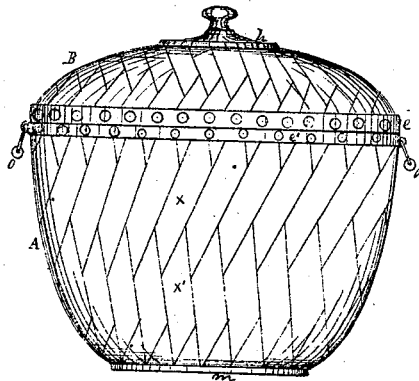


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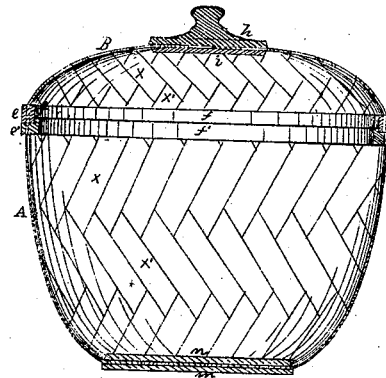
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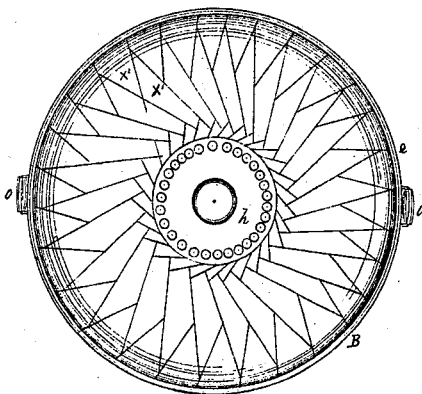
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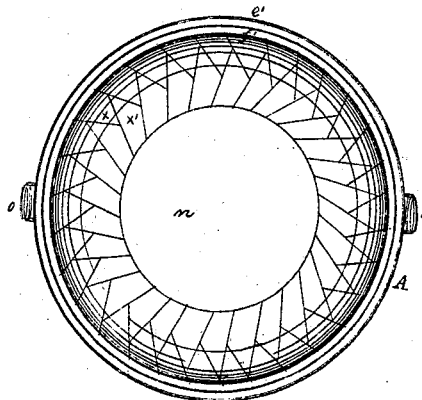
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-BASKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **107,446**, dated September 20, 1870.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, LEANDER CARMAN and ALEXANDER C. CARMAN, both of McCoy's Station, in the county of Jefferson and State of Ohio, have invented a new article of manufacture—viz., a Basket for Clothes, &c.; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of our invention consists in a new article of manufacture—viz., a basket for clothes and other articles, said basket being constructed by the underlapping and overlapping of strips of wood arranged at an oblique angle to each other, and secured by bands, center pieces, and rivets or nails, substantially as hereinafter described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make our new article of manufacture, we will proceed to describe more fully its construction.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms part of our specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of our basket, as a new article of manufacture. Fig. 2 is a transverse and vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same. Fig. 4 is a top view of the basket when the lid is removed.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents the body of the basket. B represents its lid. The strips *x* and *x'* are made of any suitable wood, and of the desired width and thickness, and then secured between the pieces *m* and *n* for body A, and between the pieces *h* and *i* for the lid, arranging the strips *x* so that they will be at an oblique angle to the strips *x'*.

The strips are then secured between the pieces *h* and *i* when for lid B, or between the pieces *m* and *n* when for the body A, by means of rivets or nails. The strips are then wove so as to overlap and underlap each other, and form a double thickness throughout each part of the basket. The strips *x* and *x'* are finally secured between the flanges or bands *e* and *f'* for the lid, and between the flanges *e'* and *f'* for the body, said flanges or bands being so arranged with relation to each other that band *e* of the lid will fit over the band *f'* of the body, thereby forming a bearing for the lid upon the body of the basket. The handles *o* are secured to the band *e'* of the body of the basket.

The advantage of constructing a basket as hereinbefore described consists in the double thickness of the strips when wove in the basket, and the combination of the strips with the center pieces, bands, and rivets, whereby strength and durability is obtained.

Having thus described the nature and construction of our improvement, what we claim as of our invention is—

A new article of manufacture—viz., the hereinbefore-described basket and its lid, constructed of strips overlapping and underlapping each other, and arranged at an oblique angle to each other, and held together by center pieces, bands, and rivets, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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