

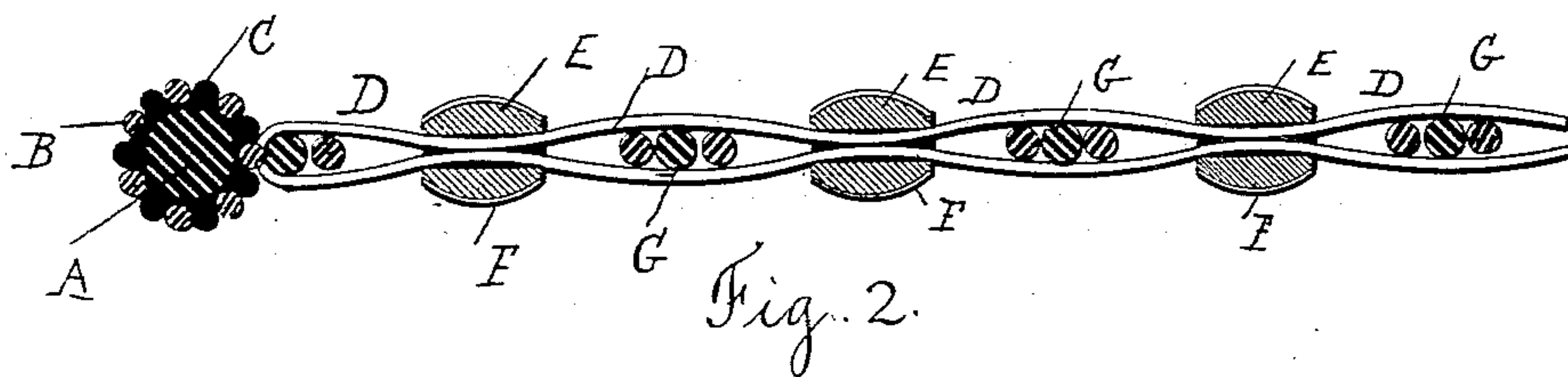
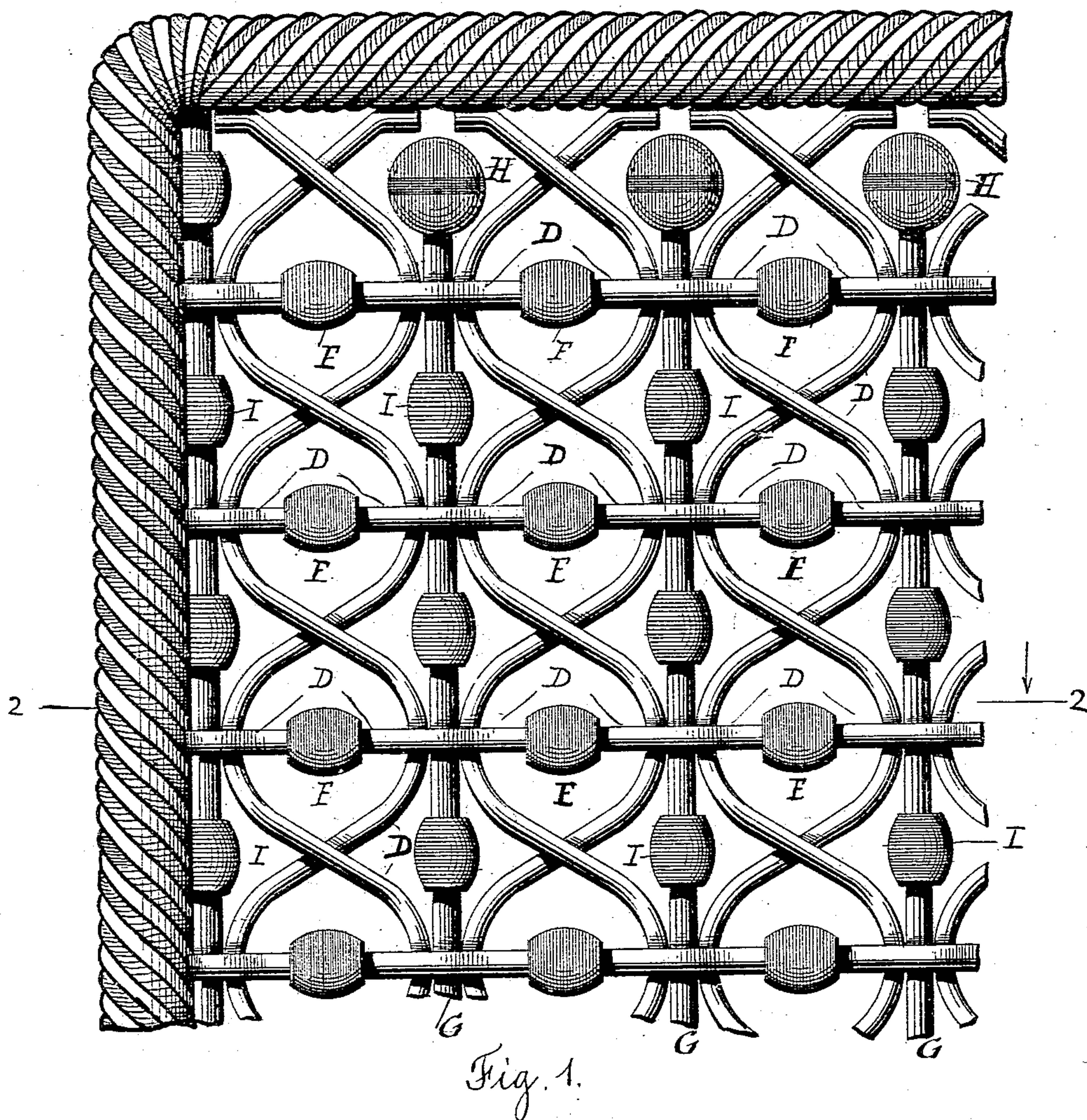
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. O'HEARN, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Gardner, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wicker-Work, of which the following is a specification.

