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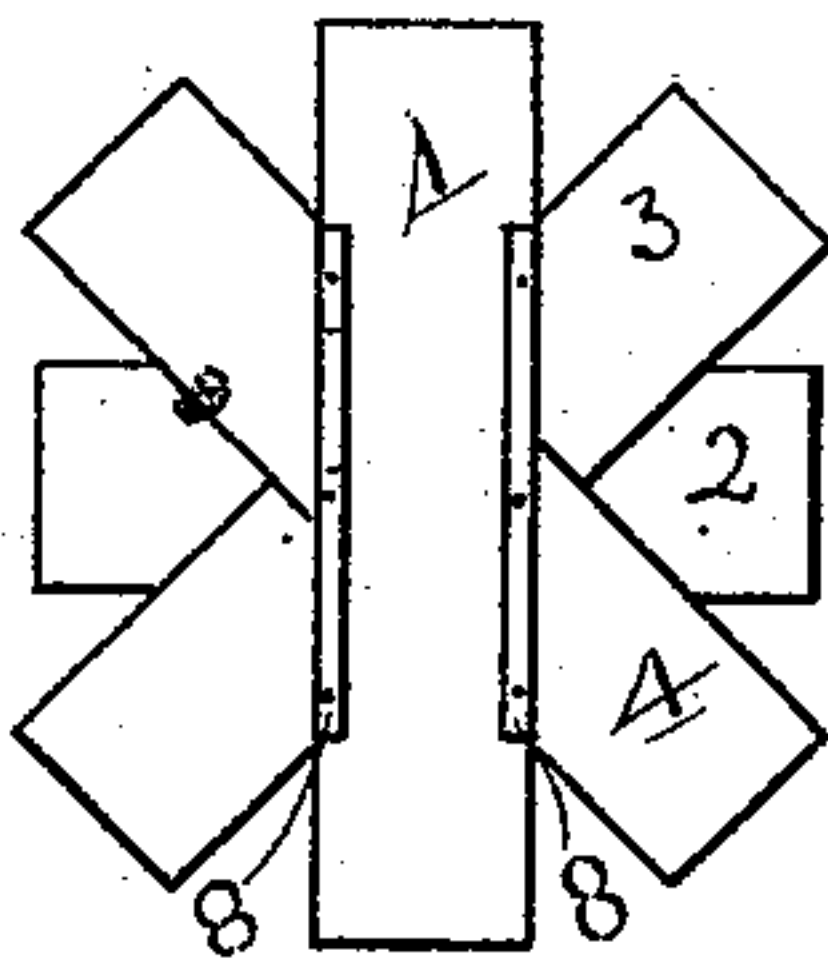


Fig. 1.

