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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

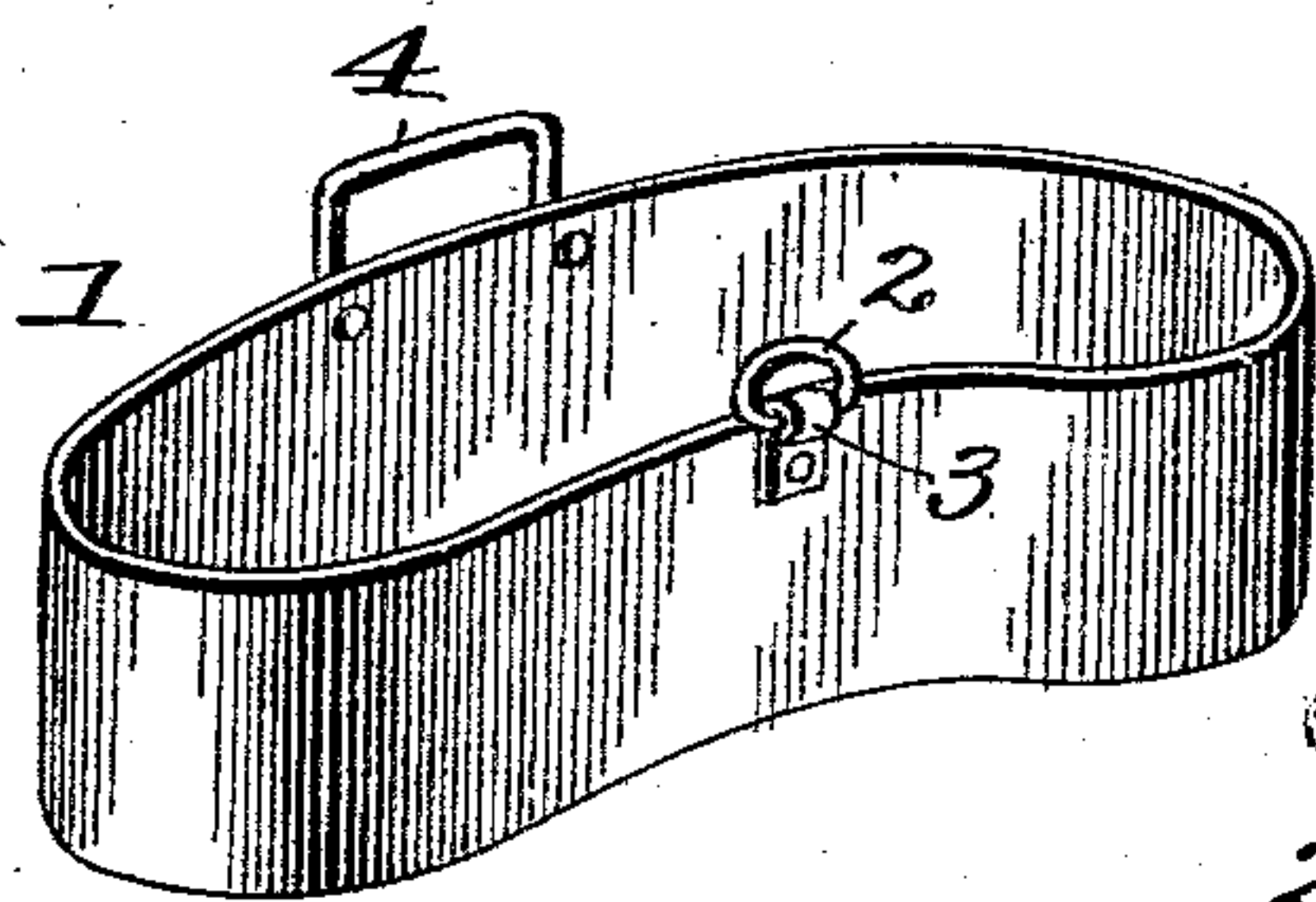


Fig. 4.

