

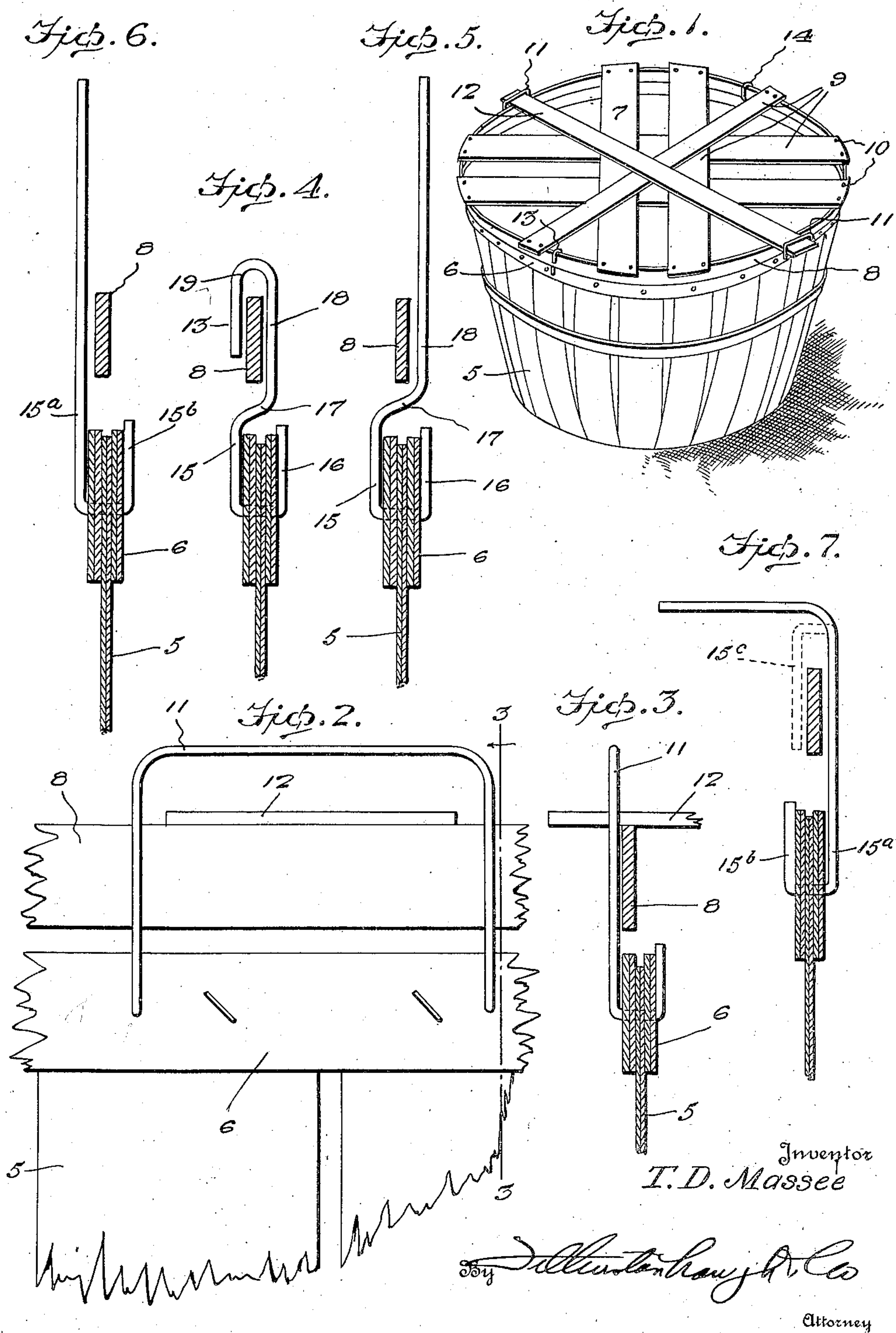
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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, THOMAS D. MASSEE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in baskets of the type used for shipping fruit and vegetables and the object of the invention is to provide improved and economical means for securely holding together the cover and body portions of a basket of this type.

Other objects of the invention, as well as the particular construction, combination and arrangement of parts, will be more readily understood from the following description and accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a basket constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary side view of the basket showing one of the retaining cleats and handle loops forming part of the means for securing the cover and body portions of the basket together.

Fig. 3, is a view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Figs. 4 and 5 are sectional views taken through the body and cover portions of the basket and illustrating a wire fastening means constituting an important part of the present invention; and

Figs. 6 and 7 are views similar to Figs. 4 and 5, illustrating a modified form of wire fastening means.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 5 designates the body portion of a basket which is provided, at its upper edge, with a suitably reinforced rim 6. The cover member, designated generally at 7, is formed of a rim or hoop 8 and a plurality of slats 9 which extend across the said rim or hoop and are securely held thereto as indicated at 10.

The said body member 5 is further provided with two diametrically opposite handle loops 11, extending upwardly therefrom and receiving the ends of a fastening cleat 12 overlying the cover part 7.

At points intermediate the handle loops 11, the body member 5 and cover 7 are further secured together by a pair of diametrically opposite wire fastening devices designated generally by the numerals 13 and 14.

In the preferred forms shown in Figs. 4 and 5, each of said fastening devices comprises a single length of wire 15 having its lower end directed inwardly through the body rim 6 and then bent upwardly to lie against the inner side of said rim, as indicated at 16. At an intermediate point, the wire is then offset to provide a portion 17 extending inwardly across the upper edge of the rim 6, together with a vertical portion 18 disposed to lie within the cover rim 8, as shown to advantage in Fig. 5, said vertical portion being then bent outwardly and downwardly to form a hook 19 overlying the rim 8 for securing the same in place.

In the modified form shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the single length of wire designated 15^a has its lower end directed inwardly through the rim 6 and then bent upwardly to lie against the inner side of the rim as indicated at 15^b. In this form, the vertical portion of the wire lying outside of the rims 6 and 8 is adapted to be bent inwardly and downwardly over the said rim 8 as indicated at 15^c by dotted lines in Fig. 6.

Having thus fully described my invention, it will be understood that I do not desire to be limited to the exact details of construction and arrangement of parts herein disclosed, but reserve the right to resort to such modifications as may be later found desirable, provided, of course, that the same come within the scope and spirit of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A basket comprising a body portion provided with a rim, a cover portion provided with a rim for overlying the rim of the body portion and means for securing said portions together including a single strand of wire having its lower end anchored to the body rim with an intermediate portion of the wire passing between the opposing edges of the rims and the upper portion of the wire formed into a hook overlying the cover rim in embracing engagement therewith.

2. A method for securing together the cover and body portions of a basket consisting in passing the ends of a single length of wire in opposite directions through the said portions and bending the oppositely directed ends into hook form.

3. A method of securing together the body and cover portions of a basket consisting in passing the lower end of a single length of

wire through the body portion adjacent the upper edge of the latter, bending the said end of the wire upwardly toward the said edge, bending the wire at an intermediate
5 point to provide an offset passing inwardly across the upward edge of the body member and underlying the cover portion and then bending the portion of the wire above the offset to extend outwardly and downwardly over a part of the cover portion. 10

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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