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DISPLAY COVER FOR BARRELS.

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Fig. 1.

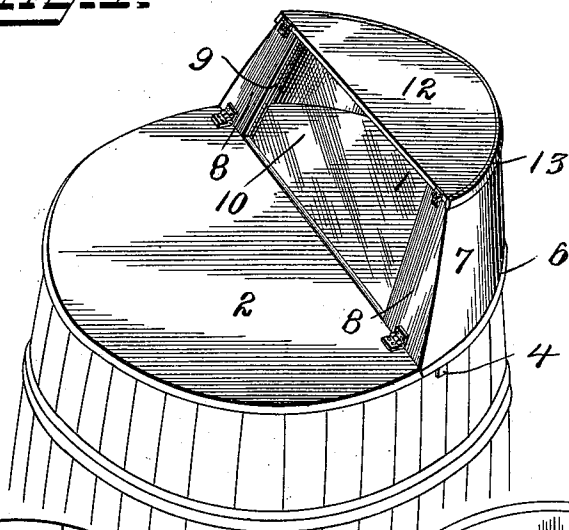


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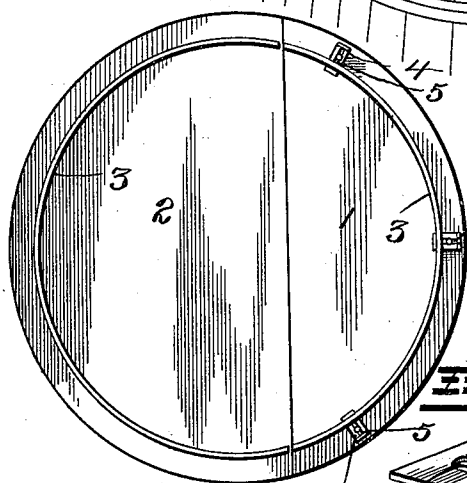


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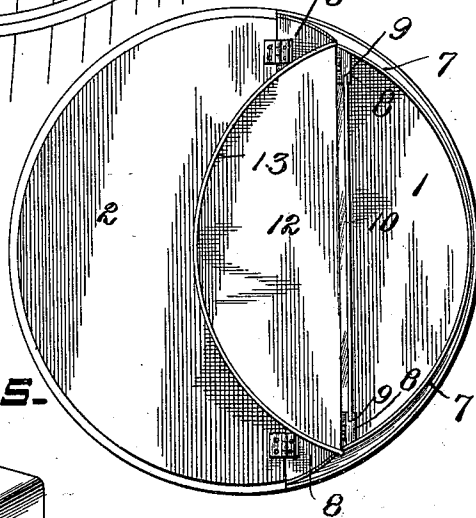


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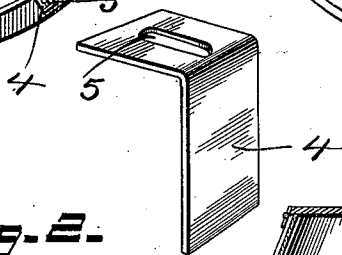
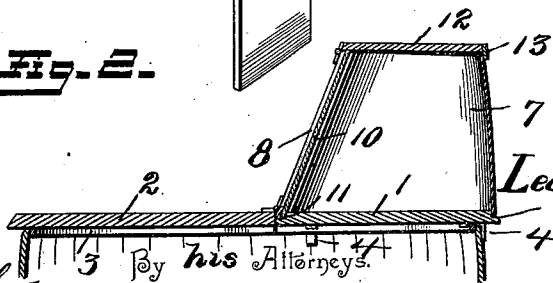


Fig. 2.



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DISPLAY-COVER FOR BARRELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON C. HUBBARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ashtabula, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Display-Cover for Barrels, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in display-covers for barrels.

The object of the present invention is to provide an improved and novel construction of removable cover which may be applied to barrels, boxes, tobacco-pails, tea and coffee cans, pickle-kegs, &c., for the purpose of excluding dust, dirt, flies, &c., and which shall comprise a receptacle or inclosed compartment arranged upon the top of said cover and provided with an observation-window in which a sample or portion of the contents of the barrel may be displayed without in any way interfering with access being had to the interior of the barrel.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the course of the subjoined description.

