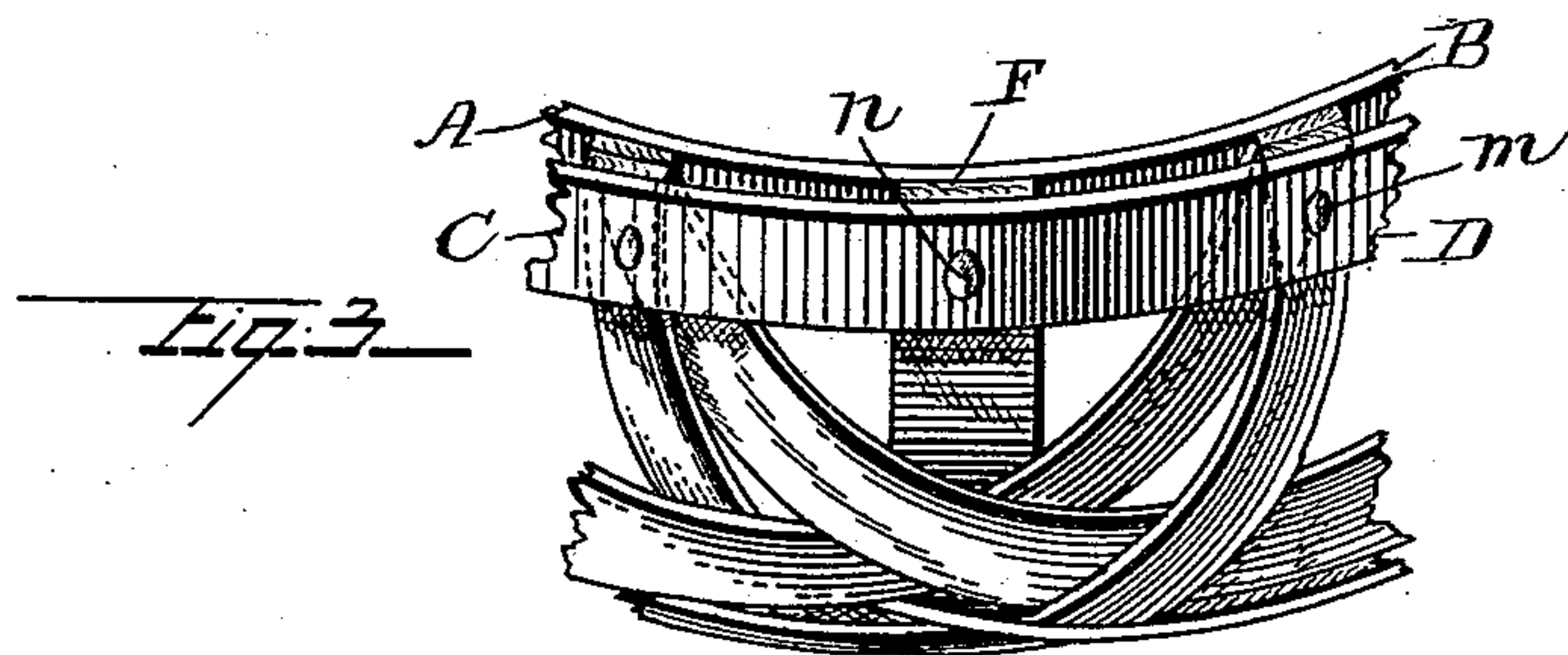
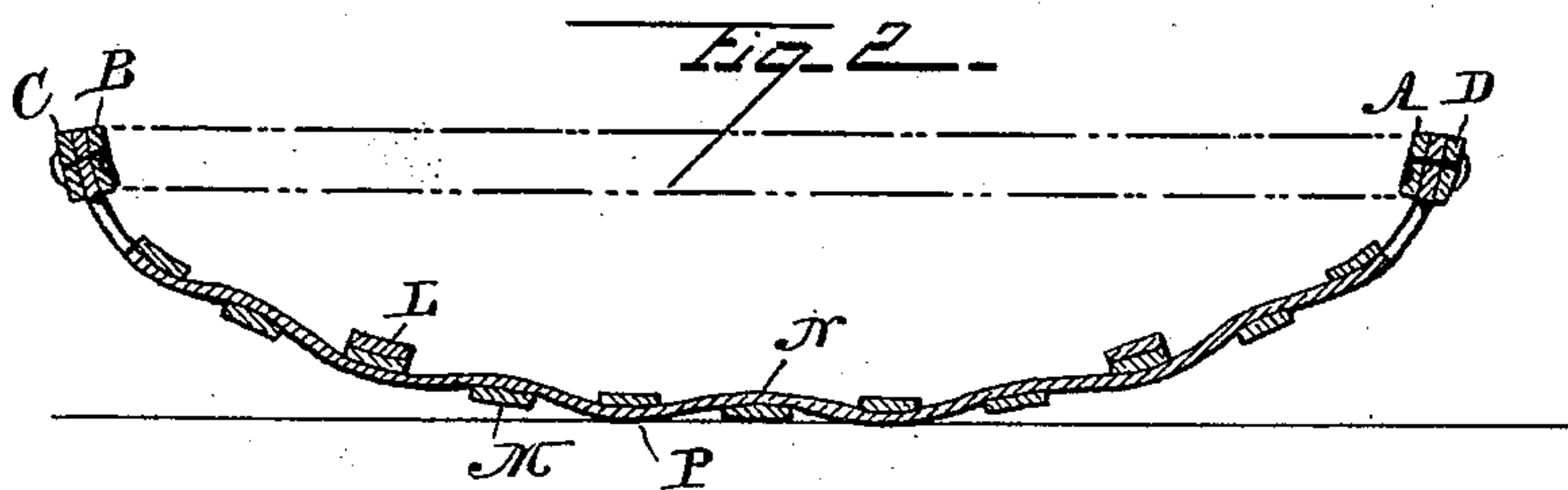
