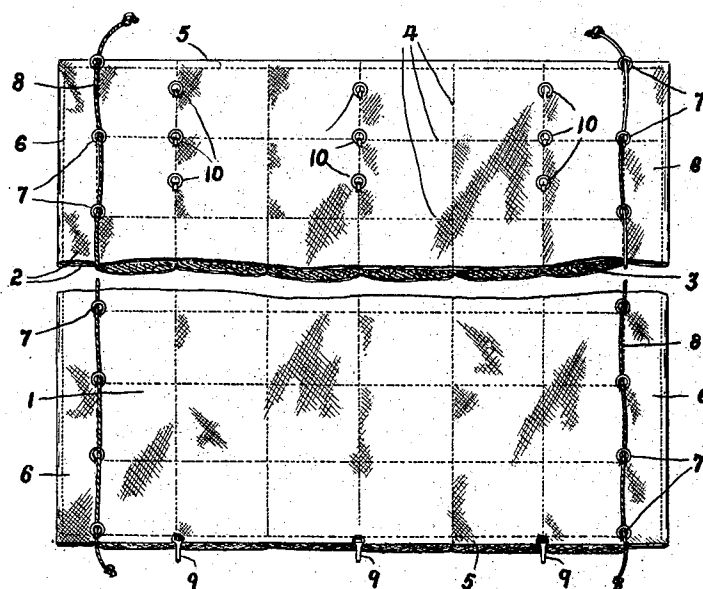
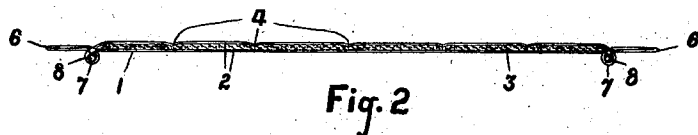
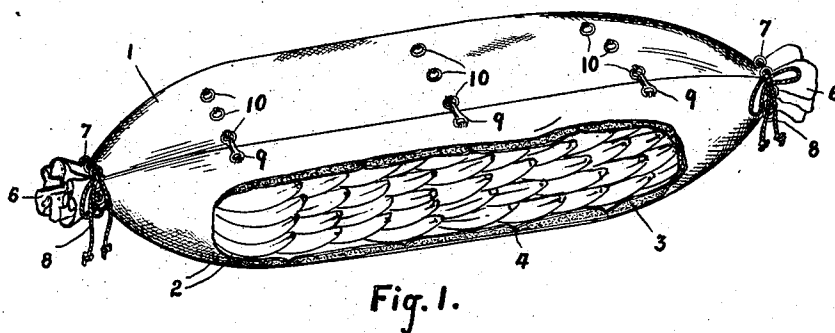


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BELL, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of 187 McGill street, in the city of Montreal, in the district of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Banana-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in banana packages, and the object of the invention is to devise a means of transporting fruit, wherein the fruit will not be injured by climatic conditions or by moderately careless handling and in which the fruit may be quickly packed and unpacked, and it consists essentially of a cover having a plurality of layers of suitable material, means for drawing the ends together, the particular arrangement and construction being described more fully in the present specification and shown in the accompanying drawings that form part of the same.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover containing a quantity of bananas in a bunch and having the side of the cover thereof broken away to show the layers in section. Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of the covering. Fig. 3 is a plan view centrally broken away.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

Referring to the drawings, 1 is the package covering formed of two or more pieces 2 of cloth or other suitable flexible material and having the padding 3 introduced between said pieces of cloth 2. The said pieces of cloth and padding are joined together by the stitching 4, as customary in quilting. The said cover 1 is suitably finished off at the edges of the hems 5, deeper hems or flaps 6 being left at each end of the said cover. 7 are rings or eyes suitably secured in a row across the flaps 6 in a row at each end of the cover.

8 are draw strings extending through the rings 7 and beyond said rings at each end thereof, so that when the said cover 1 is wrapped around the fruit, said ends may be drawn together and tied as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

9 are snap hooks secured near to one of the longitudinal edges of the cover 1, so that when the said cover is folded over, the said hooks snap into one or other of the rings in the sets of rings 10.

In the use of this package, the cover is laid flat on the flooring or other surface with the inner side up and the fruit placed thereon top in a suitable bunch, in order that the said cover may be wrapped around about said bunch of fruit. The snap hooks are then caught on to the rings near to the other longitudinal edge of the cover brought around to meet the longitudinal edge having the said snap hooks. The ends of the bundle are then brought in and drawn up in the manner shown in Fig. 1, the strings being twisted around the drawn in flaps and tied. The package is thus complete and ready for shipment, the fruit being completely inclosed and protected from frost or other injuries during its transportation.

The said package may have rubber or other lining or a rubber covering on the outside to protect it from wet and snow and it may be made in slightly different form, the salient feature being the wrapping of the fruit in the manner described for the protection thereof from climatic conditions and other deleterious effects of transportation.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A banana package, comprising a cover portion suitably padded and quilted and unpadded end strips extending from the facings of said padded portion and adapted to be drawn together on the folding of said cover portion around a bunch of bananas and wrap said padded portion completely over the ends of said bunch of bananas, substantially as described.

2. A banana package, comprising a padded and quilted cover portion and unpadded end strips formed of the inner and outer facings extending from the termini of said padded portion, rings firmly secured in rows across said end strips in proximity to said padded portion, draw strings extending through said rings, snap hooks secured to one of the longitudinal edges of said cover portion, and a succession of eyes extending inwardly from the other longitudinal edge for each of said hooks, substantially as described.

Signed at the city of Montreal, in the district of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, this 15 day of January 1907.

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