

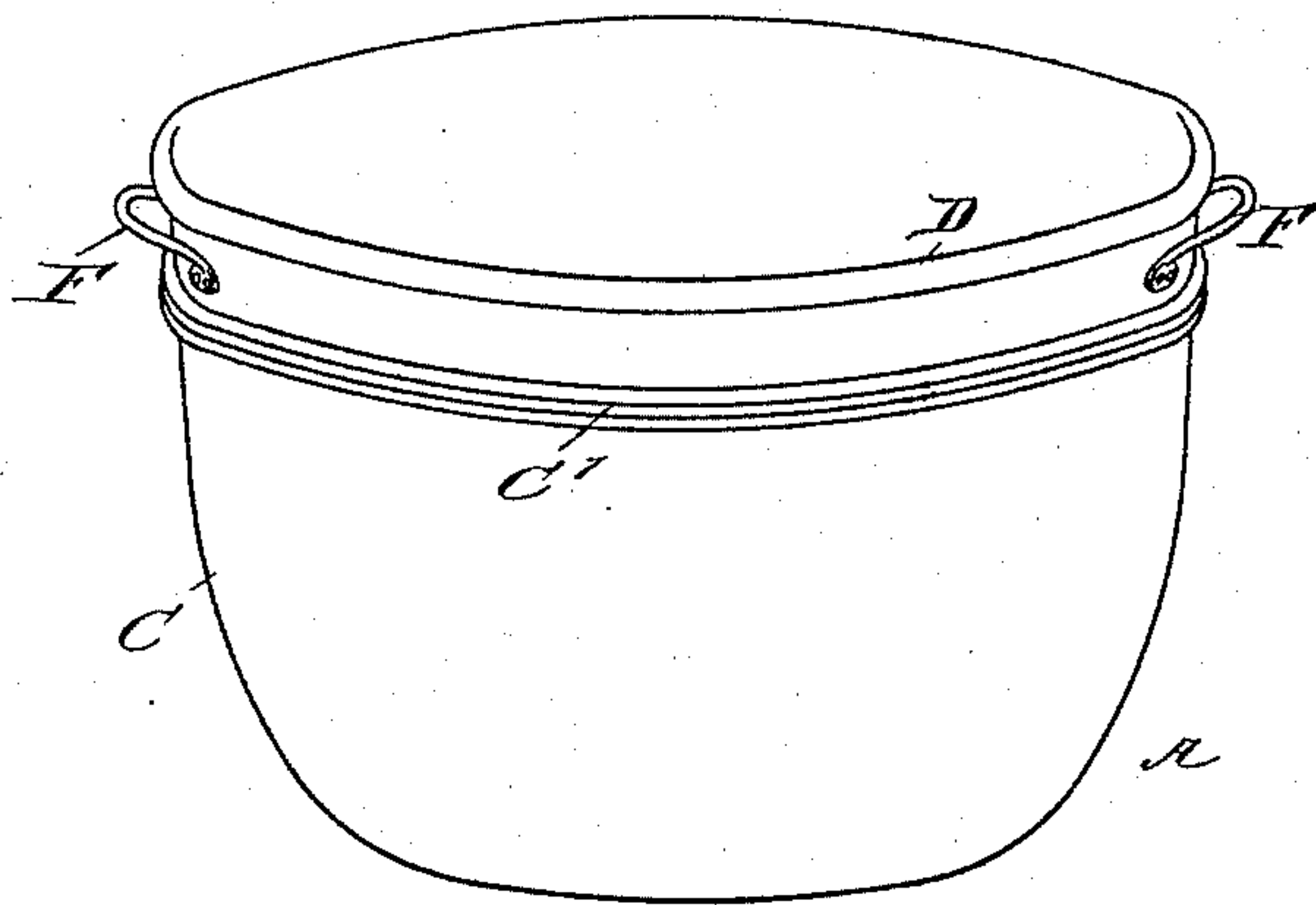
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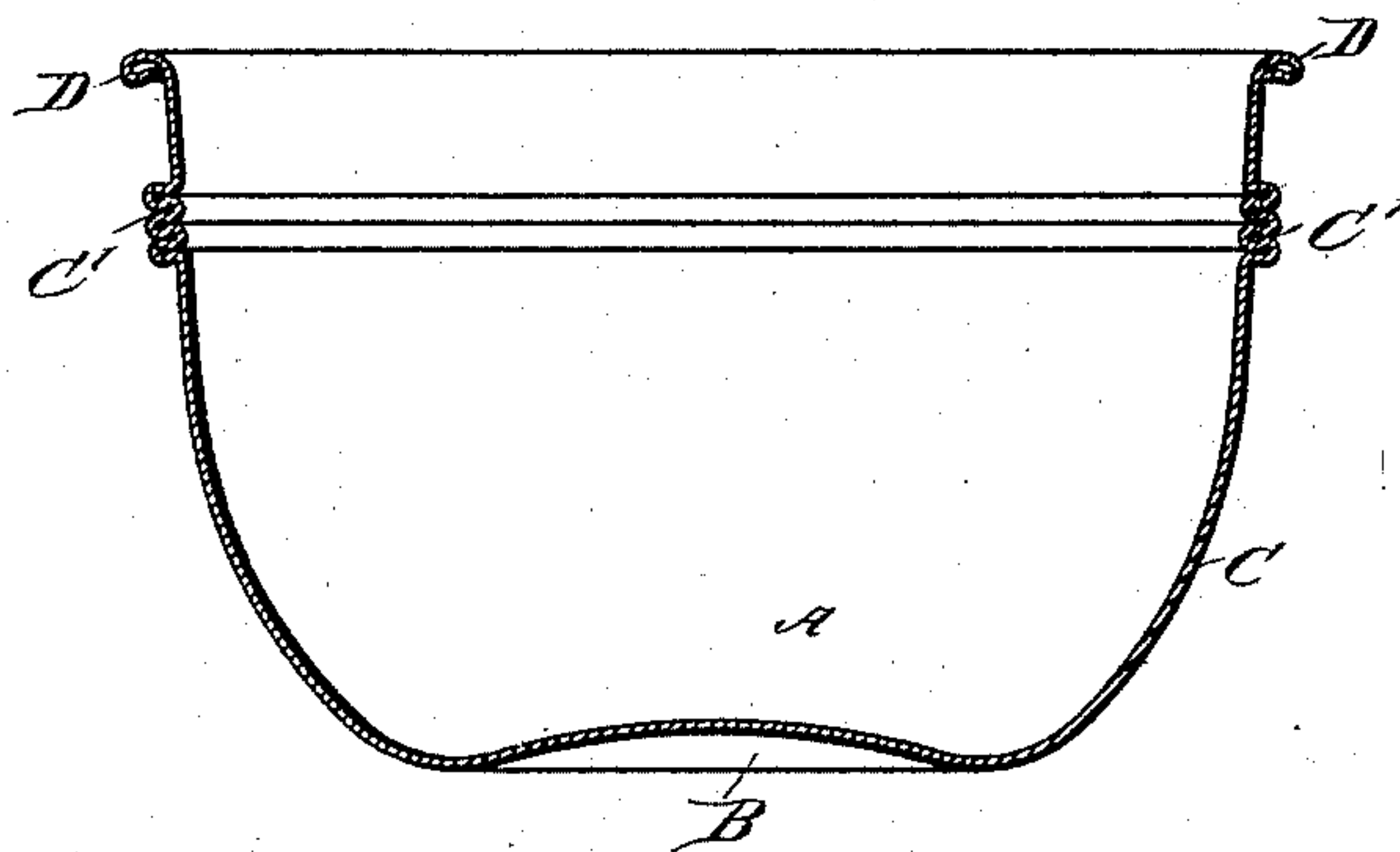