The invention consists in an improved display-cover for barrels, &c., embodying certain novel features and details of construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved display-cover, the same being shown applied to a barrel and constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the display-cover with the lid of the display-compartment thrown open. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of the display-cover. Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the adjustable angle-clips.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the barrel-top proper is preferably composed of wood, being circular in form to correspond to the shape of the barrel to which it is to be applied and of a diameter somewhat greater than the top of the barrel, so as to extend slightly beyond the edge thereof. This top

is formed in two unequal sections 1 and 2, which are hinged together, as shown, adapting one part to remain stationary or in a fixed position upon the top of the barrel, while the other portion of the cover may be lifted for giving access to the barrel. An annular rib or hoop 3 extends entirely around the bottom of the cover at a distance slightly removed from the outer edge or periphery of said cover, said rib or hoop being adapted to rest within the head of the barrel for preventing the displacement of the cover when in position, this rib or hoop being divided to correspond with the two sections of the cover. A series of angle-clips 4 are disposed around the edge of the stationary portion of the cover, each of which comprises a vertical portion or foot adapted to lie outside of the head of the barrel and bear against the same and a horizontal portion formed with a slot 5, through which a screw is passed into the lower face of the stationary section of the cover. The horizontal portion of the clip rests and is adapted to slide within a recess or notch in the upper face or edge of the rib or hoop 3, and by means of the slots the clips 4 may be adjusted in a radial direction for adapting the barrel-cover to embrace and fit snugly the heads of barrels of different sizes.

The peripheral edge of the stationary section 1 of the cover is rabbeted, as indicated at 6, to receive the lower edge of a segmental plate, preferably of heavy tin, said plate extending vertically any desired height to form the rear curved wall of the display-compartment, the lower edge of said plate being secured to the cover-section 1 in any usual manner. The front edges of the segmental plate 7 are beveled or inclined and tacked or otherwise secured to a pair of upwardly-extending and rearwardly-inclining frame-pieces 8, which are mortised at their lower ends into the cover-section 1 at the front edge of the latter, and which are provided in their inner adjacent edges with grooves 9, adapted to receive the opposite side edges of a pane of glass 10, the lower edge of the glass also fitting into a groove 11 in its respective cover-section. By means of this construction the glass may be removed with ease for the purpose of cleaning the display-compartment

when desired. 12 designates a lid, which corresponds in shape to the space between the upper edge of the glass and the curved edge of the segmental plate 7, said lid being hinged to the upper ends of the frame-pieces 8 and provided with a curved rim 13, extending around the rear curved edge thereof and depending therefrom in such manner as to embrace snugly the upper edge of the segmental back plate 7 for the purpose of excluding dust, dirt, flies, &c.

The construction above described provides a simple, novel, and efficient display-cover for barrels, which may be quickly applied to and removed from barrels of different sizes and clamped thereon by means of the angle-clips referred to. By reason of the inclined relation of the observation-window the contents of the observation-compartment may be readily seen from any point, while the larger section 2 of the cover affords the proper access to the barrel.

It will be apparent that the size of the display-cover may be varied to correspond to the particular use required; or the form thereof may be altered to agree with the shape of the barrel, box, or can in connection with which it is used. It will also be apparent that other changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A display cover for barrels, &c., comprising an imperforate top made in two unequal sections which are hinged together, a display

compartment in the form of an inclosed receptacle arranged upon the top of the smaller section and extending upwardly therefrom, and an inclined observation window arranged in the front of said display compartment, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A display cover for barrels, &c., comprising a circular top of wood formed in two unequal sections hinged together, as shown, upwardly extending and rearwardly inclining frame pieces secured to one of said sections and formed in their inner adjacent edges with grooves for the reception of a removable glass or window, a segmental plate extending around the peripheral edge of said section and secured at its opposite ends to said frame pieces and of a height corresponding to the height of said frame pieces, and a lid arranged over the display compartment thus formed and provided with a rim depending therefrom, all combined and arranged substantially as set forth.

3. A display cover comprising a top made in two sections hinged together, and a display compartment elevated above and superposed upon one of said sections, one wall of said compartment conforming to the shape of the outer edge of said cover, and the inner wall of said compartment being inclined and provided with an observation window, substantially as set forth.

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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