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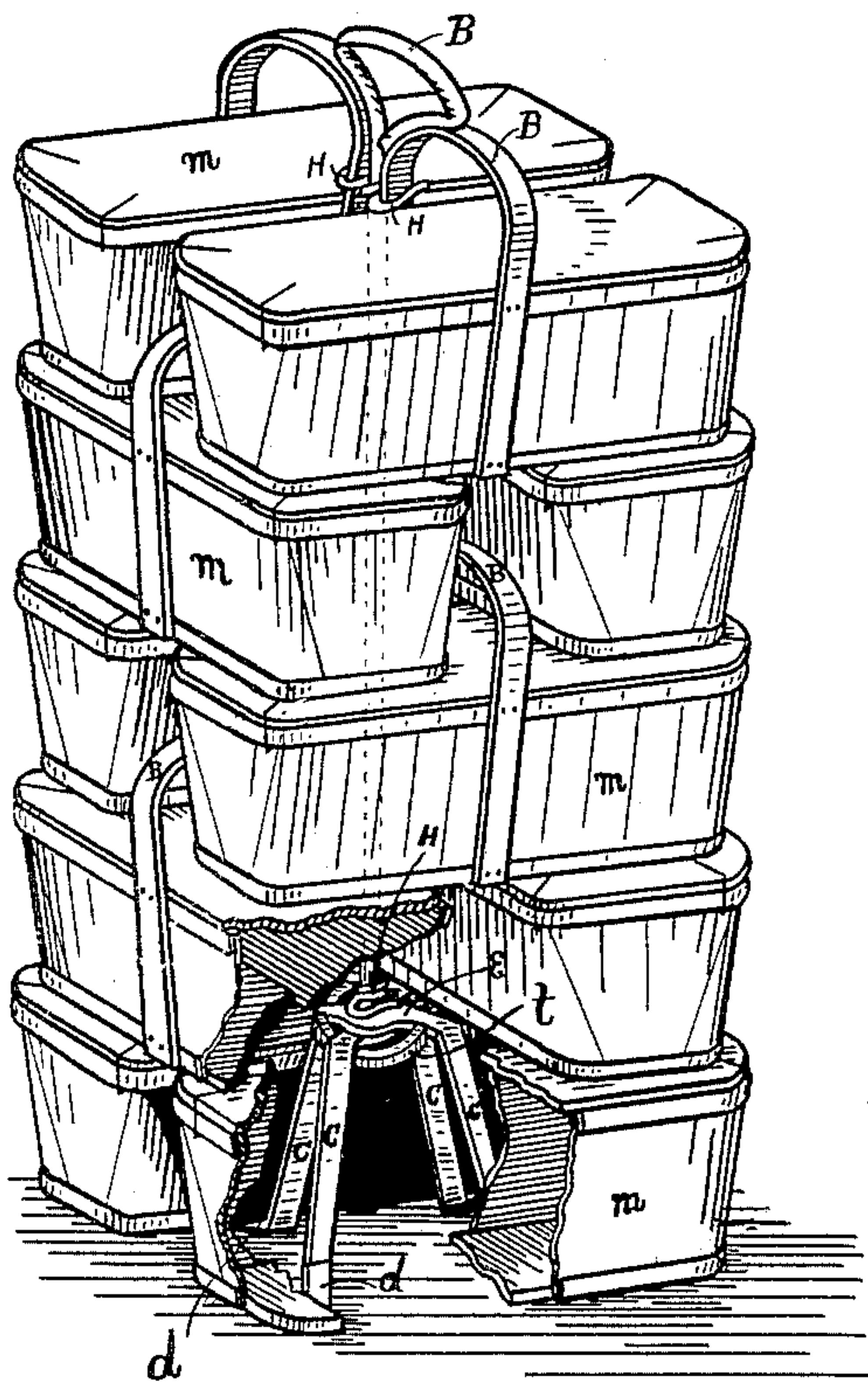


