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FRUIT-CRATE.

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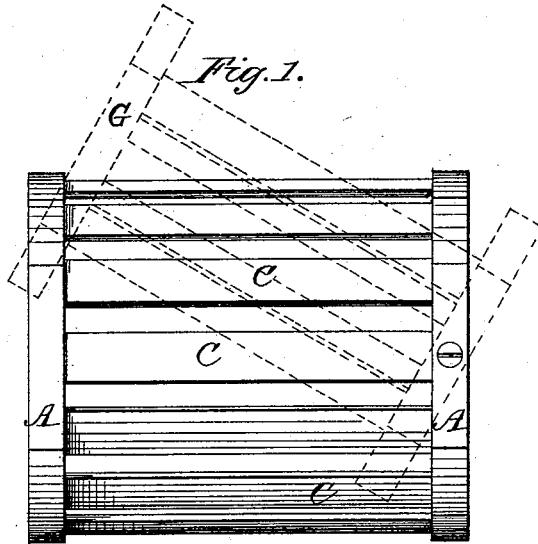
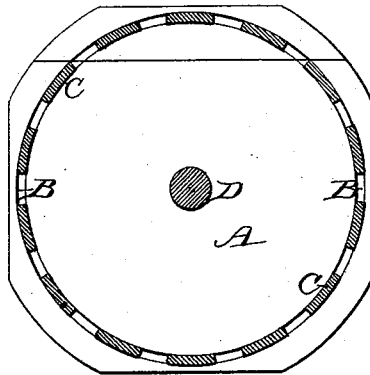


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-CRATES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WELLS, of the city and county of Muskegon, Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Fruit-Crate, and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, hereinafter referred to, forms a complete specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

The invention consists of a novel construction of the crate, as hereinafter fully shown and described, rendering the fruit safe from loss or damage while being handled or shipped. It allows a free circulation of air through the fruit, and an opportunity to inspect the same, rendering it safe and convenient to ship large quantities packed together.

My improved fruit-crate is constructed with

two solid end pieces, A A, having grooves B B, into which are inserted slats running parallel to each other, as shown in the drawings. The two solid end pieces are held together by nails driven into the slats, and, when desired, by the rod D. The cover G is formed by cutting off a small segment of the end pieces, in the grooves of which are also inserted slats like those of the body of the crate. The cover G is made secure to the body of the crate, when it is filled by nails at H H.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A crate for fruit of all kinds, constructed of two solid end pieces, A A, having grooves B B, into which are inserted slats, in combination with rod D and cover G, all substantially as shown and described.

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