The present invention relates to a spacer for car loaded boxes and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements of parts herein described and claimed.

The present invention is particularly adapted to be utilized in the loading of containers whose sides have a tendency to bulge, particularly those containers for fruit and vegetables which are formed with slatted sides. In the loading of such containers into box cars, for example, one of the problems encountered is that of allowing sufficient air passages around and between such containers so that in the precooling operations there will be sufficient circulation of air to reach all of the articles of fruit and/or vegetables in such containers a more or less equal degree.

The invention consists simply in the provision of a block of generally rectangular shape whose longer sides are provided with centrally disposed outwardly extending ears to each of which may be affixed by nails or the like a longitudinally extending bar. The block and ears are adapted to engage the upper corner portions of adjacent containers while the bars rest upon the containers so that spacing is afforded laterally between adjacent containers and also vertically. In another form of the invention the bars may be used in much the same way, but the bars rest upon the ears instead of the containers and are affixed to the block centrally thereof and in parallel relation to the first two mentioned bars.

It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide a device of the character set forth which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and yet effective and efficient in use.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of the character set forth which will provide means whereby air may be circulated upon all sides of containers with which the device may be used.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of the character set forth having a minimum number of parts.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of the character set forth which may be manufactured from cheap, easily obtained or even scrap material.

Other and further objects of the invention will become apparent from a reading of the following specification taken in conjunction with the drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of the invention shown in use with a plurality of containers.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken along line 2—2 of Figure 1.
While but two forms of the invention have been shown and described herein, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that many minor modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A device of the character described comprising a block of generally rectangular shape, a laterally extending ear formed integrally and centrally upon each of the longer sides of said block, and an elongated bar affixed to each of the ears in parallel relation to the longer sides of said block.

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