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Fig. 1.

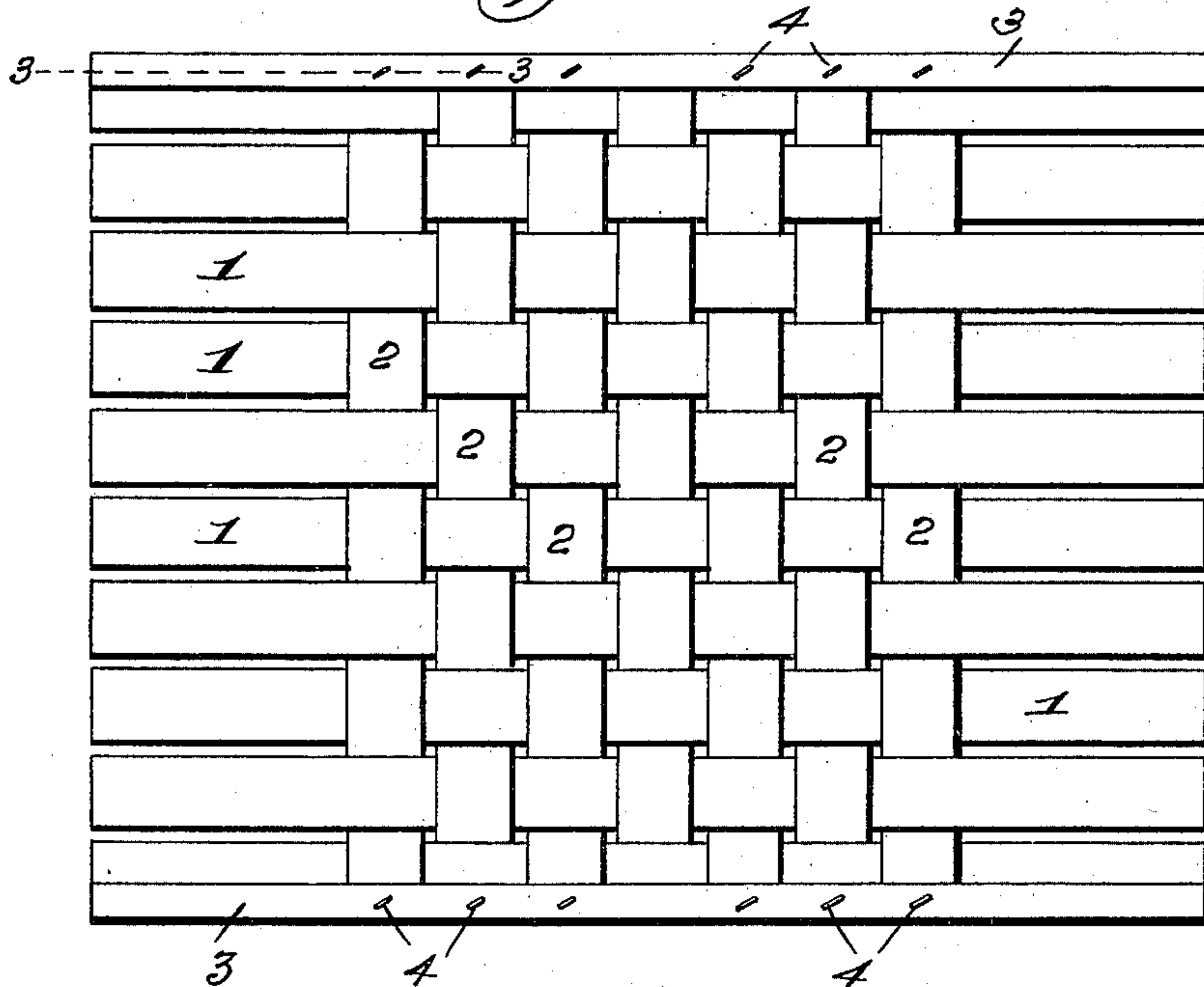


Fig. 2.

