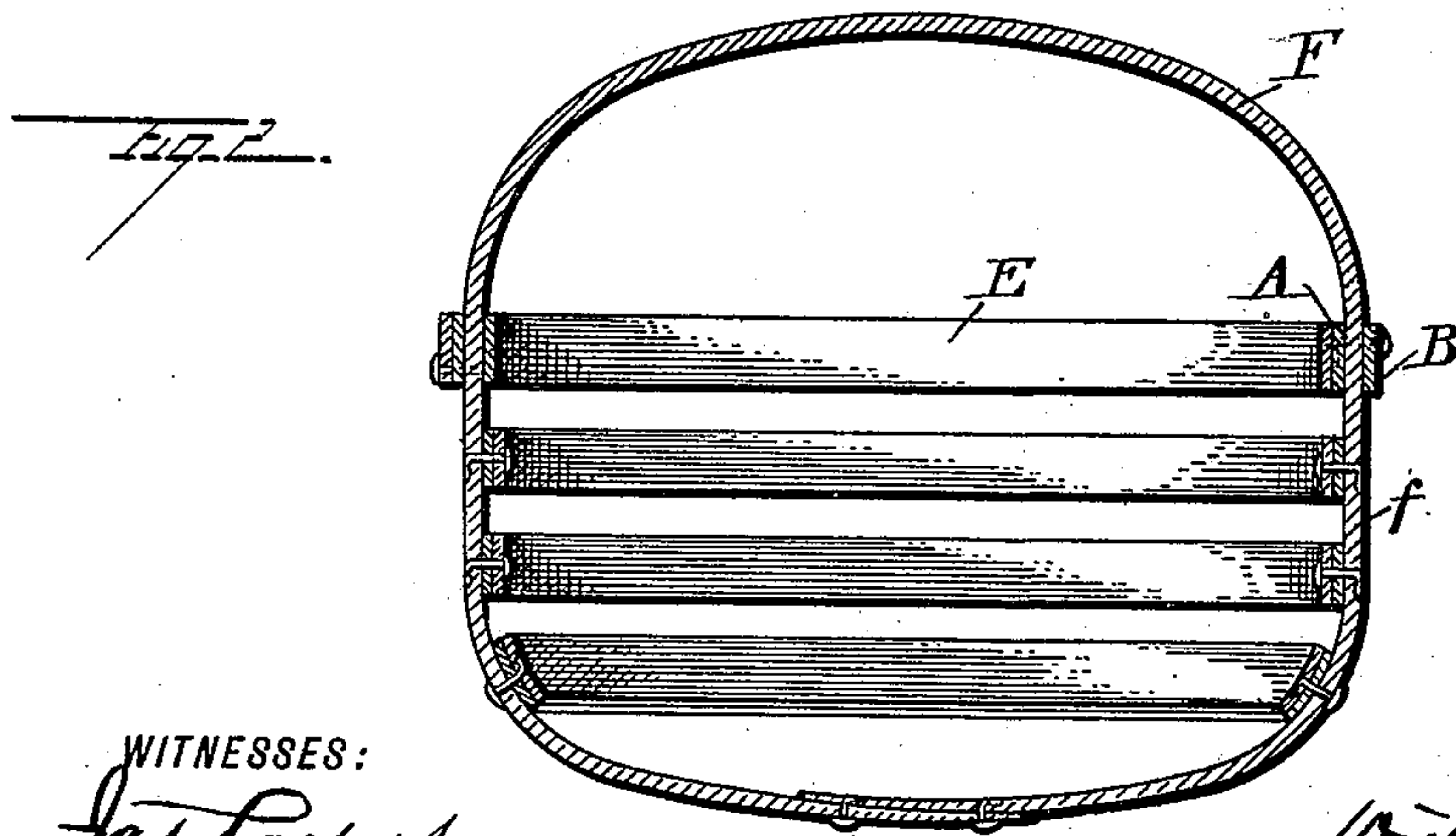
