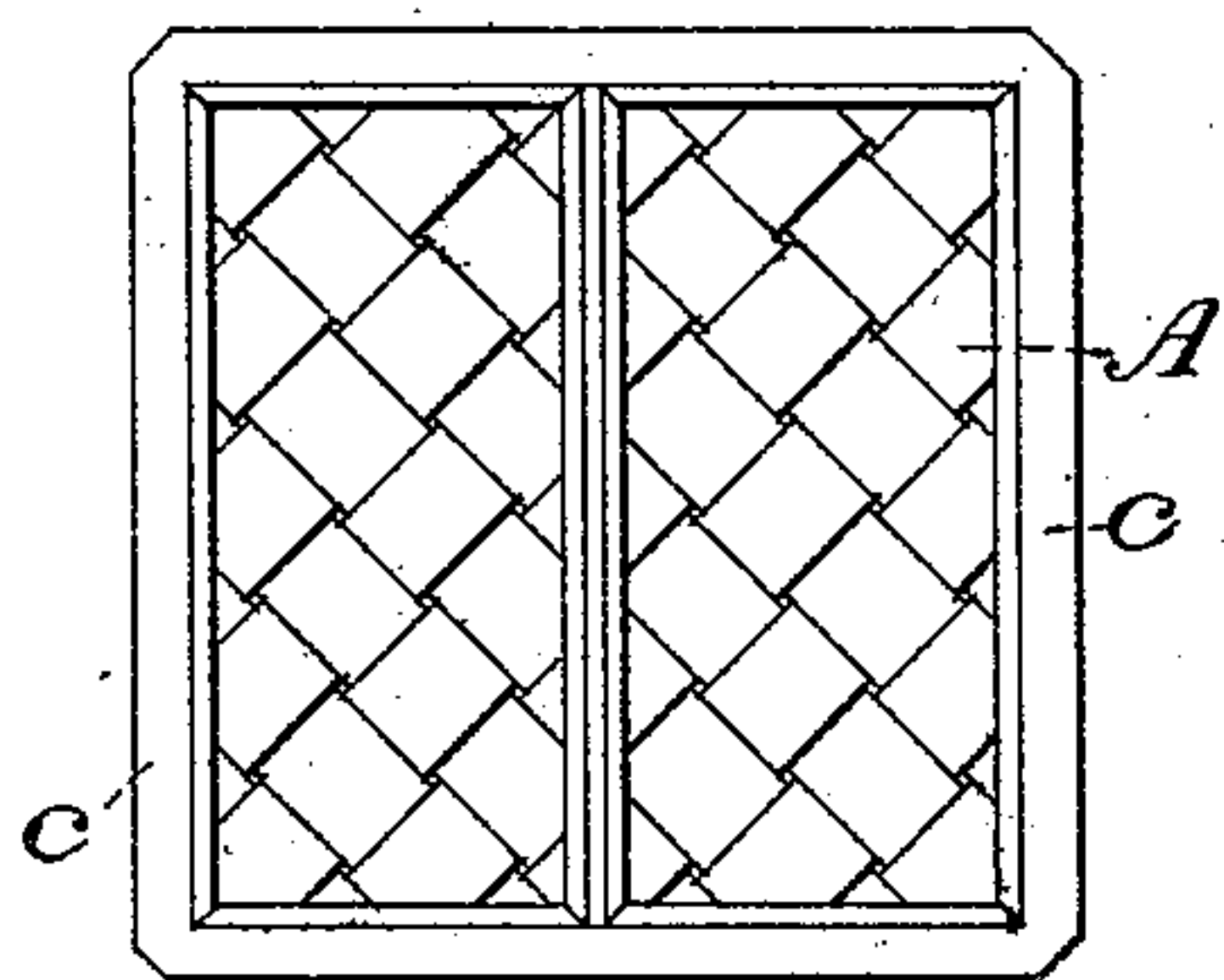
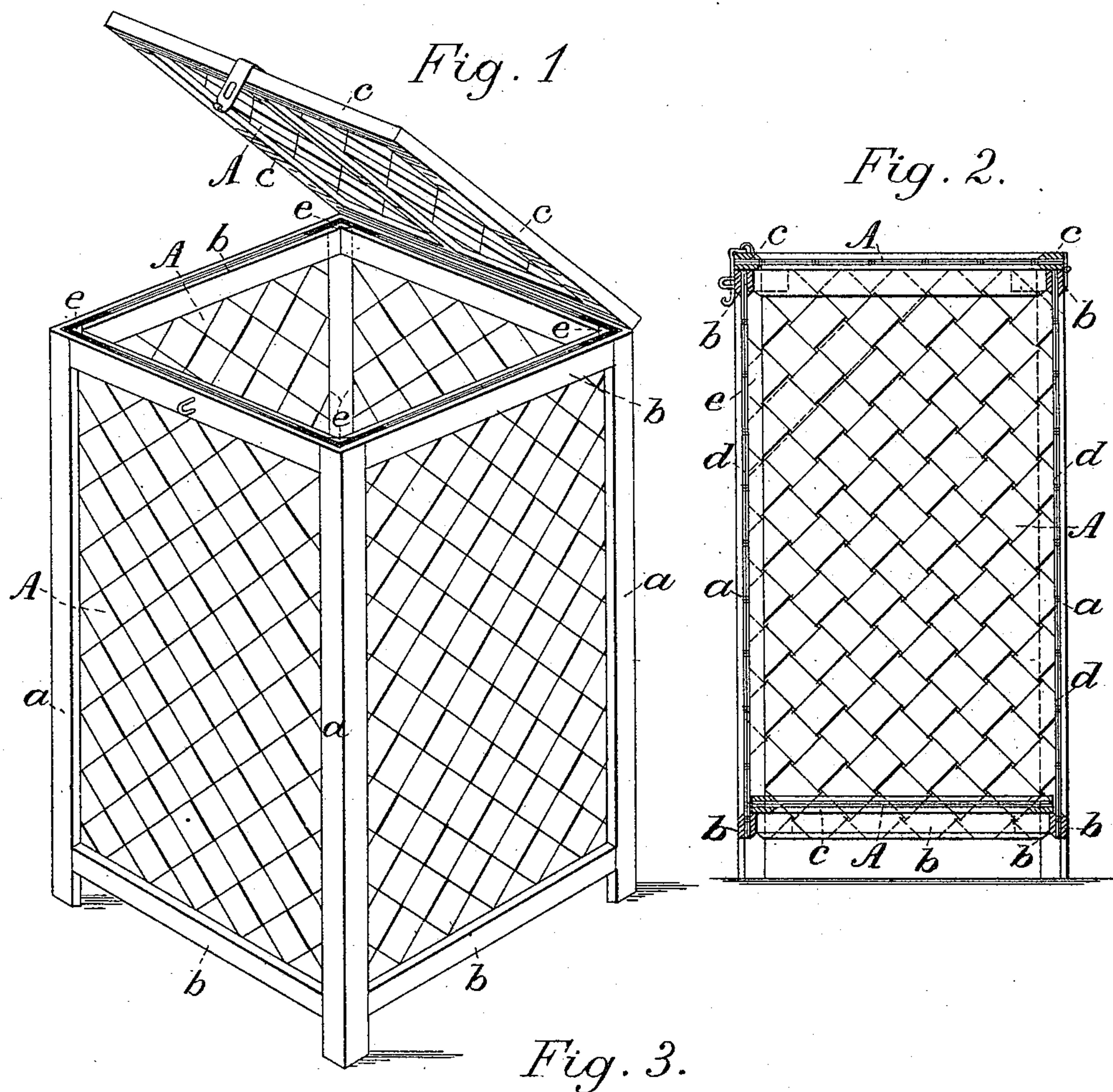


