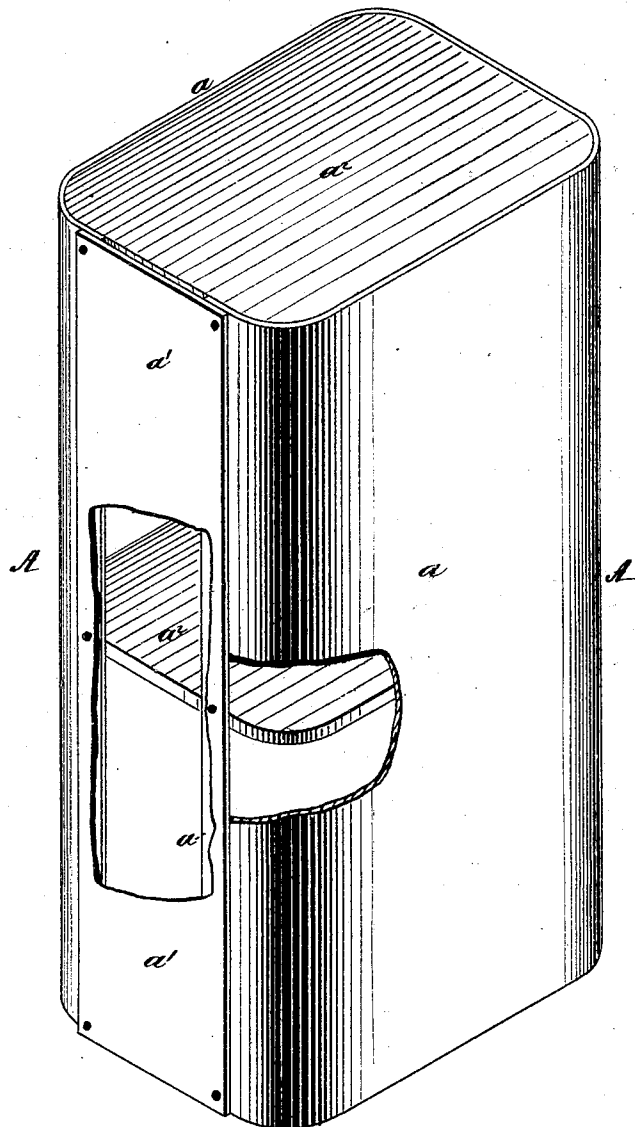


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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, EDWARD WILKINS, of Chestertown, in the county of Kent and State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Fruit-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view broken out.

The invention relates to modes of constructing fruit-boxes so that they will be sufficiently strong and durable to bear the jars and jolts of transportation, the weight of the fruit, and the various manipulations through which they must necessarily pass, but at the same time be sufficiently cheap to admit of their transfer to the consumer with the fruit, and without extra charge.

The invention will first be fully described in connection with all that is necessary to a full understanding thereof, and then pointed out in the claim.

A represents a fruit-box, of any suitable dimensions, and any desired shape consistent with rounded outlines. I take a log of the gum-tree, or any other kind of wood that may be preferred, and from this saw or otherwise

excise a continuous veneer sheet, *a*. These sheets of veneer are made to correspond in width with the intended length of the box, while their own length is determined by the perimeter of the round-cornered heads *a*² *a*², the edges of sheet *a* not being intended to meet, but only approximate each other sufficiently to leave a side opening, which is covered by a veneer strip, *a*¹. The sheet *a* and strip *a*¹ are simply tacked with sprigs or small nails to the heads *a*² and to each other. Boxes thus formed possess the requisite strength to bear the usage to which fruit-boxes are usually subjected, while they can be manufactured in large numbers at such an insignificant price that the cost ceases to be an element worth calculating in the disposal of the fruit.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The fruit-box herein described, having the sides and bottom formed of one sheet of veneer, bent around and fastened to the round-cornered heads *a*² *a*², with the strip *a*¹ applied to the top, as shown, to form a cover, as and for the purposes set forth.

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