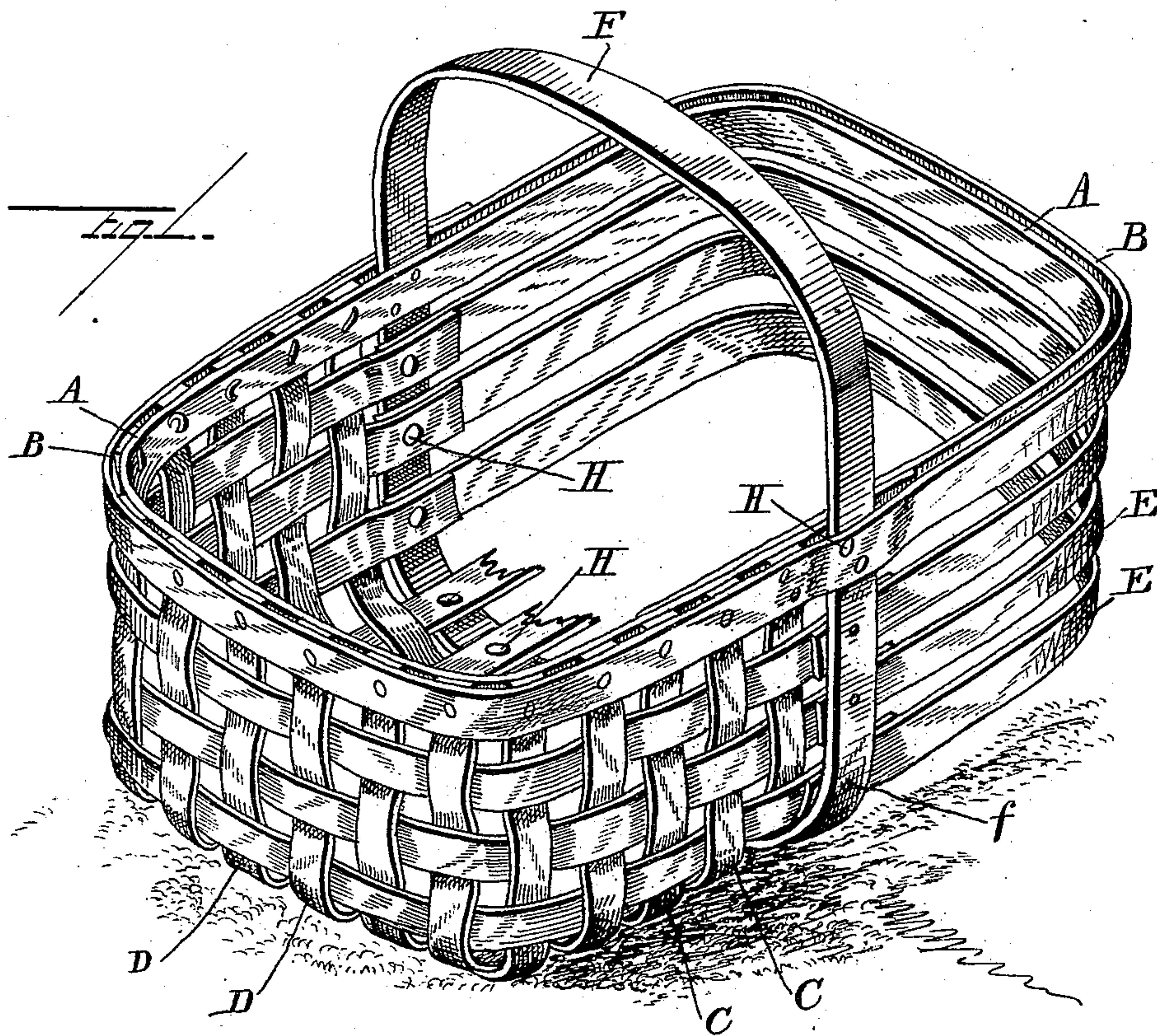


