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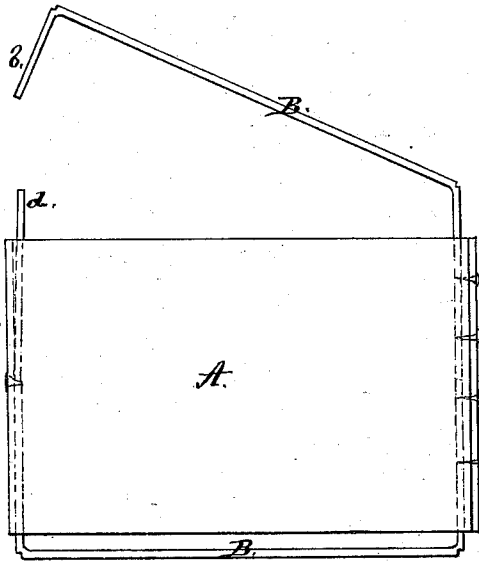


Fig. 1.

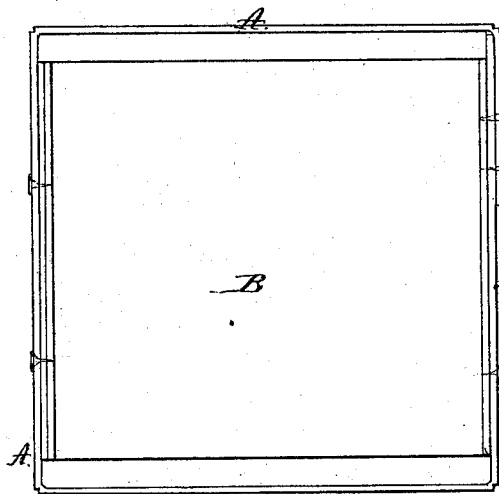


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVED FRUIT-BOX

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES COLBY, and H. CHARLES WARD, of Benton Harbor, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Boxes; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon which form a part of this specification.

The nature of our invention consists in the construction of a fruit-box from two pieces of veneer, one piece forming the four sides and the other piece forming the bottom and top, the top being provided with a downward, bent lip, which overlaps a portion of the piece that forms the top and bottom, and which projects above the side of the box, thus protecting the fruit from the weight of the upper tier of boxes.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and

Figure 2 is a plan view of our improved fruit-box.

A represents a strip of veneer of suitable size, which is bent so as to form the four sides of the box, the corners being scored or cut on the outside, as shown in fig. 2, so that the wood will bend easily.

At the end of the fourth side is an overlapping

piece, *a*, which is secured, in any suitable manner, to the first side.

Another strip of veneer, B, is then bent in the same manner, forming the top and bottom. The piece B is placed inside of the box A, the strips running at right angles, as shown, and the bottom part a suitable distance below the lower edges of the sides A.

At the outer end of the top or lid formed of the strip B, is a lip or downward-projecting part, *b*, which overlaps the portion *d* of the strip B, which extends above the upper edge of the box, and thus forming a support for the lid when fastened down, thereby preventing the crushing of the fruit.

Having thus fully described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fruit-box made of two pieces of veneer, one piece, A, forming the four sides, and the other piece, B, forming the top and bottom, when the top thus formed is provided with a downward-projecting lip *b*, overlapping the part *d* which projects above the sides of the box, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own, we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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