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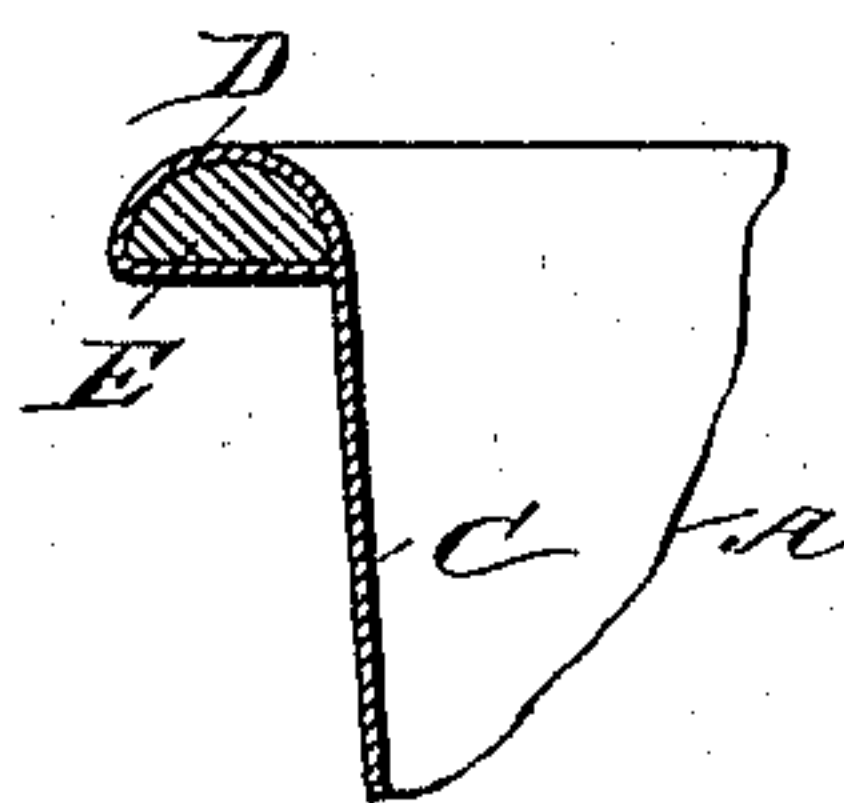
*Fig. 1,*