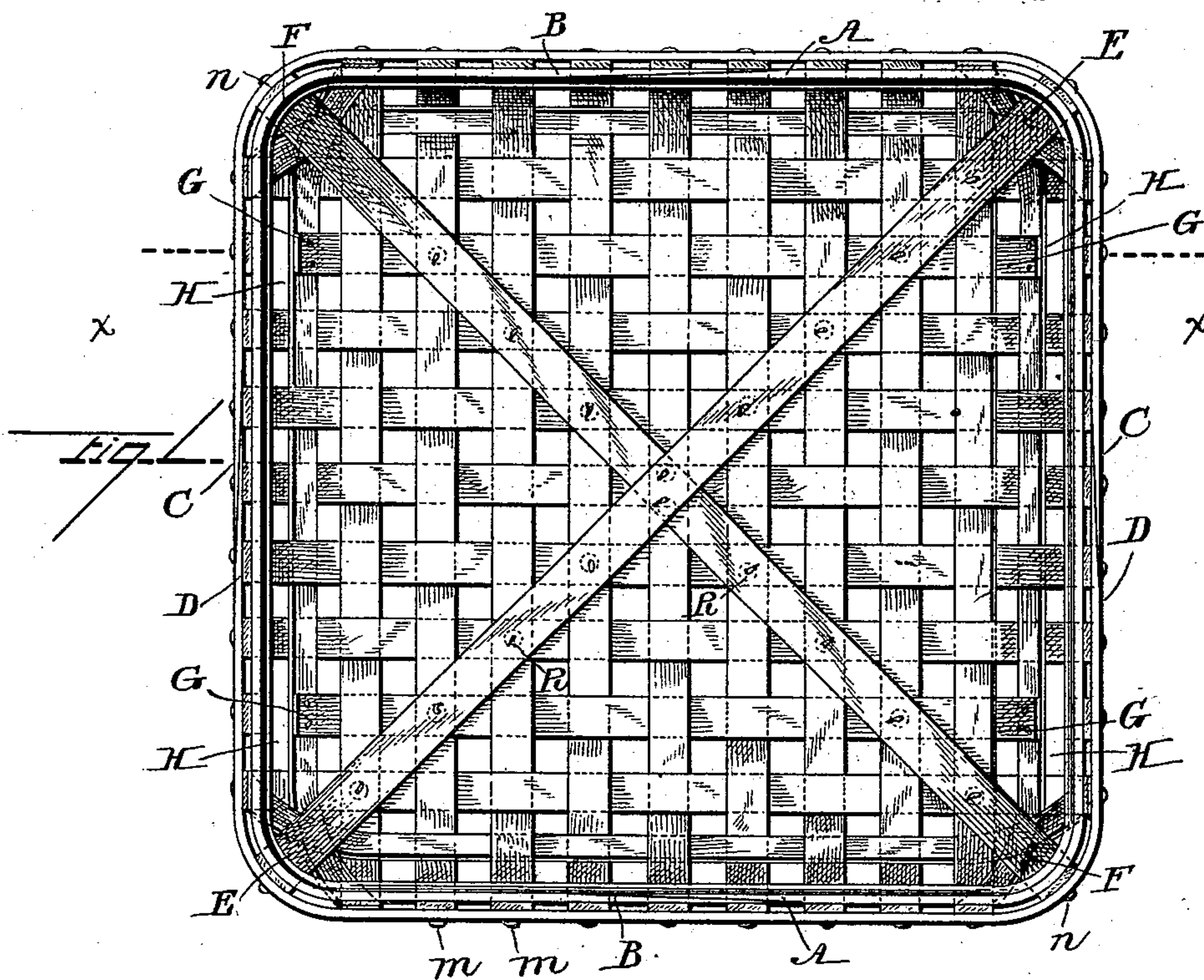