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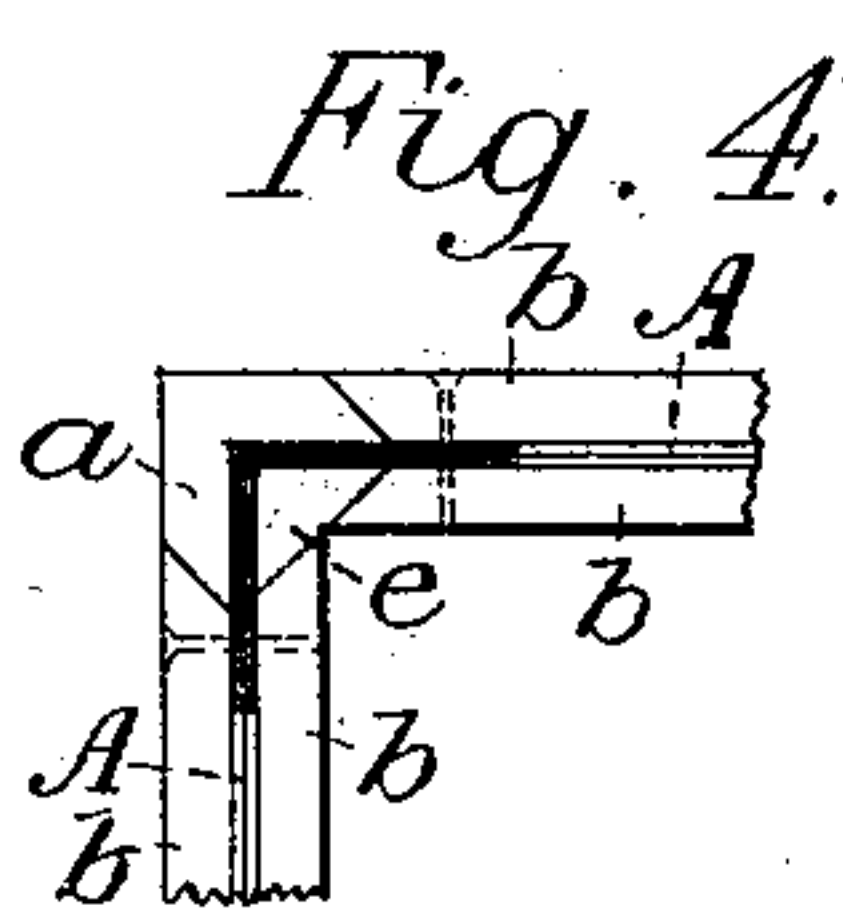
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID JOHN JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Splint-Basket Hampers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in splint-basket hampers by having the splint-work fastened in frames made of wood or other material; and the objects of my improvements are to provide a basket hamper that will hold and preserve an unyielding surface at the corners and at the top and bottom of the same, so as to give greater strength, firmness, and durability to the splint-work by inclosing it in a strong frame, so that the basket outside and inside will retain its proper shape, and so that the splint-work may not become bent and distorted by use, as is the case when not provided by a frame-support, and also by a removable bottom to provide an easy way to clean the same. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the hamper, showing the inside and how the edges of the splint-work are fastened to the upright corners of the frame; Fig. 3, the removable bottom; Fig. 4, a right-angle metallic corner-brace.