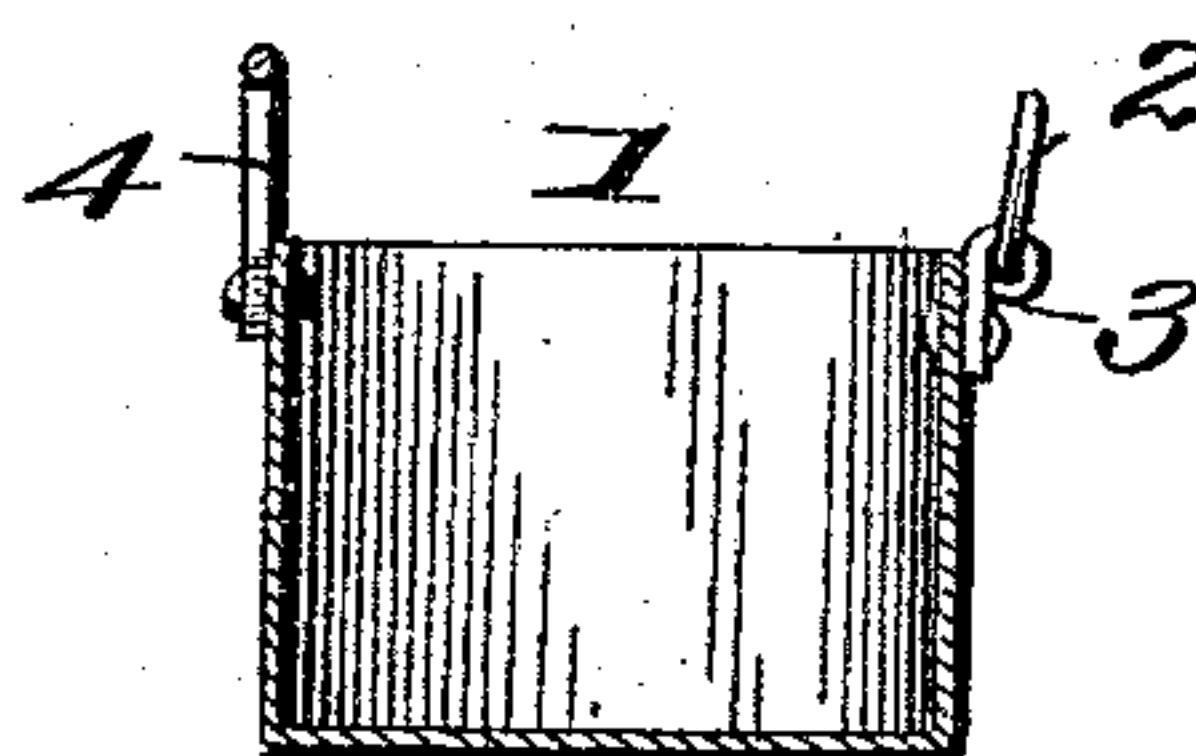
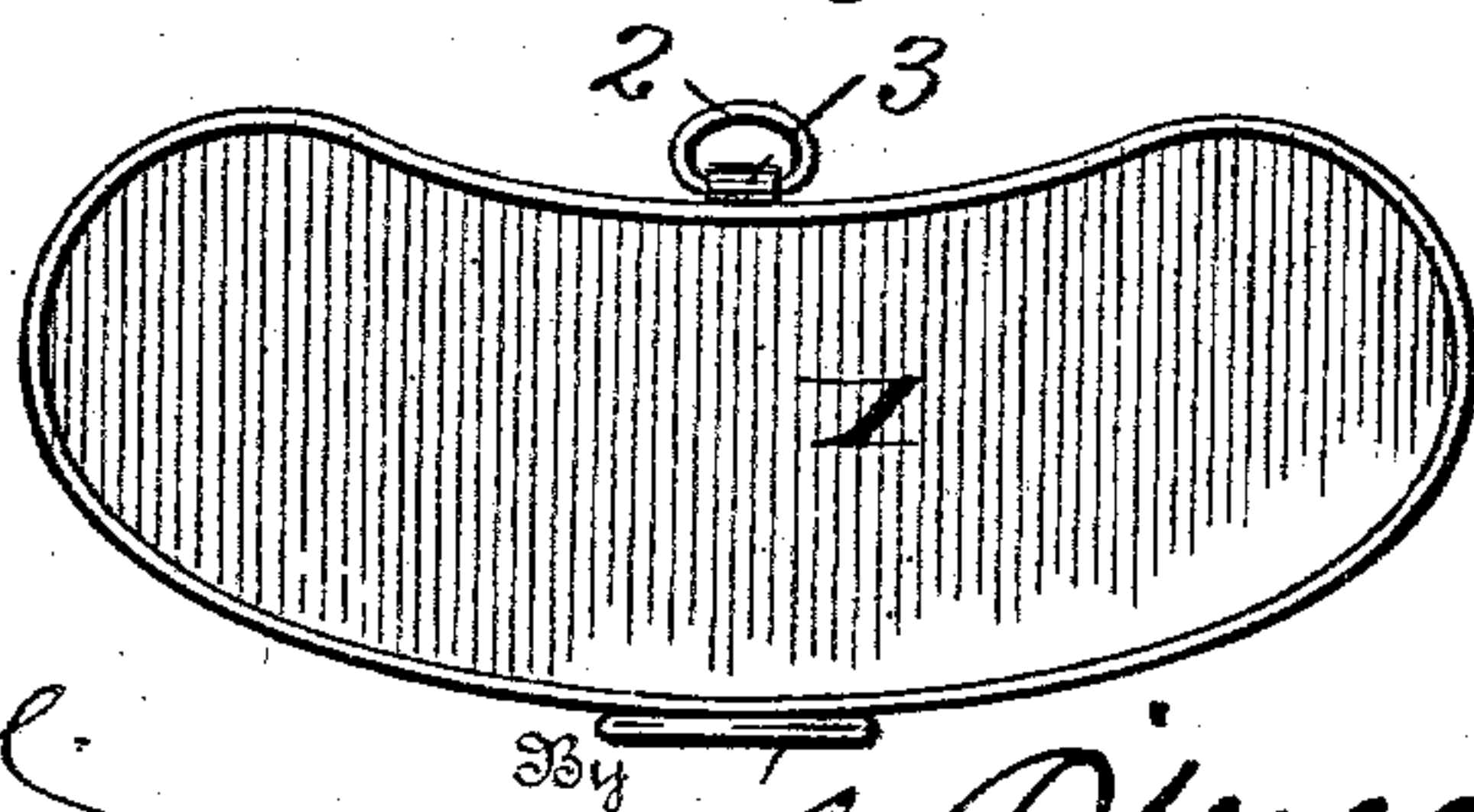


