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BARREL-COVER.

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Fig. 1.

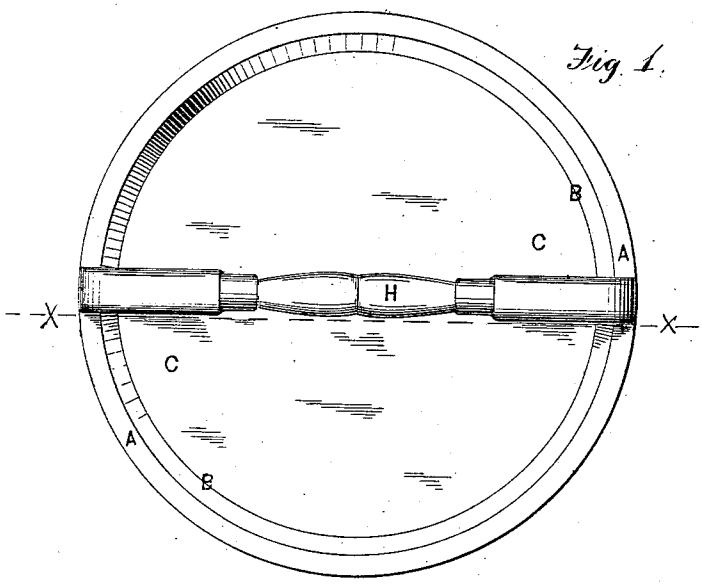
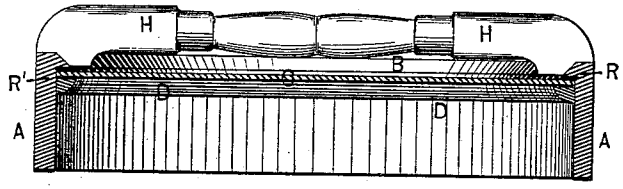


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BARREL-COVERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D. FRANKLIN DODGE, of Lowville, county of Lewis, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Barrel-Covers.

This improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a top perspective or plan view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section upon the line *x x*.

My invention relates to an improvement in barrel-covers; and it consists of a hoop having upon its upper edge an inwardly-projecting flange, a suitable handle, and a glass disk, held in position between rubber packing-rings and said flange by a movable supplemental flange secured to the hoop by nails or screws.

This hoop may be turned solid, or bent up from wood, stamped up from heavy sheet metal, or as may be desired, and has attached thereto a handle extending across from side to side, as shown, or it may be at one side simply. Immediately beneath and within the flange B is an annular packing-ring of vulcanized rubber, heavy card-board, or other semi-elastic material R. Below this ring is a circular disk of heavy glass, C, and below this is a second packing-ring, R′. The disk of glass C, with the two annular packing-rings R and R′, are retained tight and snug against the flange B by means of a movable supplemental flange or annular ring, D D, which may be secured to the hoop A A by nails or screws.

My object in this invention is to secure a convenient article for the use of grocers, flour and feed dealers, seedsmen, and all persons whose callings bring in use barrels and casks as packages for their wares, and in which it may be wished to display such goods without exposing such to the risks of injury or handling, and this I feel confident my invention will accomplish.

The semi-elastic packing each side of the glass disk reduces the liability to breakage, and the method of construction admits of the disk being easily replaced in case of breakage or fracture.

I claim—

1. A barrel-cover consisting of the hoop or rim A, handle H, disk of glass C, and packing-rings R R′, the disk and packing-rings being retained in place by the supplemental ring D, or its mechanical equivalent, substantially as described.

2. A plate-glass barrel-head, C, retained in position and supported by the hoop A, elastic packing-rings R R′, and retaining-ring D, or their equivalents, as shown and set forth.

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