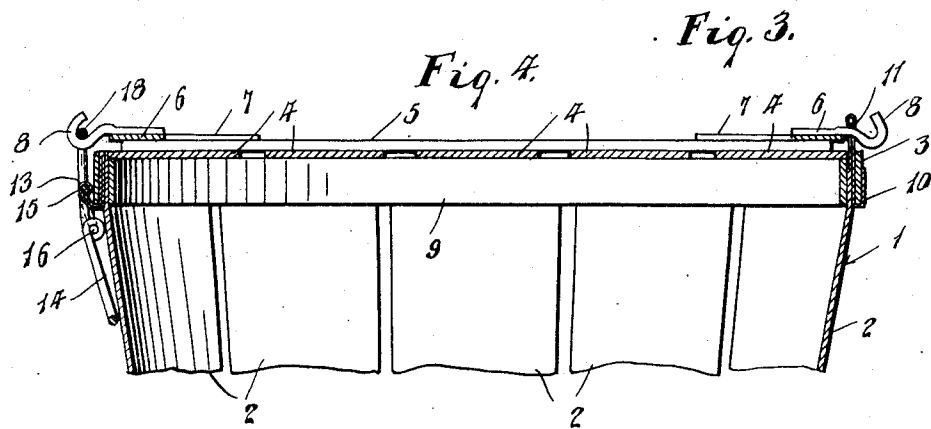
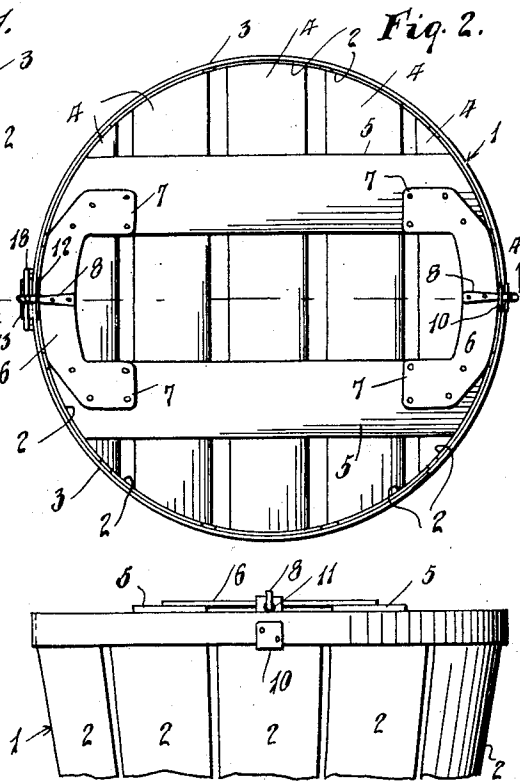
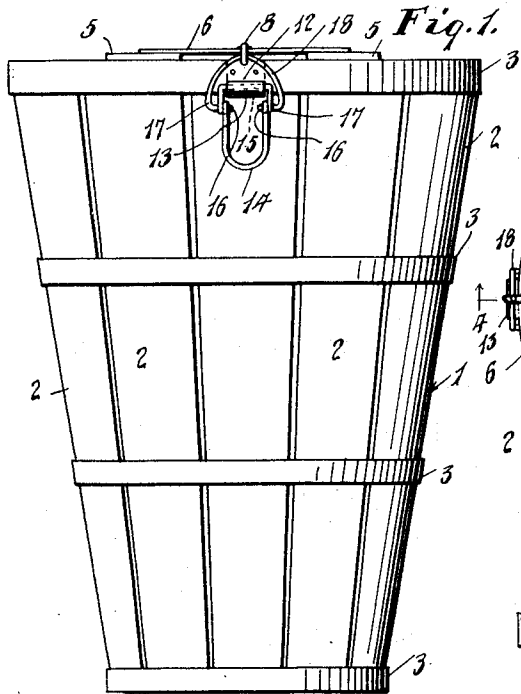


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The invention relates to covers for baskets for shipping fruits, vegetables, and the like, and has for its principal object the provision of a cover made up of spaced strips of fibrous material and joined by spaced cleats having their ends connected by cross pieces to provide handles for moving the cover and to which are also secured securing means to secure the cover to the body of the basket.

The invention will be described in detail hereinafter and will be shown in the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a shipping basket showing the cover in position,

Figure 2 is a top plan view,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary side view of the basket showing the hinged side of the cover securing means,

Figure 4 is a sectional view on a plane indicated by the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

In the drawing similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts in all of the views.

The basket 1 shown in the drawing is of the tapering type that is ordinarily used for shipping vegetables, fruits, and the like, and constructed of spaced staves 2 and hoops 3. The lid or cover consists of a plurality of spaced strips 4 secured together by means of cleats 5, that are spaced as shown and are connected at their ends by means of U-shaped cross pieces 6 through offset portions 7. The cross pieces 6 being spaced by the thickness of the cleats 5 from the upper side of the strips 4 provide handles for moving the lid or cover, and have also secured thereto members 8 forming a securing means that co-operate with means to be hereinafter referred to for holding the lid or cover in place on the basket. The lid or cover is also provided with a down-turned flange 9 that seats within the top of the basket when the lid or cover is in position.

Secured to the upper portion of the basket is a U-shaped member 10 that engages the upper hoop 3, and is extended above the top of the basket and provided with an opening 11 to receive the hook 8 at one side of the lid or cover. At the other side of the top of the basket and secured to the upper hoop 3 is

a plate 12 having a tubular or barrel portion 13 in which is pivotally mounted a U-shaped link 14 as shown at 15. The U-shaped link 14 is preferably made of a heavy grade of steel wire and provided with coiled loops 16 to receive the ends 17 of a loop or link 18 that engages the hook 8 on the other side of the lid or cover remote from the first mentioned hook engaging in the opening 11, this construction of pivoted links providing a clamping means for holding the lid or cover in clamped position on the basket as shown in the drawing.

What is claimed is:—

A shipping basket cover, comprising a plurality of fibrous strips arranged side by side, spaced cleats connecting said strips together, U-shaped cross pieces connecting the cleats adjacent to their ends, and securing means for said cover mounted on said cross pieces and adapted for connection with securing means on a basket, said cross pieces providing strengthening means for said cleats and also providing handles for moving the cover.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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