Fig. 3.



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## SEEDBOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD BASSETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dover, in the county of Morris and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Seedbox, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to seedboxes, and has for its object to produce a device of this kind which will be simple, cheap, and convenient; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts of a seedbox, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In sowing seed by hand, as must be frequently done, it is necessary that a receptacle be provided of such size as to contain a sufficient quantity of grain for sowing across the field and return and that the mouth of the same be permanently opened for the insertion and removal of the hand with the grain to be sown. It is also necessary that the receptacle be of such shape as to avoid hurting or chafing the body of the sower and also to be supported in a convenient position.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in each of the views in which they occur, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my seedbox in position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same without the means for supporting it. Fig. 3 is a top plan view. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the box or receptacle proper, which is preferably formed from zinc or other suitable material and may be of any suitable size, the one I have used being large enough to hold about one bushel of grain. The shape and dimensions of the box is of an elongated ellipse about thirty-two inches long, fifteen inches wide, and seven inches deep.

The box is preferably curved from end to end substantially in the form of a segment, with its ends rounded and its middle portion provided with means for supporting it at its upper edge. The supporting means on the inner curve is preferably restricted, as by means of a ring 2, which may be secured to the upper edge by means of a loop 3, and the supporting means at the outer edge is prefer-

ably rigid and elongated, as by means of the U-shaped handle 4, which is secured to the box in any desired manner, as by means of rivets. A loop or shoulder-strap 5 is connected to the ring on the inner edge by a snap-hook 6 and adapted to be passed over the shoulder when the box is in use.

By constructing the seedbox as above described the top is always open to permit of the instant insertion and withdrawal of the hand without having to stop, as may sometimes happen with the ordinary flexible-mouthed seed-bag, which is liable to be closed, and thereby prevent the insertion of the hand of the sower. By curving the box the inner side will rest against the side of the sower without chafing or causing soreness, and the rounded ends will avoid sharp corners, which would be objectionable as being liable to be caught on obstructions, as upon the cornstalks when using the box to sow broadcast in the corn-field. The restricted opening at the inner edge prevents the strap or loop from slipping toward one end or the other of the box, and thereby holds it substantially balanced, while the rigid and extended handle on the outer edge affords a good handhold for the operator, by means of which he can balance the box as the grain is removed from the forward end and to occasionally tilt the box, so as to throw the grain from the rear to the forward end, where it can be grasped more conveniently by the hand used in scattering the grain. This construction of the supports and of the curvature of the box and rounded ends permits of the box being used upon either side of the person, thereby adapting it for use with either a right or left handed operator and avoids tiring the hand used in supporting the outer edge of the box.

Although I have shown what I consider the most desirable form for constructing my improved seedbox, it is evident that changes and alterations could be made therein—as, for instance, the means for supporting the box could be formed directly in the sides, or the upper edge could be beaded, and the portion of the bead or wire at the central point could be extended above the top of the box to form the supports—and I reserve the right to make



all such changes and alterations therein as will come within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A seedbox comprising a curved segmental open-topped receptacle of rigid material, the outer upper edge of which is provided with a rigid handle arranged substantially midway of the length of the box, and a loop secured to the opposite upper edge substantially midway of its length, a ring secured in said loop, and a supporter for engaging with said ring.

2. In a seedbox, an elongated curved open-topped rigid receptacle, the ends of which are rounding and the central portion of the inner side being curved inwardly a bottom made to fit said sides, a rigid handle secured on the upper edge of the outer side substantially midway of its length and a loop having a ring loosely mounted therein, said loop being se-

cured to the upper edge of the inwardly-bent side midway of its length, and a hook for securing said loop to the restricted supporting means.

3. A seedbox comprising an elongated curved open-topped receptacle of rigid material, the ends of which are convex and the central portions of the inner and outer sides being concave and convex respectively, the convex side having a rigid handle secured to the upper edge midway of its length, the concave side having a loop secured thereto and a ring held in the loop, said loop being secured to the box directly opposite the rigid handle, and means for supporting said box by said ring.

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