The aim of this invention is to improve wicker-work.

To this end the invention consists in using balls, rings, blocks, or spindles covered with silk, cotton, wool, or jute, or any other desired fabric, in such wicker-work. The fabric that I use to cover these parts is preferably colored, so that these parts, in addition to performing the function of holding the wicker-work together, will give to the article constructed according to my invention a very ornamental and neat appearance.

My invention further consists of the details of construction hereinafter more particularly pointed out in this specification and referred to in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings one way in which my invention may be carried out is illustrated.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a piece of wicker-work constructed according to my invention, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings and in detail, A represents the outside frame or strip, which is made of rattan, reed, willow, bamboo, or wood. This strip is preferably bent to surround the wicker-work or may be made of straight pieces surrounding the same. This strip or frame is then wound with strands. These strands consist of strips B, of reed, rattan, willow, or any other suitable wicker-work, and cords C, preferably of silk, of about the same size. This will give a very ornamental and neat appearance to this part of the wicker-work.

D represents the usual reed, rattan, or willow work, which is woven together in any desired manner, and which is held together by means of balls, rings, blocks, or spindles, which are so arranged that two strands will pass through each piece. These balls, rings, blocks, or spindles are wound or covered with fabric E, preferably silk of an ornamental pattern, whereby these parts, in addition to

forming the means whereby the wicker-work can be easily woven and whereby the wicker-work will be nicely held together, as shown, will give the work a very ornamental appearance.

G represents suitable spindles, which are interwoven in the wicker-work, and the ends of these spindles may have balls H placed thereon, which also are preferably wound with a colored fabric. Also placed on said spindles are the balls or blocks I, which are also wound with an ornamental fabric.

My construction is applicable to chairs, baskets, hampers, carriages, easels, picture-frames, frieze or grill work, coffins, screens, doors, lounges, settees, divans, sofas, paper-racks, hat-racks, bric-a-brac, desks, bureaus, bedsteads, or to any construction where wicker-work can be used.

In the claims I refer generally to the balls, rings, blocks or spindles used to hold the wicker-work together by the term "joining-pieces."

The details herein shown and described may be varied by a skilled mechanic without departing from the scope of my invention as expressed in the claims.

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

1. The combination of woven wicker-work and joining-pieces holding the same together, through each of which two strands of the wicker-work pass, said joining-pieces being covered with ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

2. The combination with wicker-work of a surrounding frame consisting of the piece A wound with strands composed of reed, willow or rattan, and ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

3. The combination in wicker-work of the spindles G woven therein, and balls H on the ends thereof, said balls being covered with ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

4. The combination of the spindles G and blocks or balls I thereon, said blocks or balls being covered with an ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

5. The combination in wicker-work of the strip A wound with strands composed of reed, willow or rattan and ornamental fabric, join-

ing-pieces holding the wicker-work together, said joining-pieces being covered with an ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

6. The combination in wicker-work of the
5 strip A wound with strands composed of reed, willow or rattan and an ornamental fabric, joining-pieces holding the wicker-work together covered with an ornamental fabric, and the spindles G woven into the wicker-
10 work, and having balls placed thereon, said

balls being covered with an ornamental fabric, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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