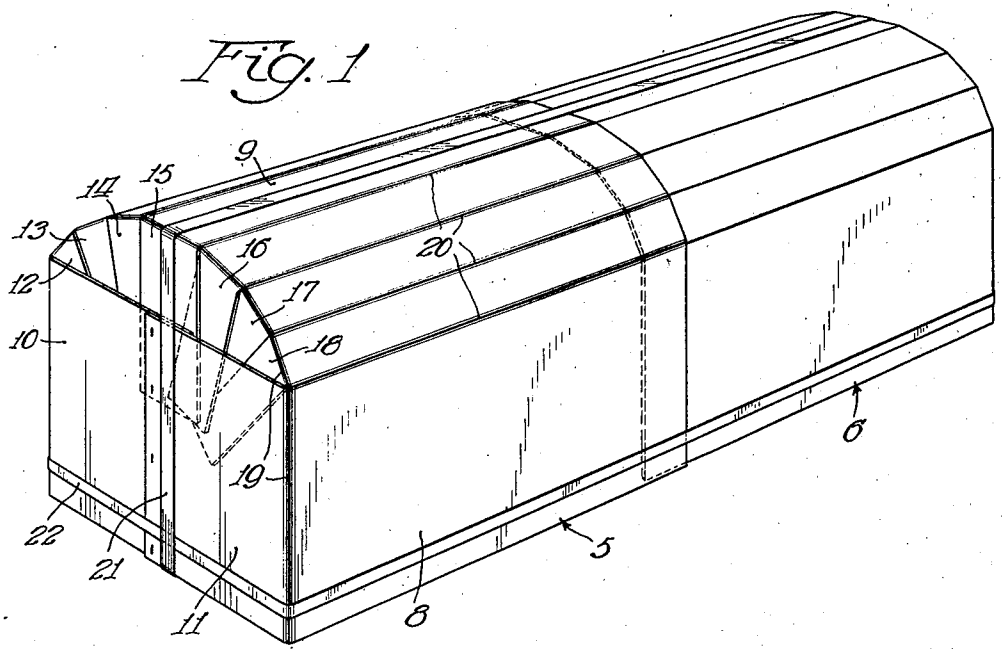
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Fig. 1



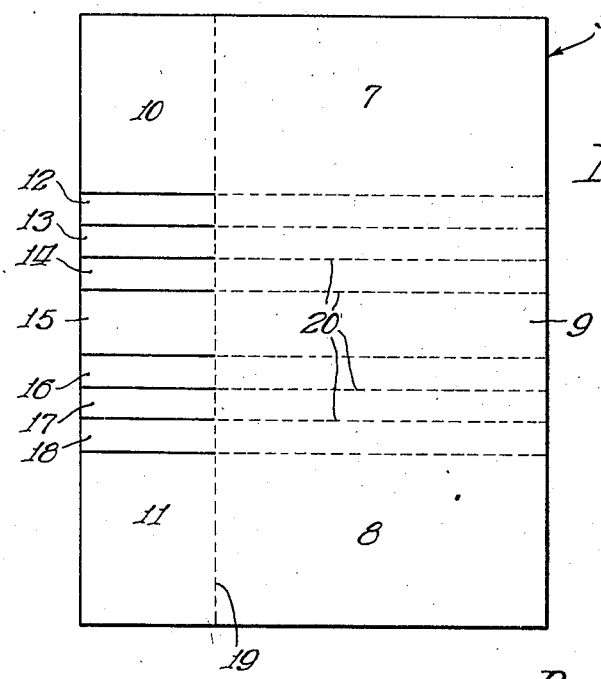


Fig. 2

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The present invention relates to covers for a rectangular, curved-top object.

One object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient form of cover for grave rectangular curved-top articles which is easy to apply and effective in providing the maximum protection to the enclosed article with the use of a minimum of material and labor of application.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cover of the type described which is adapted to closely fit over and generally conform to the curved tops of articles, having top surfaces of varying degrees of curvature.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cover of the type described to adapt it to be fitted to articles of varying widths and lengths.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of cover for rectangular curved-top articles as it appears in set-up condition, applied to the article; and

Fig. 2 is a view of the blank of one of the two similar portions constituting the cover.

