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Fruit Basket.

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Fig. 1.

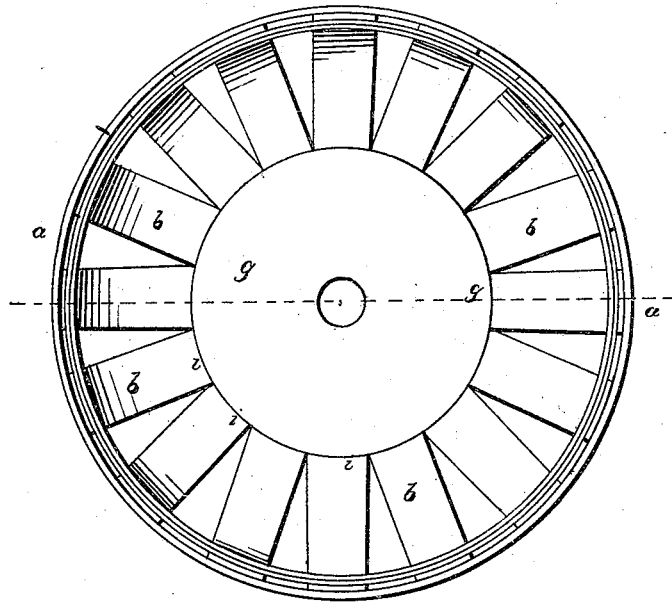
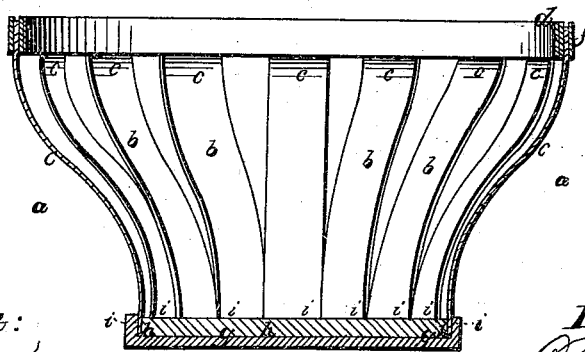


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, P. B. SHELDON, of Prattsburg, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fruit-Basket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in the method of securing the lower ends of the slats forming the sides of the basket to the bottom piece, and this irrespective of shape, although the drawings represent a basket of the usual shape, round in its horizontal section.

The slats at their lower ends are pressed against the rim, which projects upwardly from the margin of the bottom board by means of a disk or annular piece, which is forced down against them and which clamps them against the said rim.

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of the fruit-basket. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, *b b* are the side slats of the basket, being secured at their upper ends, *c*, between the hoops *d* and *f* on their

inner and outer sides, respectively, and which form the upper edge or rim of the basket.

g is the bottom of the basket, being made by choice of wood and having a rim, *i*, which projects upwardly, so as to form a circular vertical wall or surface, against which the lower ends, *l*, of the slats are secured by pressing in a disk or annular plate, *h*, which, impinging against the inner sides of the slats, thrusts them outwardly and clamps them against the rim *i* of the bottom board. The slats are there otherwise secured, according to their character, quality, or ultimate purpose, by glue, nails, rivets, or in any other suitable manner.

The basket may be made of any suitable material and of the required shape—polygonal, square, round, or oval—the characteristic rim and central pressure-piece being preserved.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as an improved article of manufacture—

A fruit-basket made substantially as herein described.

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