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Fig. 1,

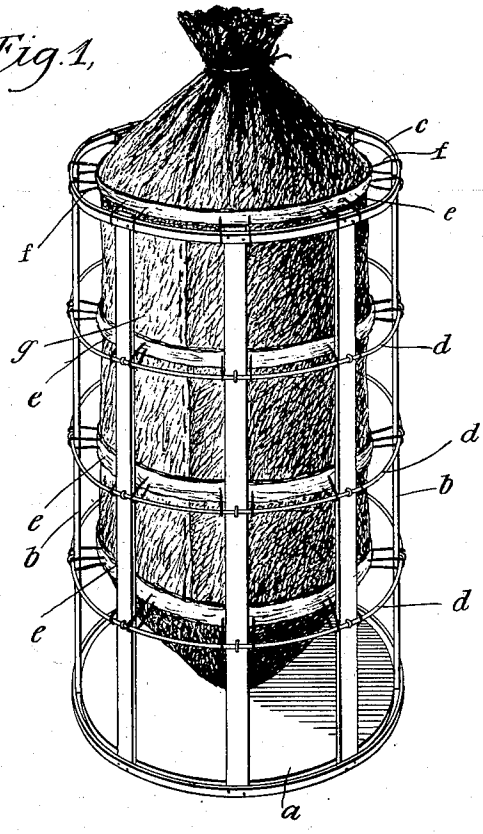
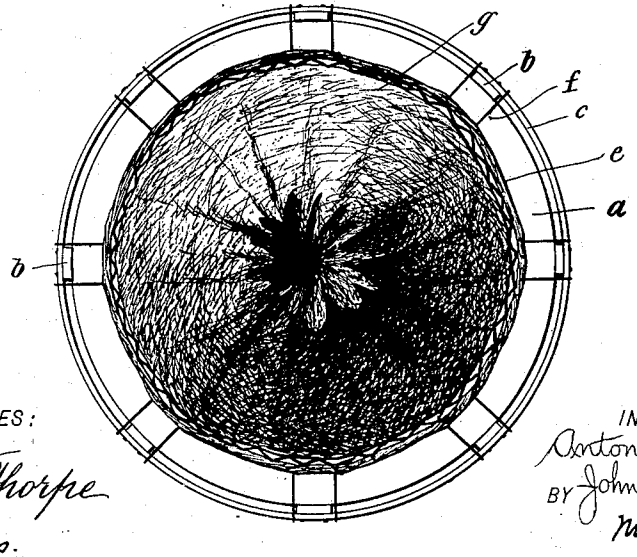


Fig. 2.



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BANANA-CRATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANTONIO SANSONE and JOHN SANSONE, citizens of the United States, and residents of Keokuk, in the county of Lee and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Banana-Crate, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a crate for packing bananas and other fruit, in which a bunch of bananas is held securely in a sack supported out of contact with the crate proper—*i. e.*, the rigid framing of the crate—thus preventing bruising the fruit.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of the invention, while the claim defines the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, and Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

The crate comprises a rigid cylindrical frame structure, forming the crate proper and consisting of a base *a*, on which suitable slats *b* are erected. At the top of the slats *b* a rim or hoop *c* is fastened rigidly to join the slats together, and intermediate hoops *d* are fastened to the slats, as shown, to complete the crate proper. These intermediate hoops *d* may be of any desired form, either of wire, as shown, or of wood.

Arranged within the crate proper, at each of the hoops *c* and *d*, is a cloth or other flexible band *e*, which bands are held firmly in concentric relation to the hoops *c* and *d*, but out of contact therewith, by seizings *f*, of cord or the like. To these flexible bands *e* is secured, by sewing or otherwise, a sack *g*, which extends downward inside of the crate proper into proximity to the base *a*, yet out of contact therewith. A bunch of bananas or other fruit is placed within the sack *g*, and the top of the sack may be closed, as shown, to secure the fruit. The fruit thus arranged will be held in the sack out of contact with the crate proper, and the bruising of the fruit is thus prevented. This arrangement provides an effective means for transporting fruit of all sorts.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A crate, comprising a rigid frame forming a crate proper, a sack situated within the said rigid frame, a flexible band encircling the sack and secured thereto, and flexible seizings extending from the band outward to the crate to yieldingly support the sack.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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