The cover of the present invention is preferably formed of readily bendable sheet material, such as paperboard, and, while the cover may be formed in one piece, it is preferably formed of two similarly shaped, telescopically related parts 5 and 6. As both parts 5 and 6 are substantially identical, a detailed description of one will suffice.

As shown in Fig. 2, portion 5 is preferably formed from a substantially rectangular blank of paperboard cut and scored to provide side panels 7 and 8, top panel 9, end flaps 10 and 11 attached to the respective side panels 7 and 8, and a plurality of narrow end flaps 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 forming extensions on the top panel 9. A score line 19 is preferably impressed from one end of the blank 5 to the other for the purpose of facilitating bending of the end flaps around the end of the article. In order to facilitate bending of the top panel 9 score lines 20, 20 are impressed therein, preferably in alignment with each of the slits dividing the end flaps from each other. Thus panel 9 may be said to be divided into a plurality of sub-panels.

In applying the cover sections to the article, the preferred method is to first fold the blank to bring the side panels 7 and 8 into substantially parallel relationship; then the flaps 12 to 18, inclusive, are bent down and the flaps 10 and 11 are then folded over to lie against the flaps 12 to 18 inclusive. The lengths of flaps 10 and 11 are preferably such that they will lie in overlapping relationship and, in assembling the flaps, this is done in such a way that the side panels 7 and 8 will be sufficiently far apart to fit the sides of the article. The flaps 10 and 11 are then, preferably secured, as by means of staples, as illustrated. Cover sections formed in this manner are ready for application to the article, the length of the sections being preferably such that they will somewhat overlap centrally of an article of maximum length.

After the sections 5 and 6 have been applied to the article, they may be secured by binding means, such as, for example, metal bands indicated at 21 and 22, the former passing over the top, down the ends and along the bottom, and the latter passing around the ends and the two sides, preferably near the lower edges of the sections.

If desired, openings may be formed in the side panels 7 and 8 to accommodate handles on the article.

From the foregoing it is apparent that the article cover of the present invention may be employed to adequately cover and protect the surface of rectangular articles of varying lengths and widths and with varying top curvatures without alteration. The scores in the top panel 9 readily permit this panel to be folded to closely fit the contour of the curved top of the article, and the narrow flaps 12 to 18, inclusive, form adequate protection for the end of the article lying between the curved top and the upper edges of the flaps 10 and 11, as viewed in Fig. 1.

While the present description sets forth a preferred embodiment of the invention, certain changes may be made in the construction without departing from the spirit of the invention, and it is therefore desired that the present embodiment be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being had to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A cover for protecting an end and a portion of the top and sides of a substantially rectangular curved-top article, comprising a sheet of bendable material providing top and side panels adapted to engage the top and sides of the article, the top panel being readily bendable to adapt it to fit the curved top of the article, a front closure connecting the side panels and adapted to substantially cover the space between said

side panels while leaving an uncovered space just below the top, and flaps adapted to extend from the top panel to said front closure, and to completely cover the remaining space, said flaps comprising extensions of the top panel and being of sufficient length to enable the same when folded down to lie inside the upper edge of said front closure.

2. A cover as set forth in claim 1 wherein the front closure comprises a pair of flaps extending from the side panels and secured together at their meeting portions.

3. A cover for a rectangular curved-top article comprising two overlapping, telescopically related, scored paperboard sheets adapted to substantially entirely close the sides and top of the article, each of said sheets being substantially rectangular in shape and being cut and scored to provide two side panels at the ends of the blank, an end flap at the end of each side panel, said end flaps being adapted to be overlapped and secured together at the end of the article, the central portion of the blank being scored to provide a multiplicity of narrow panels to enable the central portion to generally conform to the rounded contour of the top of the article, and closing flaps extending from the ends of the central portion of the blank of sufficient length to enable same to cover the ends of the article above that portion of the end of the article not covered by the flaps on the side panels, said closing flaps being extensions of the narrow panels which cover the top of the article.

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