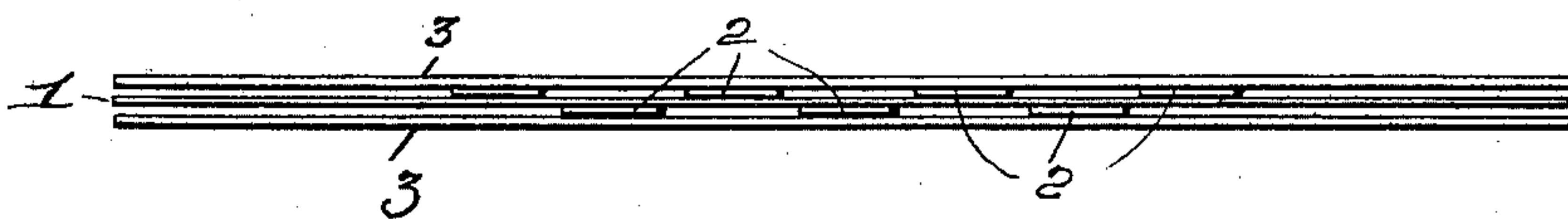
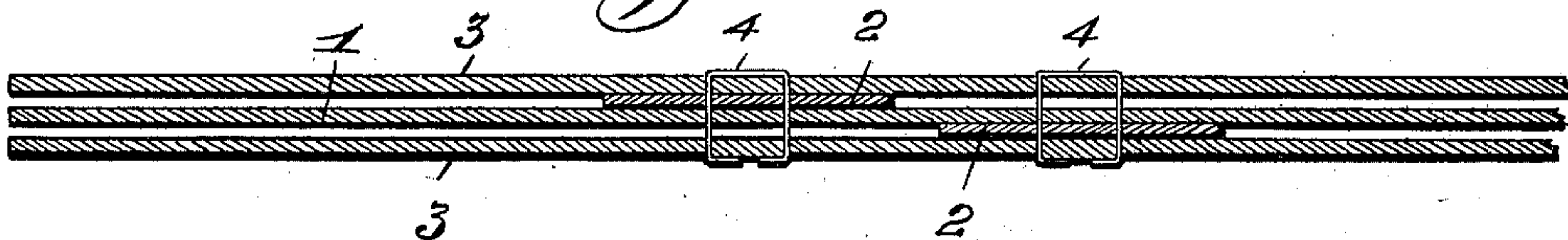


Fig. 3.



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BASKET-WEB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOS L. WALKER, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Basket-Webs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to basket-webs; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the basket-web as contemplated by my invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the web. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken approximately on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

In the construction of the web a plurality of thin splints 1 of equal length are arranged parallel with each other at slight distances apart, and woven at a right angle into said splints 1 are the transverse splints 2, the same being of equal length, and the ends of said transverse splints terminate at the edges of the outer pair of splints 1. The ends of the splints 1 extend an equal distance beyond each of the outer pair of transverse splints 2, said extended ends being interwoven to form the ends of the completed basket. Arranged upon each side of the outer edge of each of the outer ends of the splints 1 are the flexible bands 3, preferably of wood, the same being equal in length to the splints 1, approximately half as wide as said splints, and slightly thicker than the same. These bands 3 are secured to the splints 1 and to the ends of the transverse splints 2 by means of staples 4 or in any suitable manner.

It is my intention to make up the webs in large quantities and ship them knocked down, as shown in Fig. 1, to basket dealers and users of baskets—for instance, to fruit merchants and the like—said webs to be fashioned into baskets by the users, it only being necessary to bend the web into the shape of a basket and interweave the ends of the web

and secure the ends of the reinforcing-bands 3 together by tacks or staples at the center of the ends of the basket.

The ends of the central one of the transverse splints 2 are not secured to the bands 3 until after the basket has been formed and the ends of the basket-handle have been inserted between the bands 3 at the point where said central transverse strip joins with said band.

A basket-web of my improved construction may be easily and quickly woven, and as the bands 3 are permanently fixed to the edges of the web it is not necessary to locate a band upon the form on which the basket is finished before said web is located thereon, and therefore much time and labor are saved in the construction and formation of a basket.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture, a rectangular knockdown basket-web having four square corners and constructed with a plurality of longitudinally-extending splints 1 of equal length, a plurality of transversely-arranged splints 2 interwoven at right angles to the first-mentioned splints, and the reinforcing-bands 3 permanently secured to each side of the outer pair of splints 1 and to the ends of the transverse splints but with their ends free, whereby the said web may be bent into the form of a rectangular basket having square corners, and the ends of the said strips may extend and be interwoven at right angles to form the ends of the basket and secured to the said reinforcing-bands after said last-mentioned operation, the adjacent ends of said reinforcing-bands at each end of the basket being united at the center of the latter, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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