A represents the splint-work; *a a a*, the uprights of the frame; *b b b*, the frame-work inclosing the splints at the top and bottom; *c c c*, the frame inclosing the splint-work of the cover and the bottom; *d d d*, the edges of the splints as fastened to the inside of the uprights of the frame; *e e e*, the triangular pieces capping the edges of the splints and holding them firmly in place.

The form of the hamper may be rectangular or triangular, as well as square shape, at top and bottom, and when they are increased in size, so as to need it, other frame-pieces may be added across the middle or other portions of the splint-work to give it additional durability and strength.

The splint-work A is fastened at the sides to the upright pieces of the frame, and after

being heavily coated with glue are covered by the triangular upright strips *e e e*, secured tightly in place. Between the uprights *a a a* the edges of the splints have narrow frame-pieces *b b b* on each side fastened over them flush with the splint-work at the top and the bottom. The corners at the top are made strong and firm by means of iron or other metal bent at right angles and inserted between the narrow frame-pieces *b b b* and act as braces to hold and bind the corners as solidly as possible together. These metallic braces are seen in Fig. 4. The removable bottom is slipped in and out of place through the top of the basket and rests upon the inside frame-pieces that join the uprights. The uprights *a a a* extend below the bottom, forming legs for the support of the hamper, so that the bottom part is wholly protected from wear. The top may be hung on hinges, as seen in the drawings, or used without, being provided with a handle.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A basket hamper having the splint-work inclosed in a frame of wood or other material, the frame-pieces covering the edges of the splint-work on both sides, and having inserted in the corners at the top and bottom, between the frame-pieces, right-angle plates of iron or other metal to hold and bind the corners firmly and solidly together, and provided with a removable splint bottom framed together with a cover of same material, substantially as herein described and set forth.

2. In a basket hamper, the combination of the splint-work with a frame of wood or other material having the upright corner-posts of the frame extending a little below the bottom of the hamper as supports, and also having right-angle pieces of iron or other material inserted in the corners at the top and bottom between the frame-pieces that cover the edges of the splint-work, binding the corners firmly and solidly together, substantially as herein described and set forth.

3. A basket hamper comprising the splint-work and the frame-pieces of wood or other material, with upright corner-posts of the

frame extending a little below the bottom of
the hamper, together with triangular upright
pieces *e e e*, capping and protecting the edges
of the splint-work that meet on the inside of
5 the upright corner-posts, and having inserted
in the corners of the frame-work at the top
and bottom right-angle pieces of iron or other

material to bind the corners firmly and solidly
together, substantially as and for the purpose
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