Fig. 1

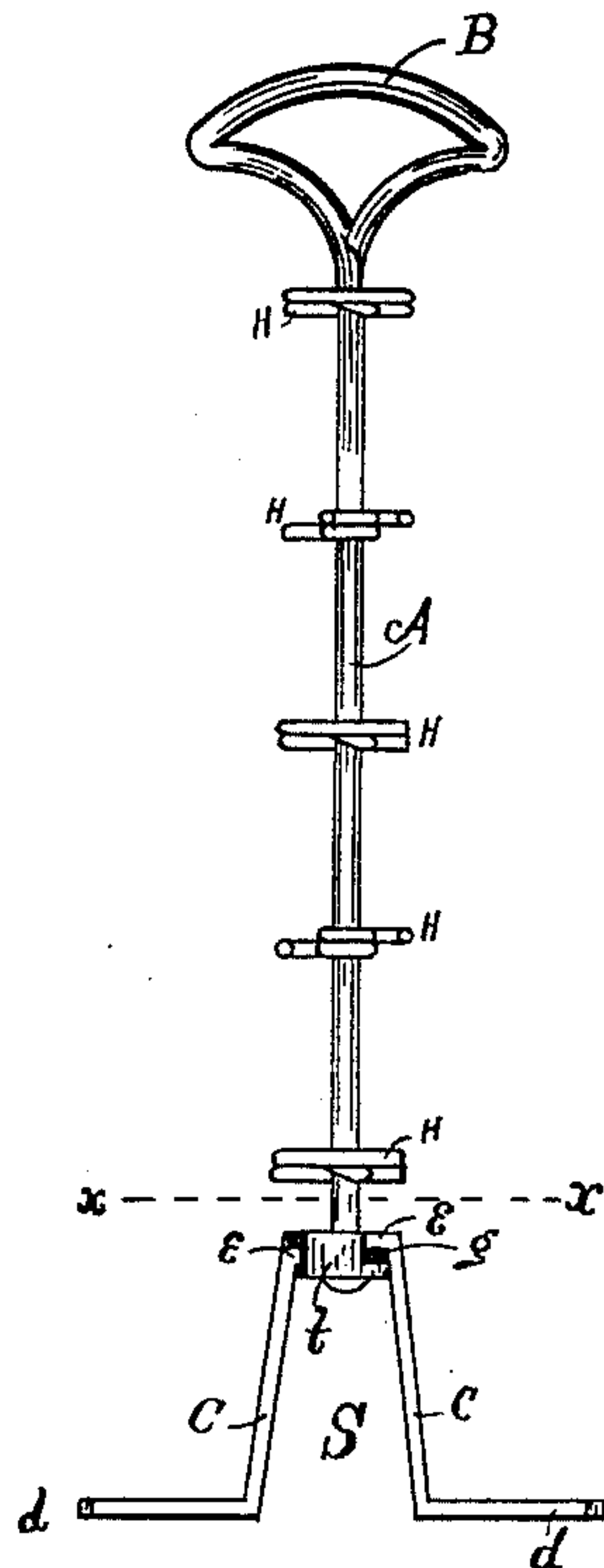


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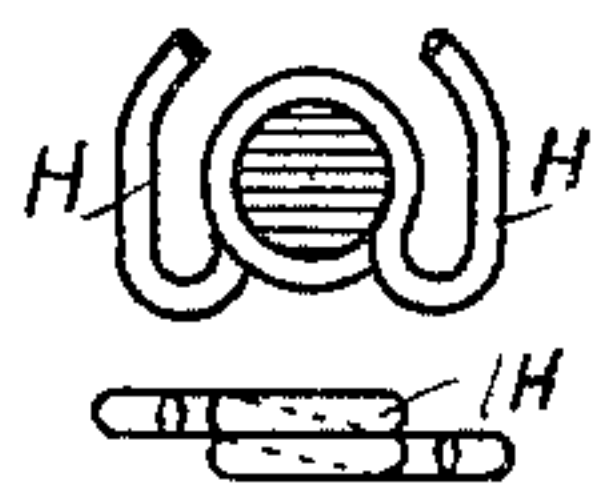


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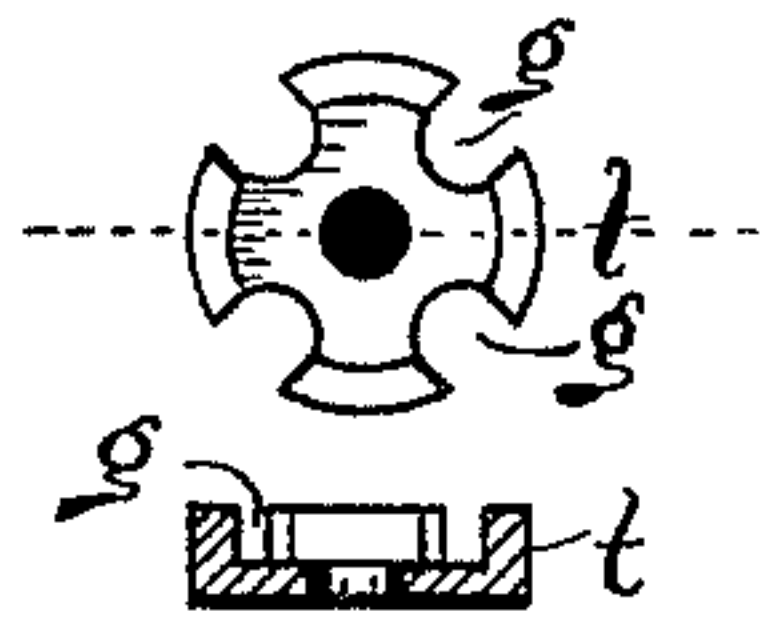


