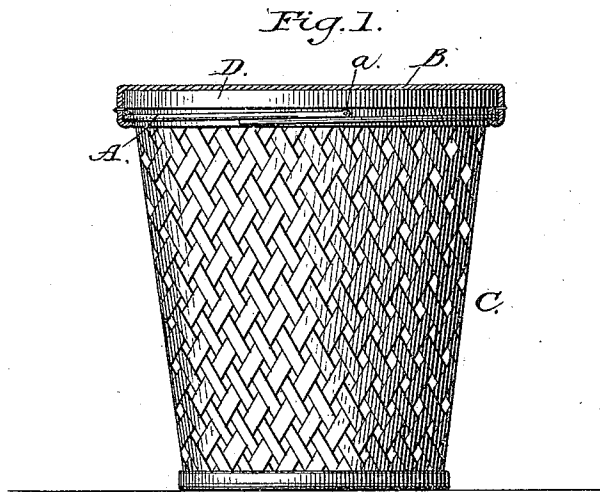
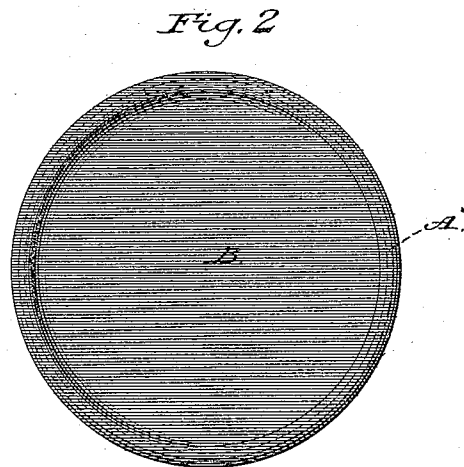
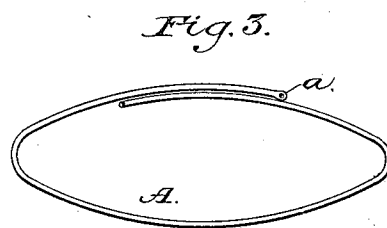


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM GARY, of Croton, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Fabric Covers for Fruit-Baskets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to an improvement in fabric covers for fruit-baskets, and has for its
10 object to provide a cover that may be readily and quickly removed to display the fruit, and again as readily sprung over the basket, thereby dispensing with the present inconvenience of tying and untying the said cover.

15 The invention consists in a fabric cover provided with a marginal spring, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying
20 drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a basket with my cover applied, the said cover being shown
25 in section; and Fig. 2 is an under plan view of the complete cover. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the spring.

The fabric covers ordinarily used in connection with fruit-baskets have heretofore usually
30 been secured thereto by tacking or tying the said covers either to or below the annular projecting upper portion of the basket. In removing the covers thus secured much time is wasted, and often, in the hurry to display the
35 fruit, the covers are cut away, thus rendering the fruit thereafter liable to spill, and exposed to the flying dust and chaff. To overcome this inconvenience and exposure, I secure within the margin of the ordinary fabric cover
40 a spring, A, which spring is usually made cir-

cular, having one end provided with an eye, a, and overlapping the other, as shown in Fig. 3. The spring, having been placed within the margin of the fabric B, may be attached thereto by thread passed through the
45 said eye a. The edge of the fabric B is then turned in and stitched around the spring in such manner as that the said spring may have more or less play.

In the application of the cover, it is simply
50 sprung over the projecting top portion, D, of the basket C, to an engagement therewith below said projecting portion, where it is securely held by the embrace of the extended spring A.
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The said cover, as is readily seen, may be removed and replaced at pleasure without trouble or loss of time, and the fruit by its use is more or less protected from loss and dust.

Having thus fully described my invention,
60 I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A new article of manufacture consisting of a fabric cover for fruit-baskets, provided with a metallic spring secured at one end with-
65 in the margin of the cover, the free end overlapping said fixed end, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with the fabric cover B, of a metallic spring, A, attached at one
70 end within the margin of said cover, the free end of said spring overlapping its fixed end, and the entire spring inclosed by said cover, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose herein set forth.

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