

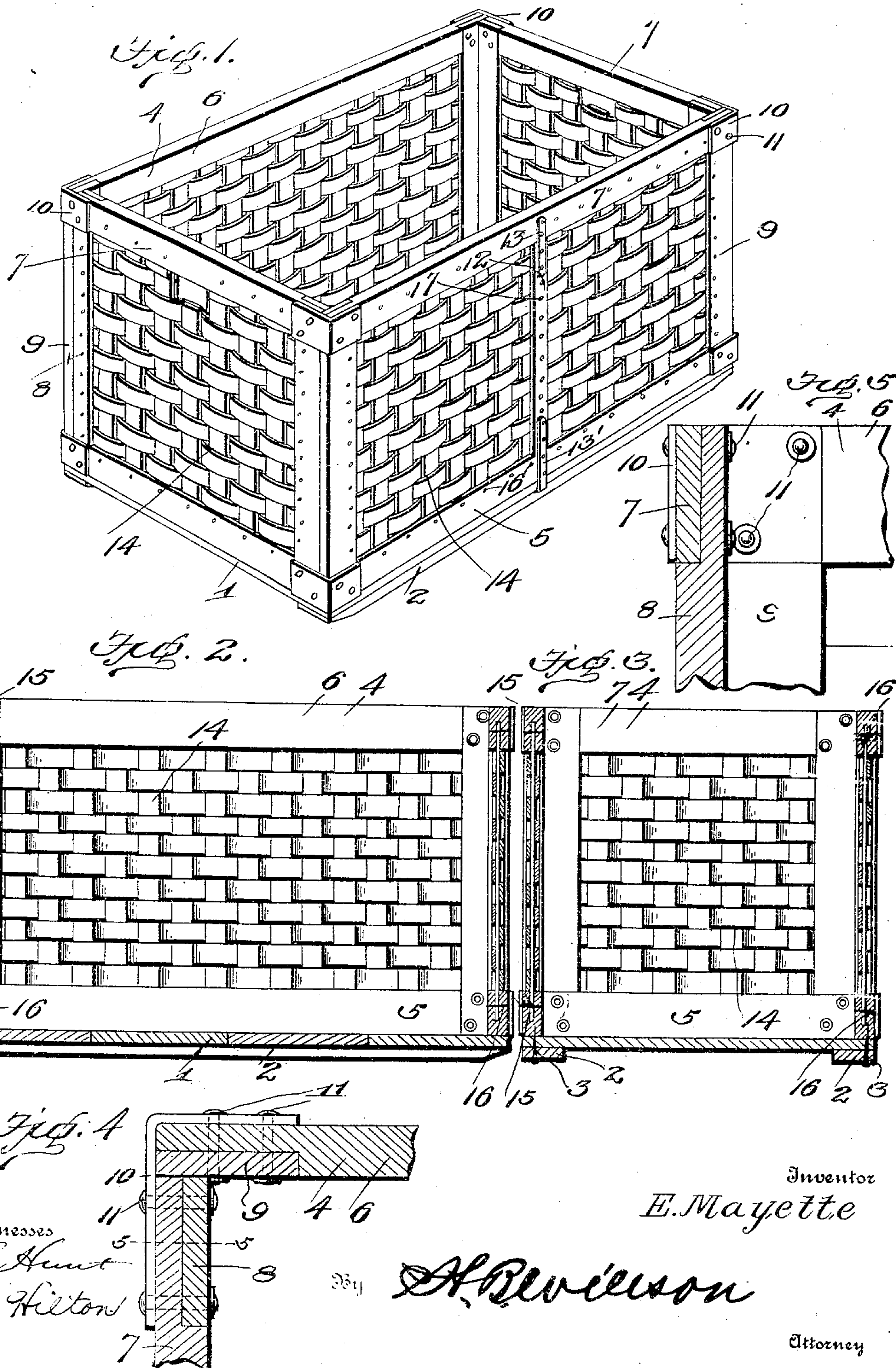
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDGAR MAYETTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canisteo, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Crates or Baskets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a novel and improved construction of crate or basket.

The object of the invention is to provide a crate or basket, and particularly a laundry-basket, which shall be simple of construction and light in weight and yet possess great strength and durability.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a laundry-basket embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section through one of the corners, and Fig. 5 is a vertical section on line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, 1 represents the bottom of the basket, composed of transverse boards resting on sill-strips 2, the boards and strips being united to each other and to the base of the body of the basket by nails or other suitable fastenings 3.

4 is an upper rectangular frame forming the top rail or rim of the basket, and 5 a lower rectangular frame forming the base of the body of the basket, each of said frames being composed of side and end strips 6 and 7, which are halved at their ends to lap joint with the halved ends of corner-strips 8 and 9, the inner side edges of the end corner-strips 8 being arranged to abut against the inner side faces of the side corner-strips 9. The two frames and corner-strips are bound at the corners by angular braces 10 and connecting bolts or rivets 11. The bottom boards 1 and sills 2 are

secured to the frame 5 by the fastenings 3, and, if desired, the two frames 4 and 5 may be reinforced by braces 12, extending beneath the side strips 6 and connected thereto and to the bottom 1 by the metallic straps 13 13', secured in position by appropriate fastenings.

The sides and ends of the basket are formed by providing between the two frames 4 and 5 and corner-strips 8 and 9 a filling consisting of woven material 14—such as interlaced strips of ratan or veneering or metallic strips or a composite structure, as desired—the said strips 4, 5, 8, and 9 being grooved, as at 15, to receive the edges of the said woven material, which is secured thereto against displacement by nails or like fastenings 16. Rivets or other preferred fastenings 17 may also connect the woven material with the braces 12.

A crate or basket constructed in the manner above described is light, strong, and durable, is comparatively inexpensive of production, may be easily manufactured, sold at low cost, and possesses great strength and durability. By reason of the interlocking connection of the corner, side, and end strips and application of the angular braces 10 the basket is made particularly strong at the points where the ordinary basket is weakest, and thus is adapted to withstand greater strain.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood, it is thought, without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

A basket comprising a bottom, a bottom frame secured to said bottom, a top frame, the said bottom and top frames being composed of side and end pieces halved at their ends on their inner sides, said side and end pieces being formed with grooves, halved corner-pieces interlocked with the said side and

end pieces of the frames, the edge of one corner-piece abutting the inner face of the other corner-piece, angular corner-braces, fastenings passing through said braces and halved  
5 portions of the corner-pieces and tying the interlocking parts together, and sides of woven material filling the spaces between the frames and end pieces and having their edges fitting in the said grooves in the side and end

pieces and secured therein, substantially as is described.

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

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