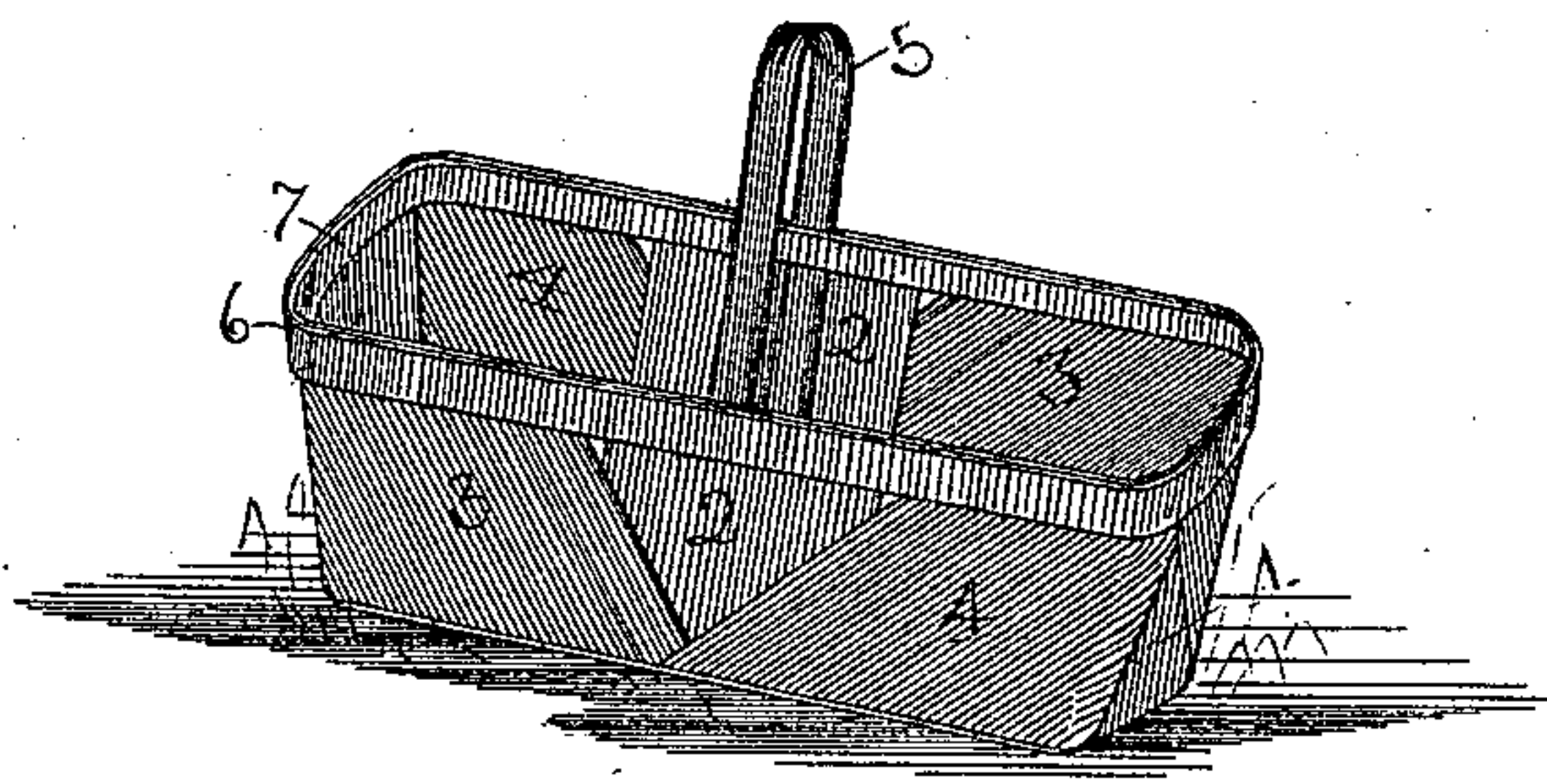


Fig. 2.

