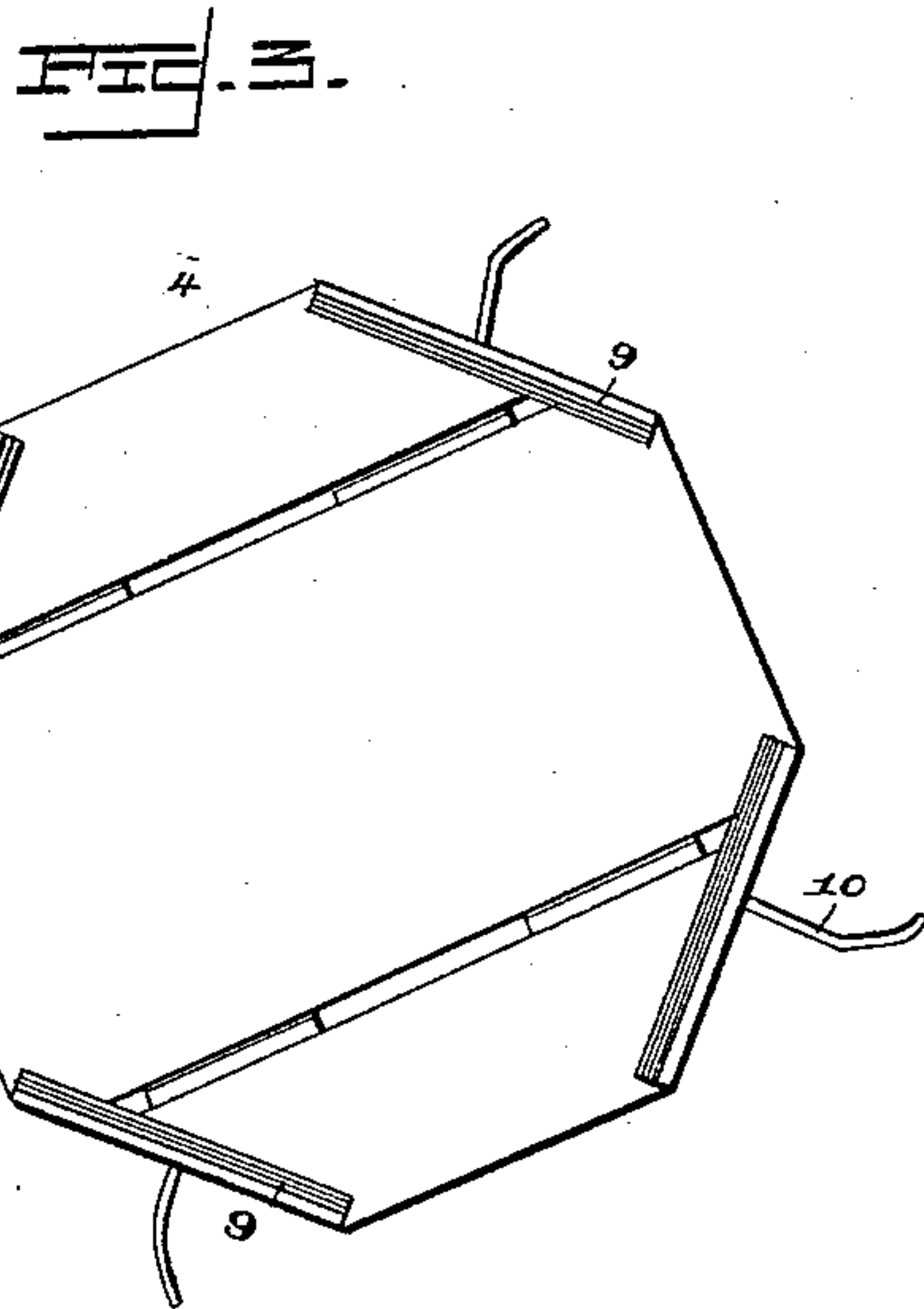
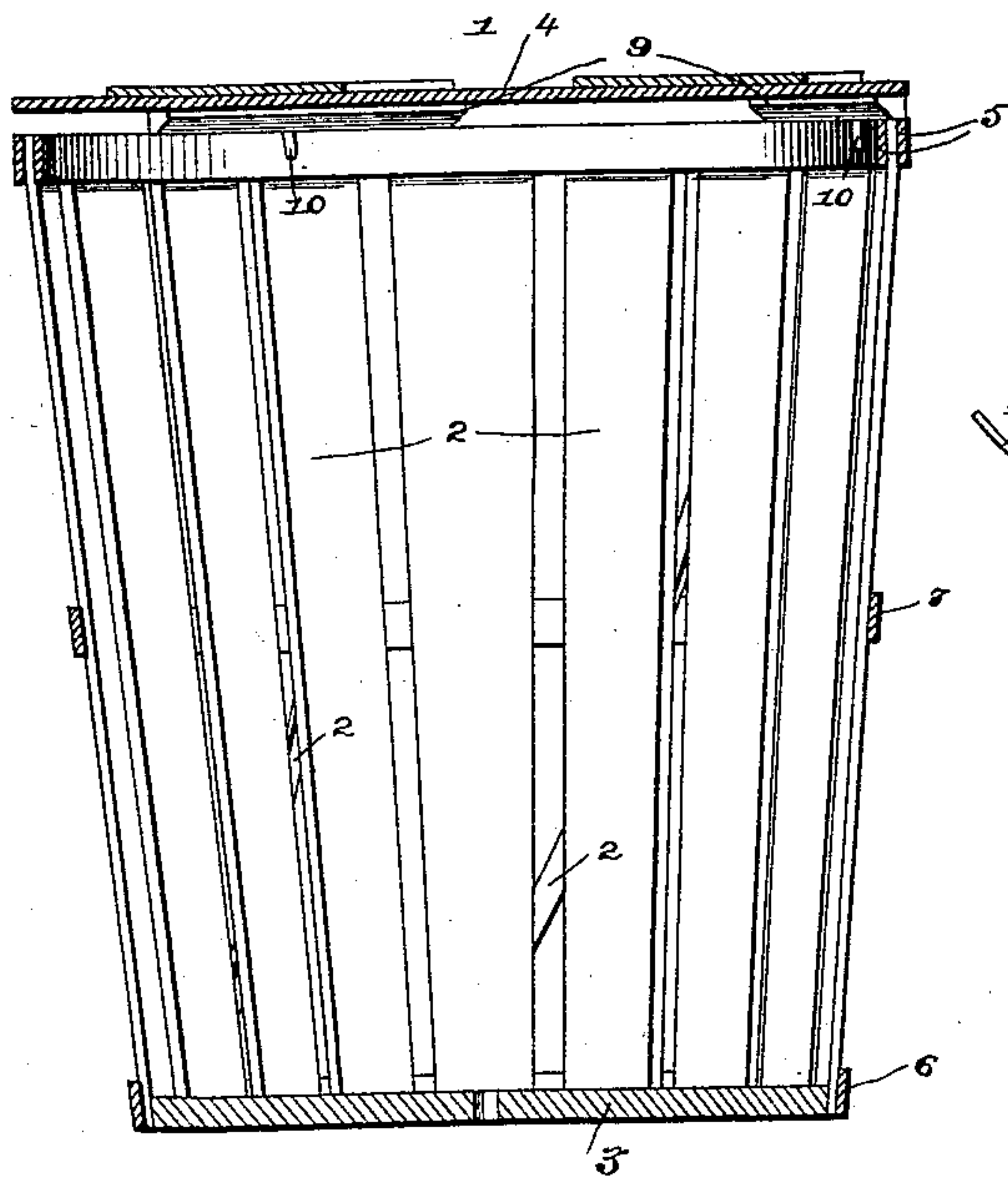
