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Fruit Basket.

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Fig. 1.

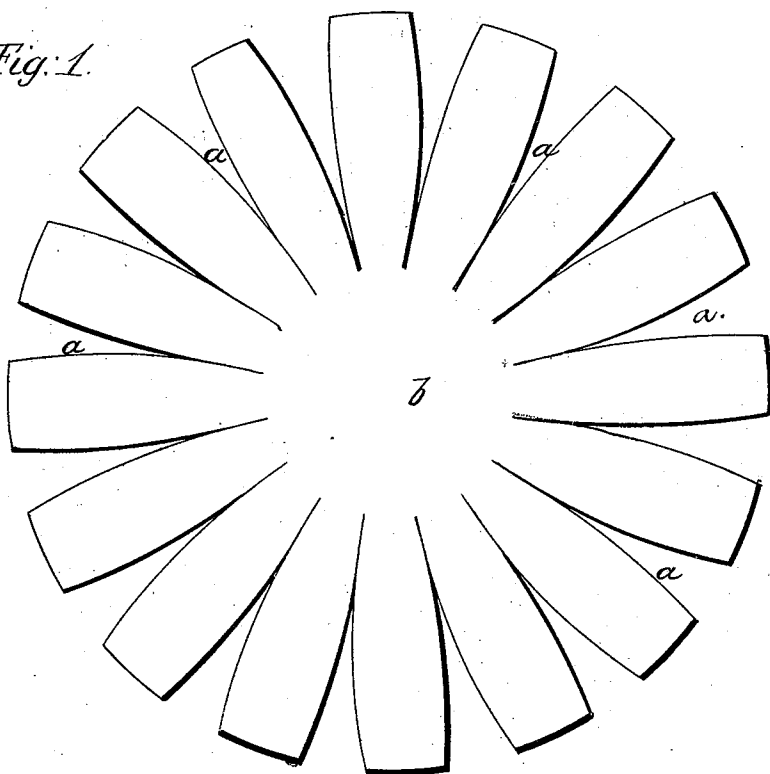
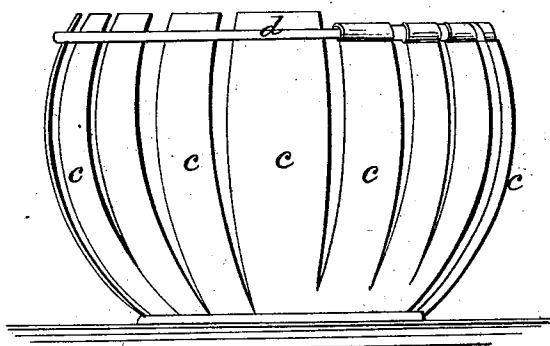


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED FRUIT-BASKET.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MOORE, of Stratford, in the county of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, 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 those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in the construction of fruit-baskets, such as are used for carrying small fruit, berries, &c., to market.

The object of the invention is to obtain a basket which may be manufactured cheaper, and be far more durable than the various wooden baskets now in general use.

The invention consists in constructing the basket out of sheet-metal, and out of a single piece, so that there will be but little manipulation or hand-work, the metal being first cut in proper form, and then swaged up into the desired shape for the basket.

This work may be very readily performed, and as the stock or sheet-metal is very thin or light, the baskets may be manufactured at a very small cost, and if properly coated or japanned, to prevent corrosion, will be extremely durable.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of a piece of sheet-metal, cut in the desired form to be swaged into basket-shape.

Figure 2, a side view of the basket.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The sheet-metal I design to use for the manufacture of the baskets is light sheet-iron, such as is used by button-makers, for instance.

This probably would be the cheapest and most desirable stock for the purpose.

The sheet-metal is cut, by means of suitable dies, into circular pieces, having radial cuts, *a*, of any suit-

able curved form, said cuts extending from the edge of the circular piece of metal to a circular blank space, *b*, which is concentric with the centre of the circular piece, and which forms the bottom of the basket.

This piece of metal, thus cut, as exhibited in fig. 1, is then swaged up in basket-form, as shown in fig. 2, the pieces *c*, formed by the cuts *a*, composing the sides of the baskets, the cuts *a* being of such a form and size as to admit of thorough ventilation, and still not admit of berries or other small fruit passing sufficiently far between the pieces *c* to cause them to be cut, scraped, or injured by the edges of *c*.

The upper ends of the pieces *c* may be turned over a wire, *d*, the latter rendering the basket stiff and firm.

I do not confine myself to any particular shape of side pieces *c* for the basket, for they may be made of various form, as fancy may dictate, and, if necessary, they may be corrugated, in order to render them stiff; and when very thin or light sheet-metal is used for stock, this may be desirable.

I am aware that sheet-metal fruit-baskets have been previously made, but in a comparatively expensive way, the bottom being made separately from the side, and secured to the latter by a soldered or lock-joint, requiring the use of a tin-folding machine.

I do not claim broadly a fruit-basket constructed of sheet-metal, for they have been previously used, but constructed differently from mine; but

I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A fruit-basket, constructed out of a single piece of sheet-metal, cut and swaged up in the desired shape, substantially as shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 29th day of June, 1868.

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