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Basket.

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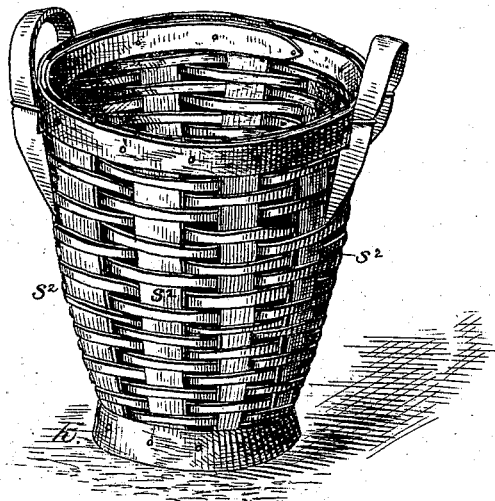


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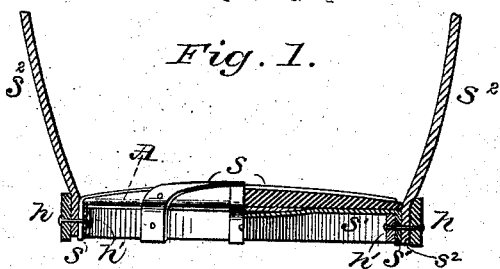


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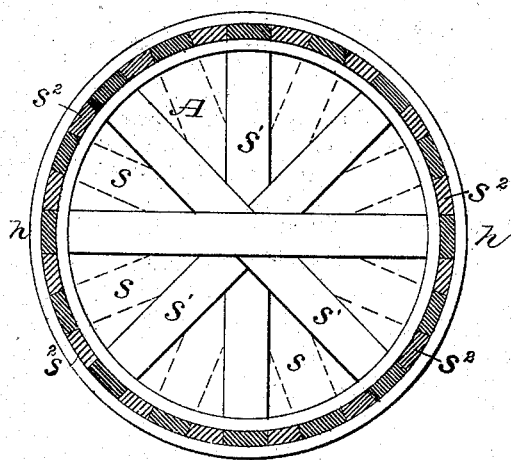
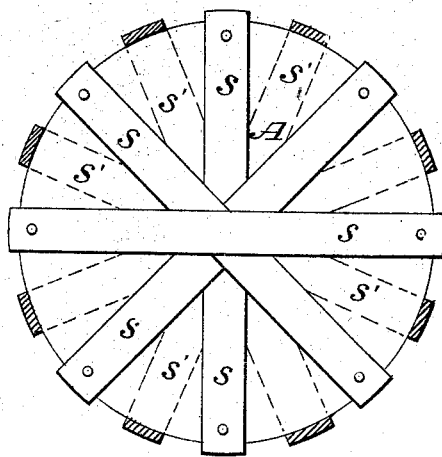


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS STEVENS, of the city of Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Baskets, which Improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a section of the bottom and sides. Fig. 2 is the under side of the bottom, showing top cross-slats in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is the upper side of the bottom, showing the under cross-slats in dotted lines; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the basket.

The object of my invention is to furnish an improved basket-bottom so constructed as to obviate the usual fault in baskets of being liable to be easily worn through on the bottom, and of soon getting out of shape by rough handling while heavily laden.

My invention consists in substituting a board bottom for the usual splint bottom, and securing it so as to raise it from the floor or ground, and also further supporting it by slats above and below, as hereinafter shown and described.

In the drawings, A is the board bottom; $s s^1$,

the cross-slats; h , the outside hoop, and h' the inside hoop; $s^2 s^2$, the upright slats of the basket, the lower ends of which are inserted between the bottom hoops, $h h'$, and secured thereto. The cross-slats $s s$ are drawn tightly across the top of the bottom board and nailed to the inside hoop h' , and are also further secured by being fastened between the inside and outside hoops. The slats $s^1 s^1$ across the bottom of the board are also secured between the hoops. The board bottom, being supported by the inside hoop, is kept from contact with the floor or ground, and, while it strengthens the basket and keeps it in shape, is not liable to be easily worn out.

I claim—

In a basket, the combination of the bottom board, A, cross-slats $s s$ and $s^1 s^1$, and upright slats $s^2 s^2$, all the slats being secured between the outer hoop, h , and inner hoop, h' , substantially as shown and described.

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