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Basket,

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Fig. 1.

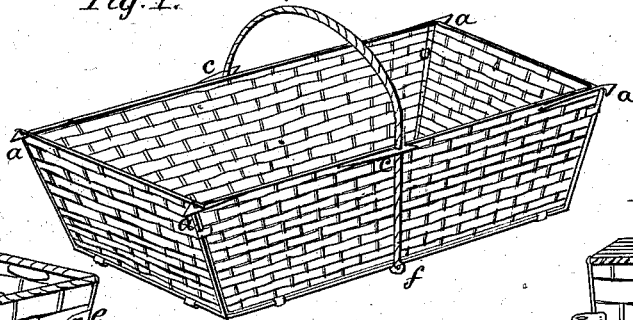


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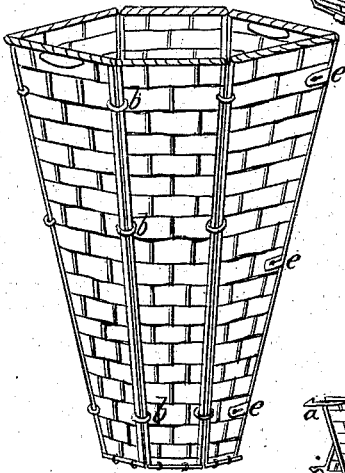


Fig. 4.

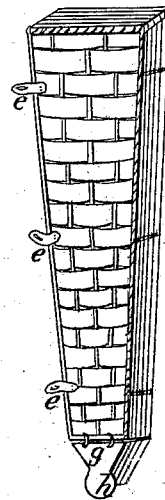


Fig. 2.

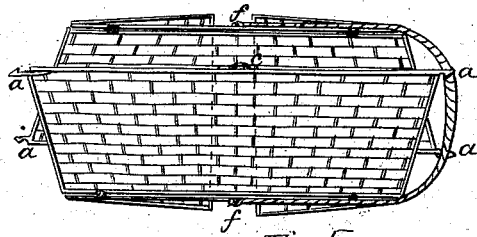
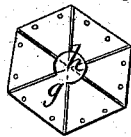


Fig. 5.



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IMPROVED BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THERON R. SHERRY, of the city of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Baskets; and I hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the drawings accompanying this specification, and which make part of the same.

The nature of my improvement consists in constructing the basket in parts and so joining those parts that when the basket is not in use it can be folded together convenient for carriage or storage.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a basket set up for use; Fig. 2, the same basket folded together. Fig. 3 shows a peach-basket; Fig. 4, the same folded. Fig. 5 is the bottom of the same.

The sides, ends, bottoms, and lids, if lids are required, are made of any ordinary basket material. There can be wire frames covered with canvas, wickers, or splints, as may be preferred, for various uses, or be frames of wicker or cane. Market-baskets have their sides and ends joined to the bottom in the ordinary manner in which basket-makers loop their work together, with the material of which the basket is made,

and are held in shape for use by the hooks *a* at the corners and by the handle, which is held in place by the spring-hooks *c* on the sides of the basket. The handle, being hinged to the bottom at *f*, turns down when the basket is folded.

In vegetable or peach baskets the square or the more convenient hexagonal form can be used, all the joints but one being secured with permanent hinges, as at *b*, Fig. 3, and the one by hooks or straps, as at *e*. The bottom can be of one piece separate from the sides, or in sections hinged to the lower end of the sides, as at *g*, Fig. 4, the points entering between the two plates *h*, (the upper one alone being shown,) that are fast to one of the sections. By these means pocket dinner-baskets can be made that, when empty, need not be carried by hand. Peach and vegetable baskets can be more conveniently carried when empty and stored in less room when not in use.

What I claim, and desire to secure, is—

Folding baskets constructed in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

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