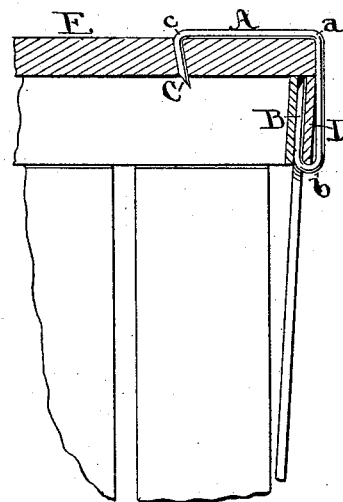
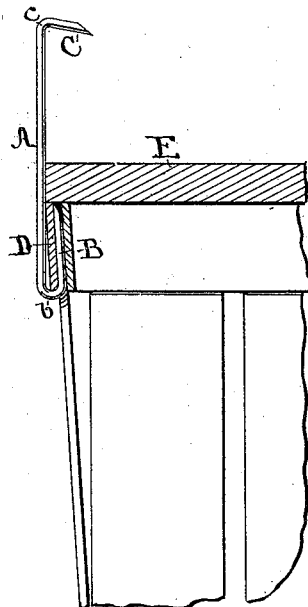
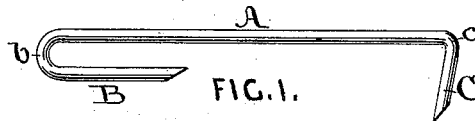


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IMPROVEMENT IN BASKET-COVER FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM I. WINNE, of the city and county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device for Fastening Covers to Baskets, &c., of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my device; Fig. 2, the same, showing the manner of applying it to a basket before the cover is secured; and Fig. 3, the same, showing the manner of securing the cover.

This invention relates to devices for fastening the covers of baskets; and it consists in the combination, with a box and its cover, of a metallic bar bent to form at one end a close hook, bent again rectangularly near the middle, bent again near the other end at an acute angle, and provided with a sharp point for entering the top of the cover.

As shown in the drawings, A is the fastening device, which I preferably make of Bessemer-steel wire, cut at a sharp angle at each end.

A hook, B, for attaching the device to the basket, is formed at one end by giving the wire a return bend or bight at *b*. At the opposite end the wire receives another bend, at *c*, for forming the point C for driving into the basket-cover. This point extends from the same side that the hook B does, and it is made by bending the wire to form an angle of about eighty degrees with the body of the device, which angle I find in practice to be the one best suited for the purpose of drawing the device snugly to its place.

In applying the device the hook B is first inserted beneath the hoop or band D of the basket, as shown in Fig. 2. The body of the device is then bent, as at *a*, Fig. 3, over the upper edge of the wooden cover E of the basket,

and the point C driven into said cover, as shown in Fig. 3.

To detach the device the point C is first pried out of the cover E, and the bend at *a* straightened out until the hook B freely slips from its place beneath the hoop D of the basket. After being removed the device may be repeatedly used upon the same basket or on different ones, as may be required.

This device may also be used for the purpose of securing the covers of paper band-boxes and other similar articles. When used for that purpose the hook B is inserted in the top of the cover, the body of the device extending down the side of the box, into which the point C is inserted, and is retained in place by the hold produced by its angle.

When the fastening-wire is applied the loop or hook B is inserted beneath the hoop or band D of the basket, its angle *a* fits on the corner edge of the same, and the oblique tip, terminating in the point C, is firmly embedded in the top of said cover. Any effort to forcibly separate the cover will be resisted by the wedge action of the said cover and tip, due to the inclined or oblique shape of the latter from the acute bend *c* to the point C.

I do not broadly claim a metallic bar or rod bent into shape for holding a basket-cover on a basket, being aware that such is not broadly new; but

What I do claim is—

In combination with a box and its cover E, a metallic bar, A, bent at *b* to form at one end the close hook B, bent again rectangularly near the middle at *a*, and having near the other end a bend, *c*, forming an acute angle, and having a sharp point, C, forced through the cover to complete a firm fastening.

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