*Fig. 2,*



*Fig. 3.*



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## BASKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS BENNETT, of Schuyler, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Basket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved basket which combines durability and strength with lightness, can be cheaply manufactured and is more especially designed for use on farms, to form a desirable substitute for the ordinary willow basket now used.

The invention consists of a receptacle pressed or stamped from a single piece of sheet steel, and formed at its upper end with an outwardly extending rim adapted to be taken hold of as a handle.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional side elevation of the rim.

The basket is formed of a blank made of sheet steel, pressed, stamped or otherwise fashioned into a receptacle A, adapted to contain about one bushel, the said receptacle being designed to take the place of the baskets now in use as measures, upon farms and elsewhere. The receptacle A is formed with a curved, upwardly extending bottom B, and

with curved sides C strengthened near their upper ends by corrugations C', made annularly in the shape of folds laid one on the top of the other, as plainly indicated in Fig. 2.

The extreme upper end of the receptacle A is formed with an annular exterior flange D, preferably made semi-circular in cross section, and filled with wood E or other desirable material, the base of the semi-circle forming a convenient handle, to be taken hold of by the user to carry the basket from place to place. Large handles F may be secured by rivets or other means to the receptacle near the upper end thereof; that is, between the corrugations C' and the annular flange or rim D.

Now it will be seen that a basket constructed in this manner, combines durability and strength with lightness, as the material selected may be comparatively thin before being struck up into the desired shape.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a basket made from a single piece of sheet steel, pressed or stamped into form, and having at its upper end an integral outwardly extending hollow rim, a wooden strip arranged to fill the hollow of said rim, the curved sides of the basket being provided with a series of annular encircling folds laid one on the other, substantially as set forth.

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