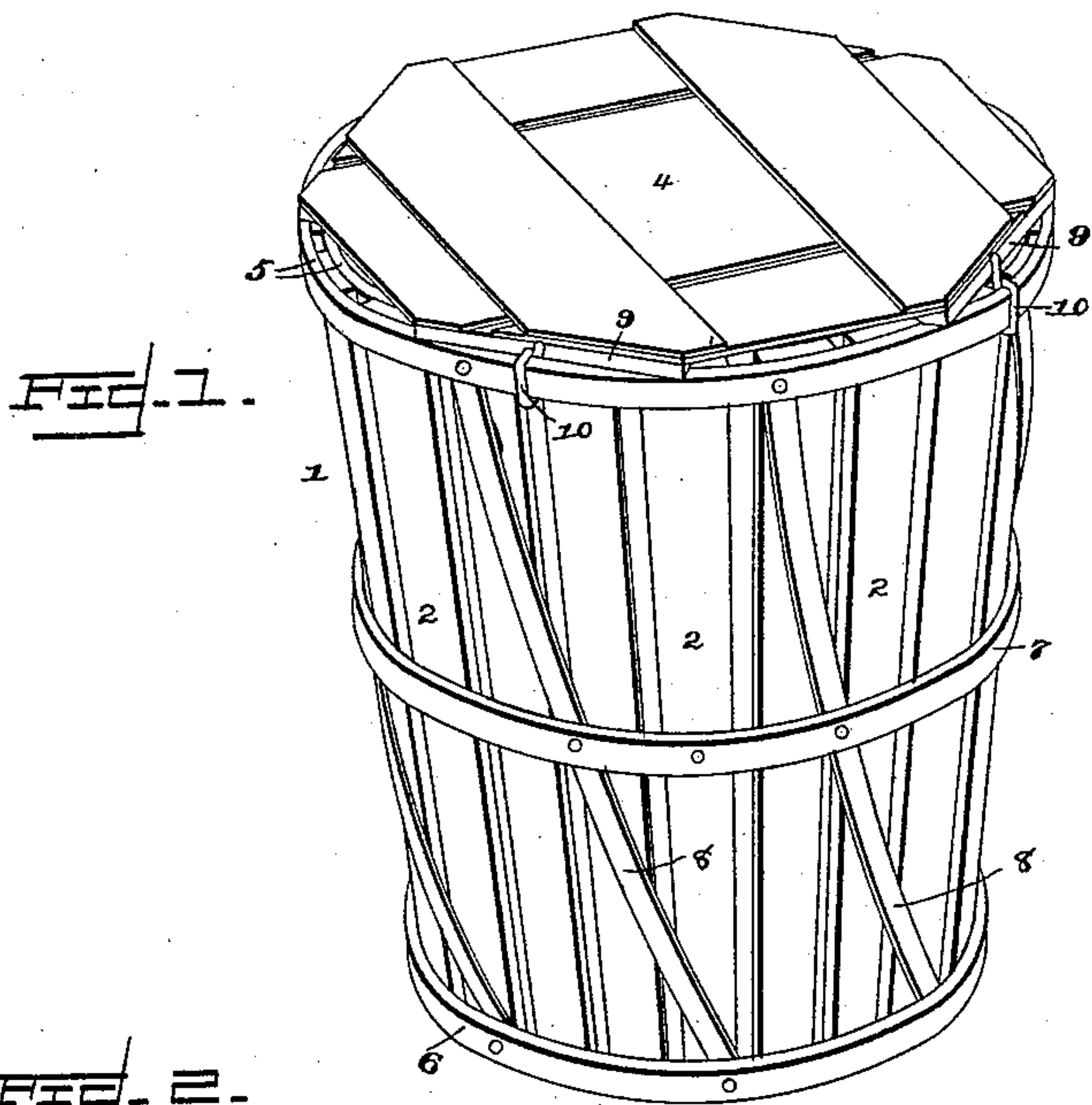


