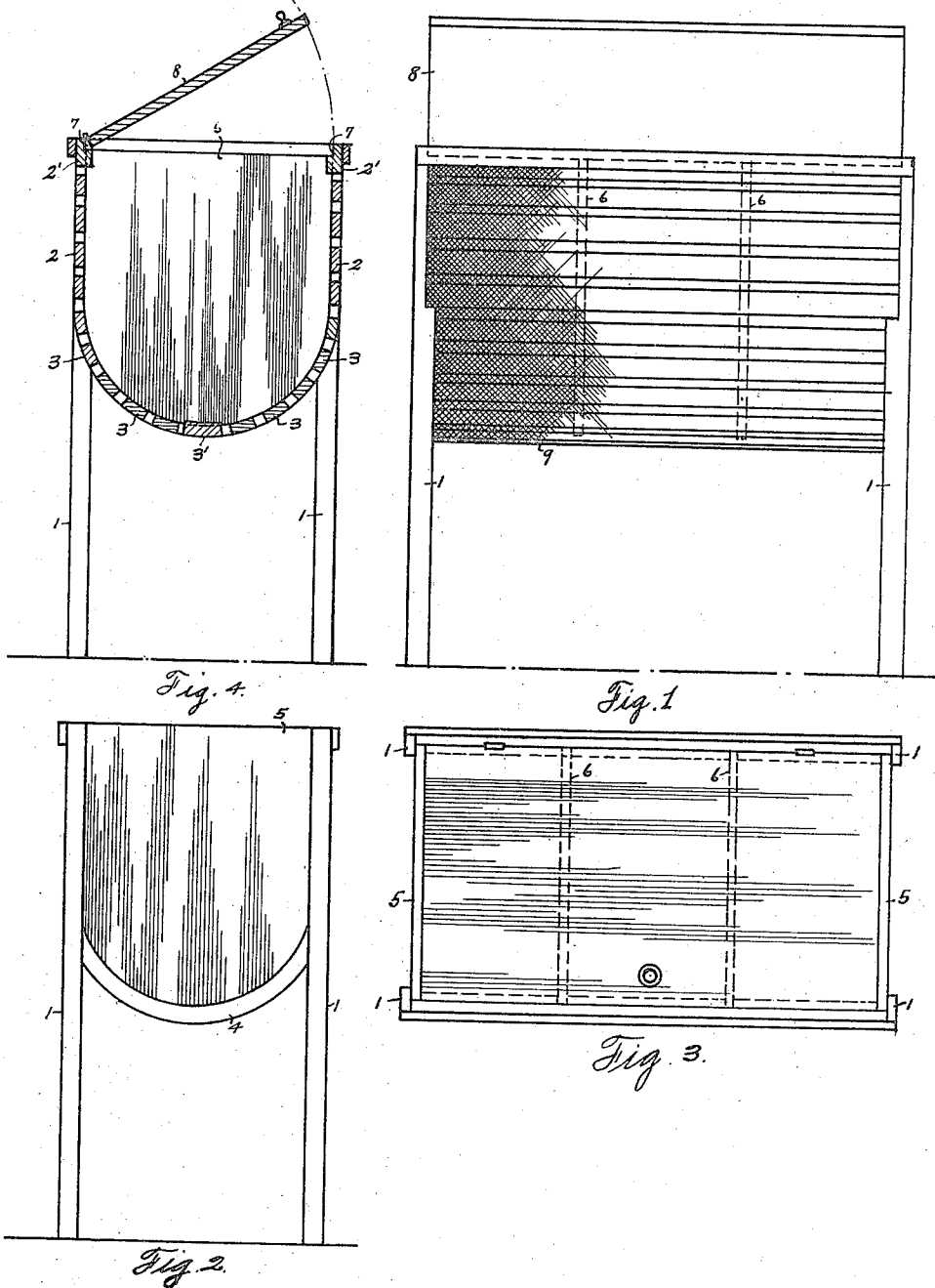


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST C. BERING, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a receptacle, and more particularly to a receptacle for holding vegetables.

The object of the invention is to provide a receptacle of the character described formed of slats surrounded by reticulated material and separated into compartments for the reception of such vegetables as potatoes and the like, it being the object to provide a receptacle through which the air may circulate freely among the vegetables and wherein different kinds of vegetables may be kept in different compartments.

A further feature of the invention resides in the provision of a reticulated covering which will protect the vegetables and at the same time permit the dirt and other refuse adhering thereto to fall out through said covering.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention has particular relation to certain novel features of construction, arrangement of parts and use, an example of which is given in this specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the device.

Fig. 2 shows an end view thereof.

Fig. 3 shows a plan view thereof, and

Fig. 4 shows a transverse sectional view thereof.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings wherein like numerals of reference designate similar parts in each of the figures, the numerals 1 refer to supporting legs one of which is secured to each corner of the receptacle proper.

The side walls of the receptacle are formed of lengthwise side slats 2 whose ends are secured to the corresponding legs 1, 1, and the bottom is formed of slats 3 whose ends are secured to and supported by the transverse end supports 4, which are arcuate in form and whose ends are fastened to

the corresponding legs at each end of the receptacle. The slats 2 and 3 are spaced apart so as to permit the free circulation of the air therethrough. The receptacle is provided with the ends 5, 5, which are secured to the corresponding legs 1, 1, and supports 4. The upper slats 2', 2' on each side and the central slat 3' at the bottom are slightly thicker than the others and have alined notches to receive the partitions 6, said partitions being spaced apart and being detachable so that they may be readily removed or put in place. The receptacle may thus be divided into several compartments for the reception of several different kinds of vegetables. The inner sides of the slats 2' are shouldered down as at 7 to receive the edges of the covering 8 which is hinged to one of said slats at one side.

The slats are surrounded by a reticulated covering 9 formed preferably of wire mesh which is secured thereto.

When vegetables are placed in this receptacle and the lid closed it is obvious that they will be protected from insects, dust and the like and at the same time air may circulate freely through them, keeping them dry, thus preventing decay. All dirt and other refuse which adheres to the vegetables will gradually fall to the bottom of the receptacle and pass out through the reticulated covering 9.

What I claim is:

1. A receptacle including a pair of supporting legs arranged at each end thereof, an arcuate transverse end support secured to the legs at each end of the receptacle, side and bottom slats whose ends are secured to the legs and to the end supports, respectively, said slats being spaced apart, the upper side slats and the central bottom slat being thicker than the others and having alined notches, partitions seated in said notches and spaced apart and ends resting upon the respective transverse supports and secured between the corresponding legs.

2. A receptacle including a pair of supporting legs arranged at each end thereof, an arcuate transverse end support secured to the legs at each end of the receptacle, side and bottom slats whose ends are secured to the legs and to the end supports, respec-

tively, said slats being spaced apart, a covering hinged to the receptacle at one side, the inner sides of the upper side slats being shouldered down to receive the edges of said
5 covering when closed and a reticulated covering secured to and surrounding said slats.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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