

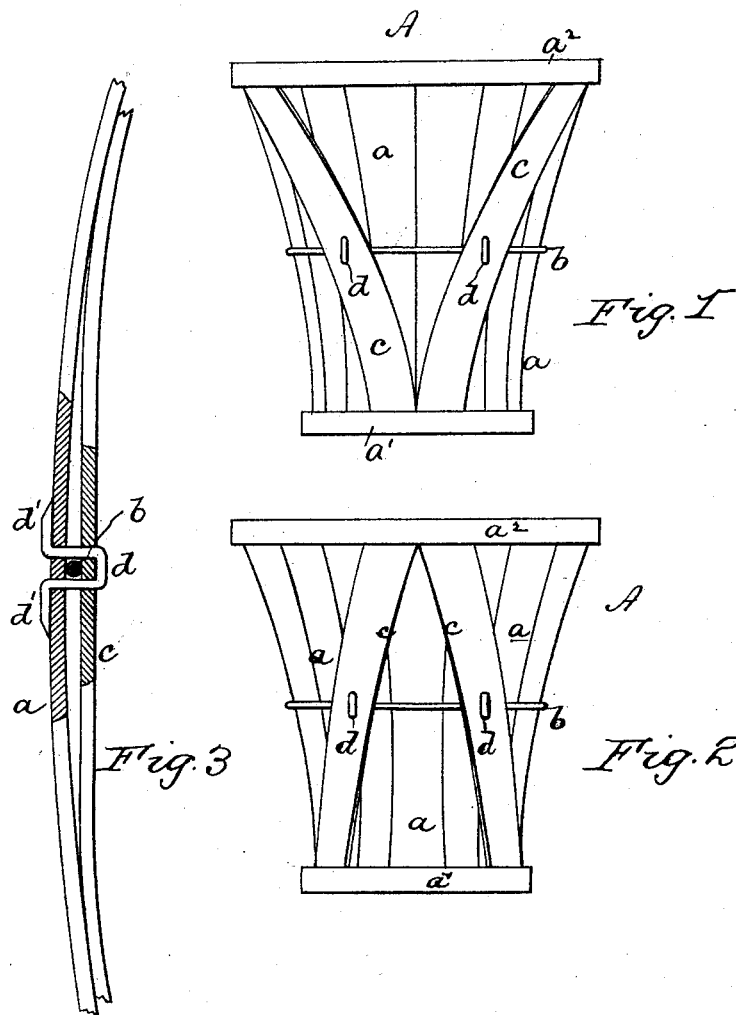
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH RIDGWAY, of Camden, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Truck-Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figures 1 and 2 are elevations from points of view at right angles one to another, showing a fruit or other basket embodying my improvements; and Fig. 3 is a detail vertical section drawn to an enlarged scale.

My invention has relation to baskets for holding fruit, vegetables, and other materials; and it has for its object to provide an inexpensive, light, but strong basket.

My invention accordingly consists of an ordinary fruit-basket, which is made of light staves having a bottom, and an upper and a lower edge wooden hoop or band, and a middle wire or metal hoop or band, and which is provided with outside re-enforcing staves running or placed diagonally from top to bottom of the basket, fastened at their ends by the top and bottom hoops for the basket, and at or near their middle by clamping double-pointed tacks or staples which straddle or inclose the wire or metal hoop encircling the middle of the basket.

In the drawings, A represents the basket; *a*, its vertical staves; *a'* and *a''*, its bottom and top edge bands or hoops, respectively; *b*, its middle wire or metal hoop or band, suitably clamped or fastened around the basket, as desired; and *c*, the outside re-enforcing-staves, which run or are placed diagonally from top to bottom of the basket, as shown.

The ends of the re-enforcing-staves *c* are caught or held by the top and bottom hoops, *a'* *a''*, and at their middle or line of hoop *b* they are tacked or fastened to staves *a* by double-pointed tacks or staples *d*, which straddle or embrace the hoop *b*, and have their ends *d'* turned down upon the inside of the staves *a*, as shown more plainly in Fig. 3, to firmly fasten the middle part of the re-enforcing staves and the hoop *b* to staves *a*, to make a light and inexpensive basket, which is exceedingly strong at its middle part, and is not liable, therefore, to bulge out or give way at that or any other part of it.

What I claim is—

1. A basket having outside re-enforcing staves, *c*, diagonally arranged from top to bottom of the basket, as set forth.

2. A basket having middle hoop, *b*, outside re-enforcing staves, *c*, diagonally arranged from top to bottom of the basket, and the fastening device *d*, for securing the same to the basket and holding said hoop *b* in position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A basket composed of staves *a* and hoops *a'* *a''*, middle hoop, *b*, and outside re-enforcing staves, *c*, diagonally arranged from top to bottom of said basket, and the fastening device *d*, for securing the same to the basket and holding said hoop *b* in position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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