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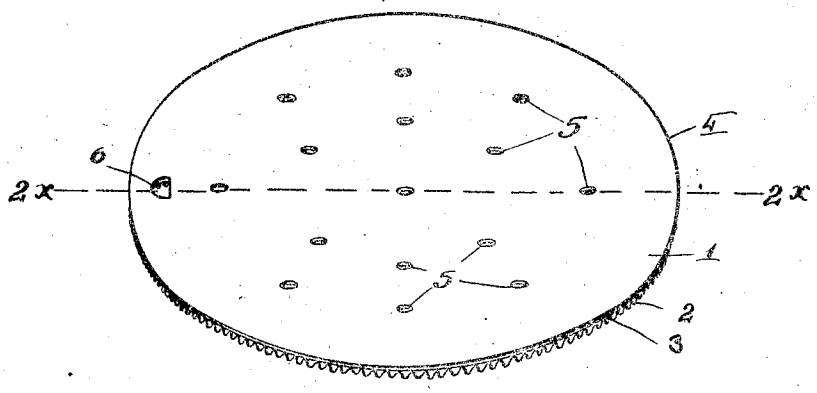


Fig. 1.

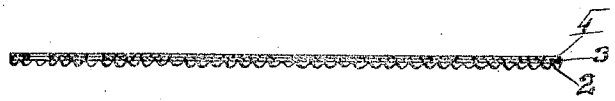


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAYMOND P. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Fruit, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved form of cushion cover for fruit.

Another object of the invention is to protect the fruit from discoloration and bruising and keep the fruit dry.

Another object of the invention is to provide for the easy removal of the cover.

These and other objects of the invention will be fully illustrated in the drawings, described in the specification and pointed out in the claims at the end thereof.

In the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cover.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2×—2× of Fig. 1.

In the drawings like reference numerals indicate like parts.

In the drawings reference numeral 1 indicates a cushion cover made up of several layers of material in which 2 indicates the pad made of corrugated straw board having on the top thereof a layer 3 made of heavy or stiff newspaper stock or similar material, preferably white or gray in color and on top of this is a layer 4 of wax paper or parchment paper. These three layers are fastened together by any suitable adhesive. The cover is perforated with a number of openings 5, 5 provided for ventilation and it is also perforated with a thumb hole 6 through which the finger may be inserted for the purpose of lifting it.

These covers are intended to be used ordinarily in packing apples in a barrel. After the barrel is full, one of these covers is placed on top of the apples and the lid is then fastened down on top thereof. The wax paper surface is turned down so that it will rest in contact with the apples and the corrugated surface will be in contact with the wooden cover of the barrel. The wax paper layer will protect the balance of the cover against absorbing moisture from the apples which would in turn cause the apples to rot, and the holes in the cover provide ventilation so as to prevent sweating and dissipate any accumulation of moisture at the cover, thus keeping the cover dry. It will also permit refrigeration of the fruit to better advantage than will covers heretofore used.

I am aware that covers have been used for this purpose before, but such covers lack the one or more essential features of this cover, in that wax paper was not used and the paper stock would come directly into contact with the fruit and would, after several months exposure thereto, cause discoloration by crocking the fruit and injuring its appearance. Such covers too are difficult to get hold of for the purpose of removing them from the barrel, all of which objectionable features are obviated in my improved cover.

It will also be understood that instead of the two layers 3 and 4 a single layer of heavy stock surfaced on one side to make it proof against moisture may be used and such is regarded as the equivalent of my cover.

I claim:

1. A cover for fruit comprising successive layers of paper substantially in direct contact, the innermost of said layers being non-absorbent and the outermost corrugated, and said layers having openings through them for ventilating purposes.

2. A cover for fruit comprising an upper layer of corrugated paper, an intermediate layer of stiff paper, and a bottom layer of water-proof paper, said layers having registering ventilating holes leading to the atmosphere.

3. A cover for fruit comprising successive layers of corrugated paper, stiff paper, and water-proof paper, each of said layers having ventilating holes passing through the same.

4. A cover for fruit comprising successive

layers of corrugated paper, stiff paper, and water-proof paper, each of said layers having ventilating holes passing through the same, and each of said layers having a thumb hole.

5. A cover for fruit having a layer made liquid-proof on the surface designed to contact with the fruit, and having a cushioned opposite surface to contact with a barrel head, said cover having ventilating openings extending through said surfaces.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

RAYMOND P. CLARK.