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Basket.

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Fig. 1.

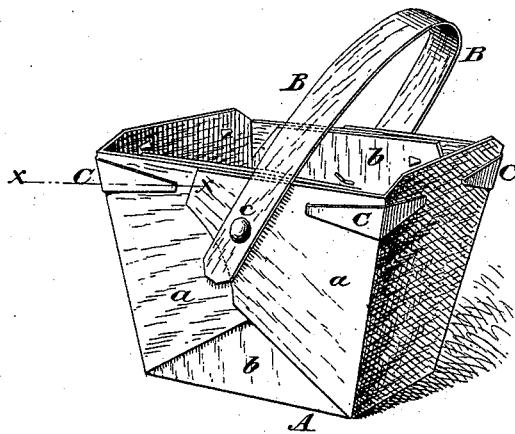
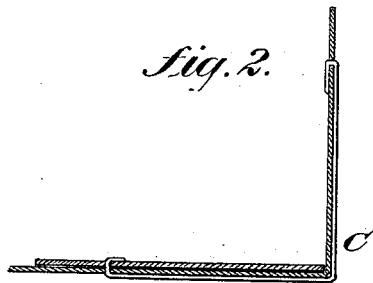


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC I. COLE, of Hillsdale, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Basket, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved basket. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on line *x x* through one of the corner-fastenings.

My invention consists in a basket made from a single piece of veneer or other similar material, cut so that when folded together at the ends it may be fastened at a single point, at which point a bail or handle is attached by a single nail or fastener, which serves the double purpose of a pivot for the handle and a fastener for securing the folded ends of the basket.

In the drawing, A is a basket formed from a single piece of material, preferably thin veneer. The material is cut and creased so that when it is folded the flaps *a*, which are a continuation of the side of the box, overlap each other on the end pieces *b*, which are a continuation of the bottom.

A bail or handle, B, is pivoted to the ends of the basket by passing through it, near its ends, suitable nails *c*, which also pass through

the flaps *a* and the end pieces *b*, and are bent or clinched to hold all of the parts together.

C is a corner-fastener, which consists of a strip of metal widest in the middle and tapering toward each end. Holes are made in the sides of the basket, and the ends of the fastener are bent inward at a right angle, passed through the holes, and bent down inside of the basket. This device greatly strengthens the corners of the baskets and prevents them from splitting or tearing apart at the corners.

Baskets made on this plan may be packed very closely in nests by turning down the bail or handle, and placing one inside another. This basket is more particularly designed for temporary use for carrying packages from a grocery or market, or for putting up small packages of fruits or vegetables.

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

A basket whose ends and handle are secured by a single nail at each side, as shown and described.

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