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Fig. 1

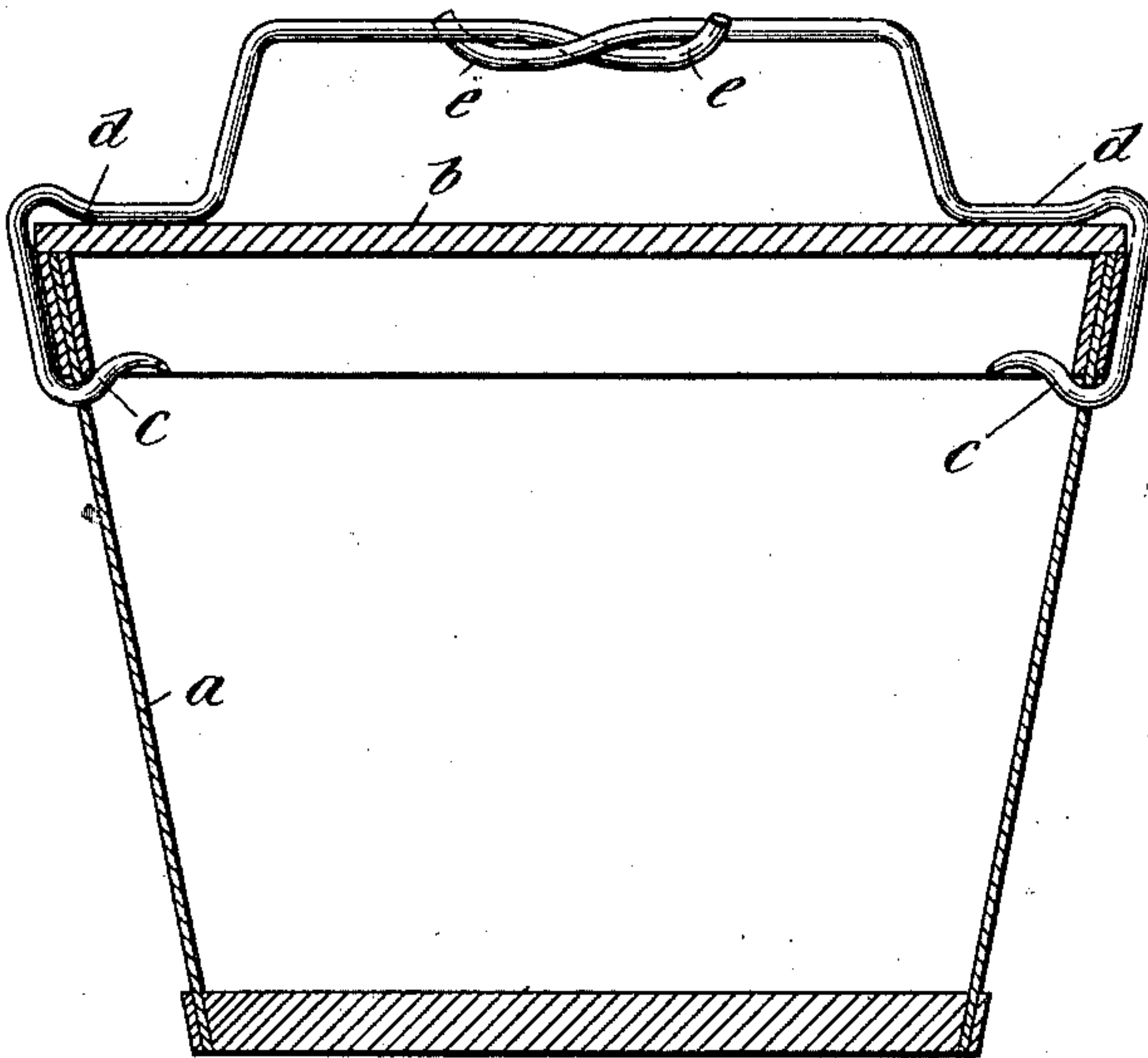
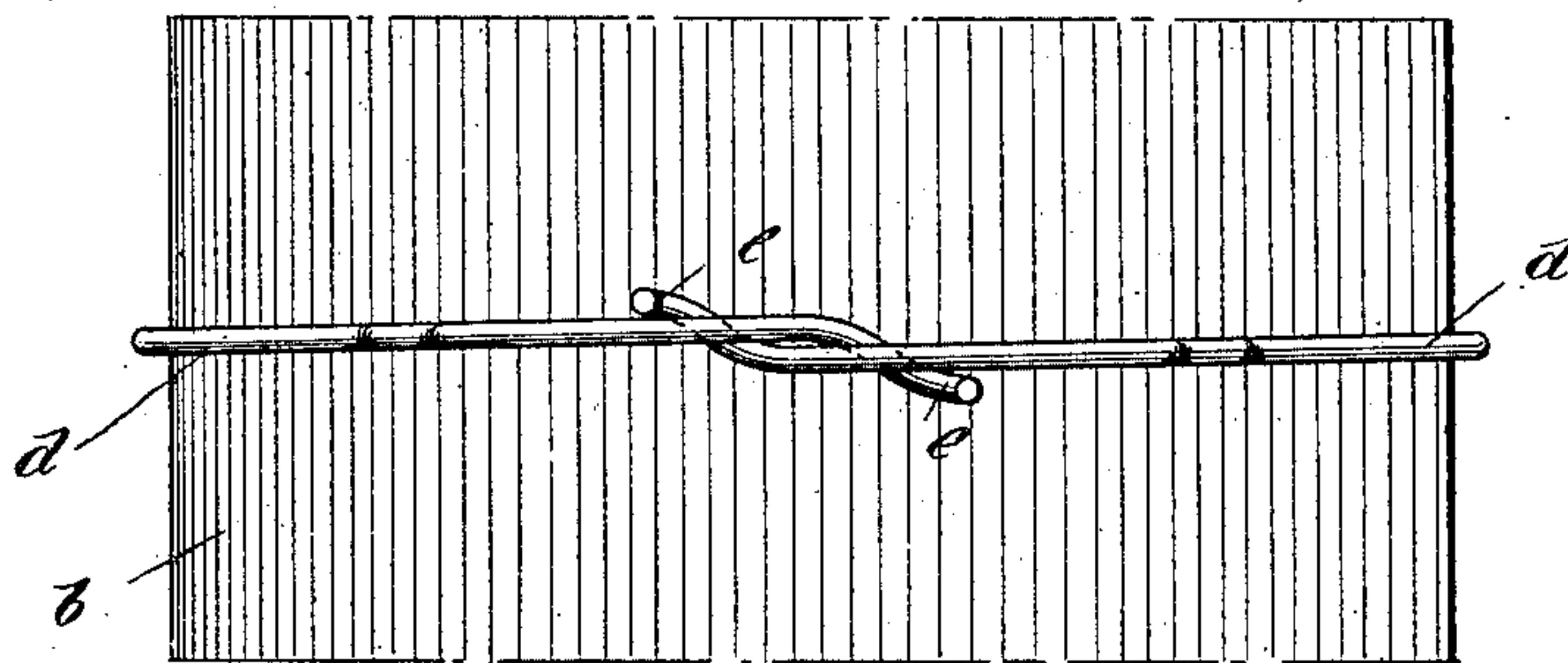