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SNOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at High Point, State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention consists of a basket constructed, preferably, of thin strips of wood and provided with a handle of similar material which shall act as a brace or stay for all the longitudinal side and bottom strips of the basket.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved basket with some of the short lateral strips removed and with some of the bottom longitudinal strips broken away. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section thereof through the handle.

These baskets are constructed, preferably, of thin strips of white oak or other wood, which have been previously steamed or soaked to make them sufficiently flexible.

I prefer to manufacture my improved basket upon a mold or forming-block of my invention, and for which I have filed application for Letters Patent on August 28, 1890, Serial No. 363,311.

The object sought for in my improved construction of basket, hereinafter described, is not only cheapness and simplicity, but the production of a structure in which all the longitudinal strips forming the vertical sides of the basket shall be braced directly from the handle, which is made in a single piece, the ends thereof being joined at the bottom of the basket on the outside thereof and forming a brace not only to each of said longitudinal strips forming the vertical sides of the basket, but to each of the longitudinal strips forming the bottom and short sides of the basket, which I prefer to make of general rectangular form, as shown in Fig. 1.

In the accomplishment of these purposes my improved basket consists of inner and outer rim-strips A and B, between which each and every one of the short lateral strips C C, and each and every one of the longitudinal strips D D, which form the bottom and short

sides of the basket, terminate and are secured, and between which also the handle passes and is permanently secured thereto. The longitudinal strips E E, passing around and forming (with the strips C C and D D) the four vertical sides of the basket, may be constructed of a single strip of wood with the ends thereof terminating at a point opposite one side of the extension of the handle, or may be constructed of two half-hoops, as shown in Fig. 1, the opposite ends of each meeting at being secured to the extension of the handle F, which latter consists of a single strip passing between the rim-strips A B and extended downward past the longitudinal strips E E and under the longitudinal strips D D, the ends of said handle F meeting on the outside of the basket at about the center of the bottom thereof and there secured together, the said extended ends of the handle being nailed to each of the said rim-strips and to each of the longitudinal strips E E, which form the vertical sides of the basket, as well as to each of the longitudinal strips D D, which form the bottom of the basket. These fastenings are denoted by the reference-letters H H.

The several parts of my improved basket may be put together to form the same in several ways; but I prefer my own process or art of constructing such a basket, which is as follows, viz: The inner rim-strip A consists either of a single strip or of two half-strips, the ends of which are first fastened together at a point opposite to where the handle is to be joined to them. The longitudinal strips D D to form the bottom of the basket are then properly curved and the ends brought up and secured to said strip A on each of the short sides of the intended basket. The longitudinal strips E E to form the vertical sides of the basket are then placed in position, and they may consist of single strips or two half-strips, said longitudinal strips E E being inserted over and under each alternate strip D D, so as to form a plat of strips on the short vertical side of the basket. The handle is then placed in position by nailing it at H H H to the rim-strip A, the longitudinal strips E E, and finally to the longitudinal strips D D. The short lateral strips C C are then inter-

laced between the longitudinal strips E E and D D with the ends nailed to the inner rim-strip A.

To secure additional strength and beautify the basket by giving it a finished appearance, an outer rim-strip B, which may consist of two half-strips or of a single strip, as shown in the drawings, Fig. 1, is then placed in position and nailed to the inner rim-strip A, preferably through the ends of the platted strips of the basket already nailed thereto.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A basket consisting of longitudinal strips E, bent to meet at a point opposite the handle and forming the basis for the four vertical sides thereof, longitudinal strips D, forming the basis for the bottom of the basket and with their ends turned upward and platted through the said strips E at the points of junction therewith, lateral strips C C, interlaced between the strips E and D, a rim-strip A, to which the ends of all of said strips C, D, and E are secured, and a strip F, forming the handle of the basket and a brace for the longitudinal strips thereof passing around the longitudinal strips on the outside thereof and separately secured to each of the same, substantially as described.

2. A basket consisting of longitudinal strips E, bent to meet at a point opposite the handle and forming the basis for the four vertical sides thereof, longitudinal strips D,

forming the basis for the bottom of the basket and with their ends turned upward and platted through the said strips E at the points of junction therewith, lateral strips C C, interlaced between the strips E and D, a rim-strip A, to which the ends of all of said strips C, D, and E are secured, and a strip F, forming the handle of the basket, and a brace for the longitudinal strips thereof passing around the longitudinal strips on the outside thereof and separately secured to each of the same, and an outer rim-strip B, secured to said inner rim-strip A and to the ends of the platted strips, substantially as described.

3. A frame for a basket, consisting of the strip F, forming a handle and a separate brace for each and all of the longitudinal bottom strips D and also for each and all the longitudinal side strips E of the basket, to each of which it is separately secured, in combination with said longitudinal strips E E, forming the vertical sides, longitudinal and vertical strips D D, forming the bottom and short vertical sides of the basket, and a rim-strip A, also secured to said handle F and to the ends of said strips D D, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this 21st day of July, A. D. 1890.

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