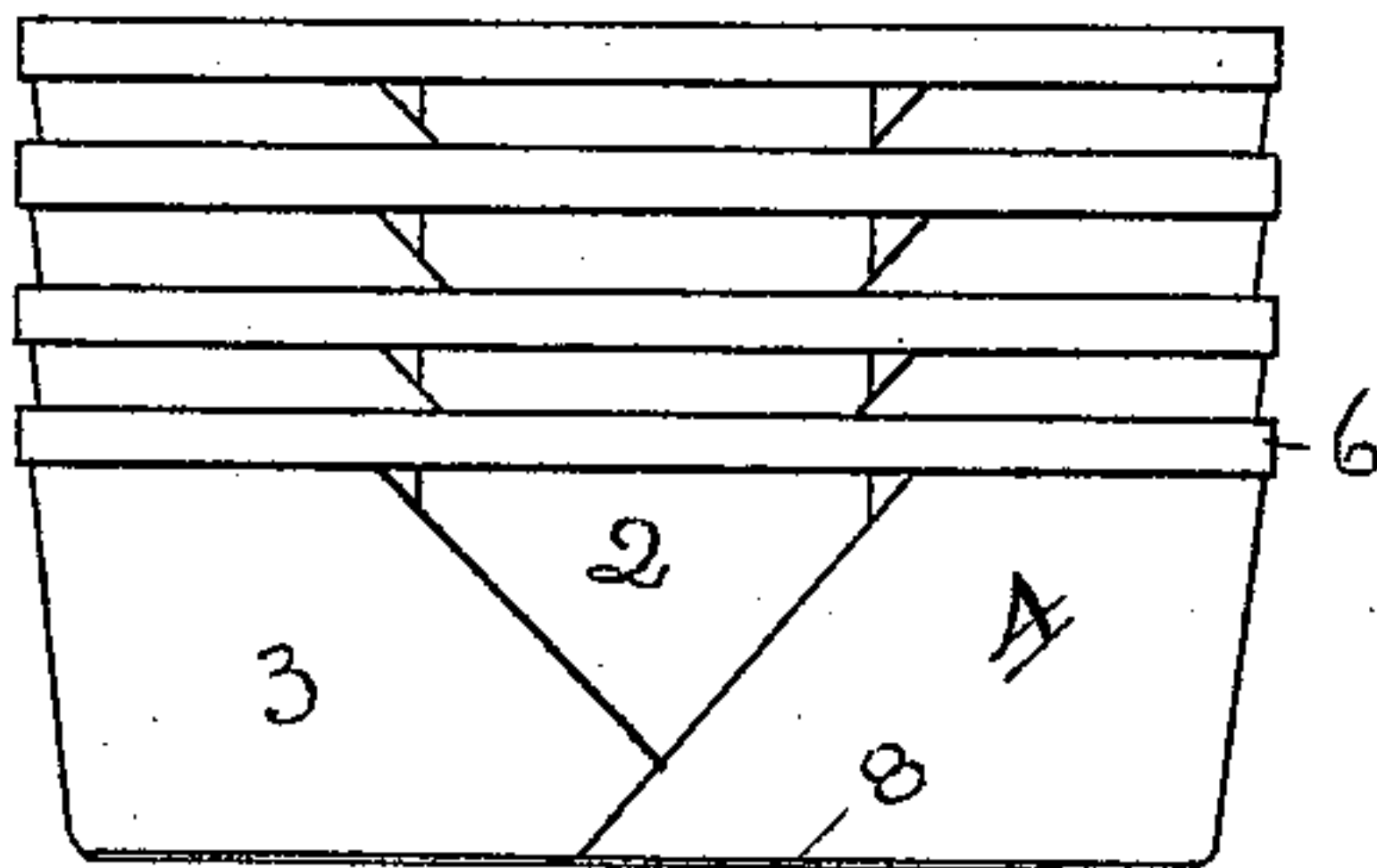


Fig. 3.

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FRUIT-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH E. ASAM and FRANK MUHLENBECK, citizens of the United States, residing at Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Baskets; and we do declare the following 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to baskets, made from thin flat shavings from wood, and consists in the special construction described.

Figure 1, is a view of the web of the basket from the bottom. Fig. 2, shows the basket complete; Fig. 3, a nest of baskets ready for shipping.

The basket is made of four slabs or shavings of equal width, if desired, viz., 1, 2, 3, 4.

The basket is formed in the following manner: One slab is laid upon the bench and another placed across its middle at an angle of about forty-five degrees to the first. Then across the middle of the two slabs we lay another at right angles to it, and across this we lay a slab at an angle of about forty-five degrees or at right angle to the first slab. Along the edges of the top slab we nail slats 8, 8, the nails passing through the other slabs and holding them in position and forming the web of the basket. The web is then placed over the form of the size desired, and the slabs bent upon and around it. Before placing the web on the form we bend around the top of the form the hoop 7 tacking its ends together. In bending the slabs to the form their upper edges are tacked to this hoop 7, and then around the outside edges of the slabs and parallel with the hoop 7 we secure the hoop 6 thus firmly securing the slabs to their

bent position. The projecting corners of the slabs are then cut away, and the form removed leaving a basket in everything complete save the handle. This, 5, we attach to it by sliding it between the hoop 7, and the side slab 2 down to the bottom of the basket, and securely tack it to the hoop, and to the side if necessary.

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

A rectangular basket formed from a web composed of four thin slabs of the same width but of irregular length, bent over a rectangular form, one slab forming a portion of the bottom and sides of the basket, another slab crossing the above mentioned slab at oblique angles, and forming when bent over the form specified part of the bottom and part of each side and each end of the basket, another slab crossing the last slab mentioned at right angles and forming when bent as specified part of the bottom and part of each side and each end of the basket, another slab crossing the last mentioned slab at oblique angles and forming when bent as specified the outer bottom and ends of the basket, the band 7 surrounding the rectangular form inside of and at the edge of the basket, to which the ends of the slabs are secured when bent, the band 6 around the outside edge of the basket and secured thereto, the handle 5 secured between the bands 6 and 7 and to the slab forming the middle of the sides of the basket, and the strips 8, 8 on the bottom of the basket, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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