Fig. 2



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BASKET-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAJOR TUCKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brocton, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Basket-Handle, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The present invention relates to a handle for baskets, particularly those used for grapes and like fruit, which not only serves as a means for carrying the basket, but also as a clamp for holding the top in place.

This specification is a specific description of one form of the invention, while the claims are definitions of the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a cross-section of a basket, showing my invention applied; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the invention.

a indicates the basket, and *b* its top.

The handle is formed in two duplicate sections, each comprising a spur *c*, located at one end to engage the basket, a shoulder *d*, located intermediate the ends to bear down on the top, and a hook *e* at the other end, such hooks being adapted to engage together to connect the two sections of the handle.

In using the invention the spurs *c* are stuck in the sides of the basket, and the handle-sections are then turned inward to ride the shoulders *d* over the top *b*, thus clamping it firmly in closed position. Then the two hooked ends *e* of the handle-sections are interengaged, so as to connect the sections. This holds them firmly in place, so that they serve the twofold function of holding the top and furnishing a handle for the basket.

Various changes in the form and details of my invention may be resorted to at will without departing from the spirit of my invention. Hence I consider myself entitled to all forms of the invention as may lie within the intent of my claims.

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

1. A basket-handle, formed in two sections of spring material, each section having a spur at one end and a hook at the other end, and a shoulder intermediate the ends of the sections, the said spurs being arranged to enter the sides of the basket and the shoulders to bear on the top thereof, and the hooks being capable of interlocking to connect the sections together and also to place them under tension, whereby to cause the shoulders to bear down firmly on the cover.

2. A basket-handle formed in two sections of yielding material, each section having an intermediate part to bear on the basket-top and also having at its lower end means for engaging the basket, the upper ends of the sections being capable of interengagement whereby to connect the ends together and also to place them under tension whereby to cause the said intermediate parts of the sections to bear down firmly on the top of the basket.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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