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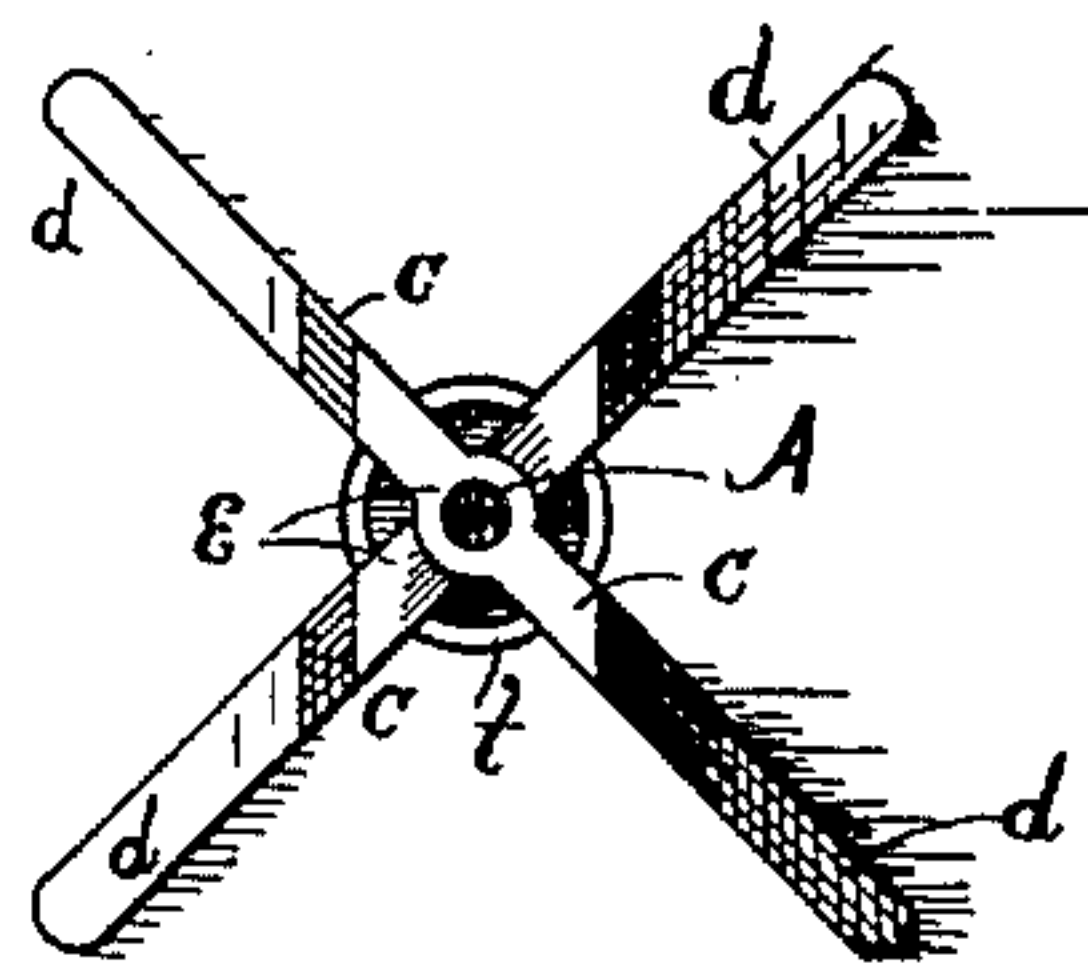


Fig. 3

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## FRUIT-CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALDEN EDGAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watkins, in the county of Schuyler and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Carriers; and I do hereby declare the following, with reference to the drawings, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a device for combining together and carrying fruit baskets or packages, and has for its object to provide a common handle for a number of said baskets or packages and securely unite or crate them in a cheap and convenient manner for transportation.