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM M. SCHOOLFIELD and ELIJAH J. SCHOOLFIELD, citizens of the United States, residing at Pocomoke City, in the county of Worcester and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Basket, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in fruit-baskets.

10 The object of the present invention is to simplify and improve the construction of fruit-baskets and brace and increase the strength and durability of the same without increasing materially the cost of construction.

15 The invention consists of the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fruit-basket embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a reverse plan view of the cover.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 25 1 designates a fruit-basket, consisting of vertical staves 2, which are spaced in the ordinary manner, a solid bottom 3, a cover 4, and top, bottom, and intermediate hoops 5, 6, and 7, which secure the staves together and to the 30 bottom 3, and the top hoops 5 are arranged on the inner and outer faces of the staves. The basket is braced by a series of parallel inclined strips 8, which extend from the top of one stave downward across the next stave 35 and has its lower end secured to the lower end of another stave, the strip extending across three of the staves and being arranged between the staves and the hoops and secured by nails or the like. Each strip is designed 40 to brace three staves and begins at the top of the stave next to the one where the adjacent strip ends; and it will be readily seen that this manner of embracing a basket is simple

and inexpensive and is not difficult to construct, there being comparatively little more 45 labor to construct this form of baskets than one without braces.

The cover 4 consists of cross-slats spaced apart, and is provided at its edges with straight pieces 9, which are arranged at intervals and are adapted to rest upon the upper edge of the basket and raise the cover therefrom and provide between them spaces adapted to serve as hand-holes, whereby the basket may be conveniently handled, and the 55 said pieces 9 have their inner faces beveled to prevent bruising or injuring the contents of the basket. The cover is secured on the basket by wire ties 10, which are passed through the space between the top hoops and 60 are bent around the same.

From the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings the construction, operation, and advantages of the invention 65 will readily be understood.

What we claim is—

A basket comprising the vertical staves, the bottom, the top, bottom, and intermediate hoops, the inclined braces 8, arranged at intervals and extending from the top to the 70 bottom of the basket and crossing the staves and being arranged between the same and the hoops, and the cover provided on its lower face with straight pieces 9, arranged at intervals and resting upon the upper edge of 75 the basket to provide hand-holes and having their inner faces beveled, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses. 80

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