To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Victor Simonich, a citizen of the United States, residing at Biloxi, in the county of Harrison and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and useful Cover for Barrels and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a cover for barrels and like receptacles whereby objectionable handling of merchandise on display in stores can be eliminated to a considerable extent and the contents of the barrels or other receptacles kept free from flies or other insects.

A further object is to provide a cover which can be applied readily to a barrel or the like and which affords ample ventilation.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of the cover in position upon a barrel a portion of which is shown. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cover in position. Fig. 3 is a section on line A—B Fig. 1.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a fixed segmental cover section having a depending flange 2 adapted to extend partly around the upper end of a barrel, there being downwardly extending wings 3 at the ends of the flange. These wings are adapted to receive screws 4 or the like which, when forced into the barrel X serve to hold the section 1 fixedly across the open top of the barrel. It will be noted that the fastening elements 4 are disposed some distance below the lower end of the flange 2 and beyond the vertical plane occupied by the straight edge of the section 1 with the result that the said section 1 and its flange 2 can thus be held tightly upon the end of the barrel without danger of swinging upwardly relative thereto.

Hinges 5 are secured to the section 1 and serve to connect to it a larger segmental section 6 provided with a depending flange 7. The ends of this flange are adapted to bear against the ends of the flange 2 when the cover section 6 is in closed position. As shown in the drawings, the edge portions of the flanges 2 and 3 may be reinforced by 69 beads 8 extending longitudinally thereof. Furthermore the space between the straight edges of the sections 1 and 6 can be sealed by means of a strip 9 of any suitable flexible material such as canvas. Secured upon the section 6 is a block 10 extending close to the straight edge of said section and this block is so shaped that, when section 6 is raised to full open position, the said block will engage the top of section 1 and support section 6 in open position. A handle 11 is preferably secured to the section 6 whereby the same can be readily raised and lowered. Openings 12 are provided in the section 6 at opposite sides of the block 10 and secured across each of the openings is a screen fabric 13.

It will be understood that the device herein described can be applied readily to a barrel after the barrel head has been removed 80 and while the section 6 is closed, insects are prevented from reaching the contents of the barrel although the interior of the barrel remains well ventilated. To reach the contents of the barrel it is merely necessary to swing the section 6 to its raised position with block 10 bearing against the section 1.

After the barrel has been emptied, the cover can be detached and placed on another barrel.

It is to be understood of course that the device herein described can be made of wood, metal, or any other desired material.

What is claimed is:

1. A cover for barrels and the like, including a segmental cover section, a flange depending therefrom, ears extending downwardly and forwardly beyond the ends of the flange, fastening means engaging the ears, a segmental section hingedly connected to the straight edge portion of the other segmental section, a depending flange upon the curved edge portion of the hinged section, a handle on said section, and a stop block upstanding from said section.

2. A cover for barrels and the like, including a segmental cover section, a flange depending therefrom, ears extending downwardly and forwardly beyond the ends of the flange, fastening means engaging the ears, a segmental section hingedly connected to the straight edge portion of the other
segmental section, a depending flange upon the curved edge portion of the hinged section, a handle on said section, and a stop block upstanding from said section, there being an opening within the hinged section and a screen fabric extending over the opening.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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