The invention consists, mainly, in assembling the fruit-packages about a central standard or post in connection with proper devices arranged to lock them to said standard or together, the full nature of which improvements and objects to be attained by them will clearly appear in the description and claims herein following.

Many devices heretofore arranged for the assembling of fruit-packages in bulk for transportation have been constructed with outside casing-bars. Thus made said packages are weighty and cumbersome and have not reached the minimum of expense desired and possible in the construction of crates for many kinds of packages.

In the accompanying illustration, forming a part of this specification, are the following views:

Figure 1 is a broken perspective view of my carrier loaded with fruit-baskets. Fig. 2 is a vertical view of the carrier. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view on the line  $x x$ , Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a plan view and a section on the line indicated of the washer. Fig. 5 is a plan and edge view of the hook.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the description and views.

A represents a standard constructed of gas-pipe or any other suitable material, terminating at its upper end in a laterally-arranged handle B, integral therewith and by

means of which the carrier may be grasped and itself and contents transported. The lower end of said standard is made to terminate in legs C, in their construction branching therefrom in opposite directions, but having as they depart from the standard A of the carrier a downward or nearly vertical direction, and thence angularly thereto, ending in a horizontal plane and thus forming the level or flat portions  $d$  of the legs, which serve the double purpose, that of feet to the carrier and brackets upon which the first layer of baskets rest. In constructing this lower portion of the carrier I have chosen to pass the standard through the legs where they centrally cross each other, one above the other, at the upper extremity  $e$  of their configuration and retain them thereon by upsetting the lower end of said standard upon a washer  $f$ . It will be seen that the legs C may thus swing or revolve upon the standard and in a measure be closed together when the carrier is without its packages in return transportation and that the legs C may be rigidly retained in the adjustment given them in carrying the packages  $m$  by the form of said washer  $f$  having an external upturned rim with apertures  $g$  in it, within which the legs fall in said adjustment, the apertures of the washer being so spaced as to bring the brackets or feet  $d$  in the most desirable position to support the packages thereon.

A piece of wire with its central portion coiled about the standard A and its ends terminating in hooks H on opposite sides adjacent to the coiled portion of its center forms a double hook secured to the standard. A sufficient number of these double hooks are strung upon the standard alternately at right angles with each other and as relates to the direction of the hooks horizontally arranged. The handle of the baskets being passed within these hooks from the lower tier upward in succession, the lower ones are retained upon the hooks by those following. The baskets are thus securely locked to the standard in the union of the whole.

That the completed carrier filled for transportation within cars may be closely and compactly stored one above the other, I have provided in the above-described form of its base



for the recess S to receive in it the handle or corresponding raised portion B of another carrier.

It is evident that different forms of packages will require a change in the devices by which they are connected to or about the standard. Therefore I do not wish to confine myself strictly to the forms I have chosen to illustrate, but consider myself entitled to all those variations which may properly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my improvements with reference to the drawings, what I claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. My improved carrier; consisting of a standard provided with a double-armed base, said base projecting downward at an angle thereto and having at its outer parts a horizontal portion adapted to the carrying of fruit-baskets thereon, and devices by means of which the baskets can be locked to and about the standard, substantially as described.

2. A carrier consisting of a double-knee-shaped base having an upward raised handle, each knee having an outward portion adapted to carry fruit-baskets upon it, the carrier having means for locking said baskets thereon, and an aperture S between the knees of the base for the reception of the corresponding raised handle of another carrier, substantially as set forth.

3. A carrier adapted to the transportation of fruit-baskets, the standard provided with

a double series of hooks and having a double-knee-shaped base to support the baskets, and an aperture S between the knees of the base, substantially as described.

4. A carrier consisting of a standard provided with a double-armed base, said base projecting downward at an angle thereto and having at its outer parts a horizontal portion adapted to the carrying of fruit-baskets thereon, said standard having a double series of horizontal hooks constructed to engage the baskets and whereby the lower baskets are prevented from lateral disengagement with their hooks by the baskets secured to the hook above them, substantially as described.

5. The combination, with a standard having the double-armed base, substantially as herein described, of one or more coils of wire designed to encircle and slide upon said standard, said coils having their ends rebent and terminating in hooks adjacent to the wire of the coil, substantially as described.

6. A carrier arranged for carrying baskets, a standard having a series of hooks, and knee-shaped arms pivoted to revolve upon the standard, a washer secured to the lower end of said standard and having an upturned rim with apertures in its rim to receive therein said arms in adjustment, substantially as described.

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