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SNOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at High Point, in the State of North Carolina, have
5 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.

10 My invention relates to baskets; and it consists of a basket without a handle and of shallow depth, technically known as a "warehouse" basket, constructed in the manner and consisting of the several parts herein-
15 after fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the same, Figure 1 is a plan view from the inside of the basket. Fig. 2 is a sectional
20 view thereof through the line $x x$; and Fig. 3 is a view of the corner, looking at the same from the outside.

For use in warehouses, and particularly in tobacco-warehouses, baskets of large diameter and of shallow depth and without handles
25 are found desirable and useful. Subjected to such usage, they need to be light, cheaply made, and well braced.

To this end the object of my invention is to construct such a basket which can be
30 grasped at the sides through apertures left for the purpose by the hands of two or more men, and which, owing to the size of the basket, shall be so constructed that the strain shall be equal all around it and be supported
35 by braces on the inside connecting its opposite corners and separately secured to each and every platted strip. Baskets for such purposes are usually made of narrow flat strips of split oak wood, which are steamed or soaked to
40 make them pliable and easily worked into the form of a basket.

In the construction of my improved basket two half-hoops of wood strips A and B are brought together at two opposite sides of the
45 basket to form the inner rim, while two other half-hoops C and D are brought together at the two other opposite sides of the basket to form the outer rim, while cross-pieces E E and F F, extending from diagonally-opposite corners,
50 have their ends brought up between the inner

and outer rims aforesaid. Over the frame thus formed other strips L M and P N are then platted alternately (see Fig. 2) and as usual, but at right angles to each other to form the bottom and sides of the basket upon
55 the exterior of the skeleton frame, consisting of the inner and outer rims and cross-pieces above described. The platted strips L M P N have their ends brought up between the inner and outer rims A B and C D, and the said
60 rims are then nailed together by nails $m m$, passing through the same and separately through the ends of each of the platted strips. Thus each of the platted strips is separately
65 secured upon an interior brace and to the rim-strips. Other fastenings R are driven through the cross-pieces E and F and the platted strips, while fastenings n are secured at the corners of the basket through the rims
70 and the ends of the cross-pieces.

At intervals on two of the opposite sides of the basket spaces H H H H are left to form a substitute for handles, this being accomplished by cutting off at each end two of the
75 platted strips (marked G G G G) and securing the same by fastening the ends thereof to the last strip at right angles therewith near the rim of the basket.

The result of this construction is a basket light in weight, cheaply and easily made, and
80 durable, in that its sides are securely braced from each of its four corners, which braces also sustain the bottom of the basket.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Let-
85 ters Patent, is —

1. A rectangular basket composed of an inner top rim A B, two interior supporting and bracing strips E and F, passing diagonally from opposite corners of and secured to said
90 rim, and other strips L M and P N, platted at right angles to each other over said supporting-strips and each separately secured thereto and to the rim-strip, substantially as described.

2. A rectangular basket constructed with
95 inner and outer top rims A B and C D, each composed of two half-hoops joined on opposite sides, two supporting and bracing strips E and F, crossing each other diagonally and
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secured at their ends between said rims at
the opposite corners thereof, and other strips
L M and P N, platted at right angles to each
other over said supporting and bracing strips
5 and having their ends secured between said
rims and each separately secured to said brac-
ing-strips, respectively, substantially as de-
scribed.

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

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