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Fruit-Box.

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Fig. 3.

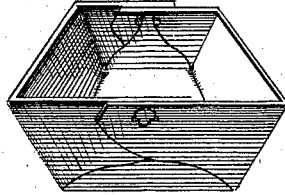


Fig. 2.

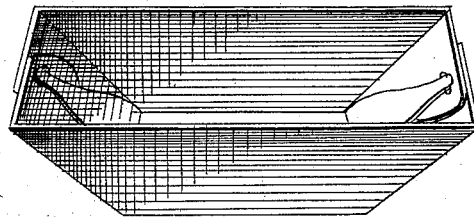
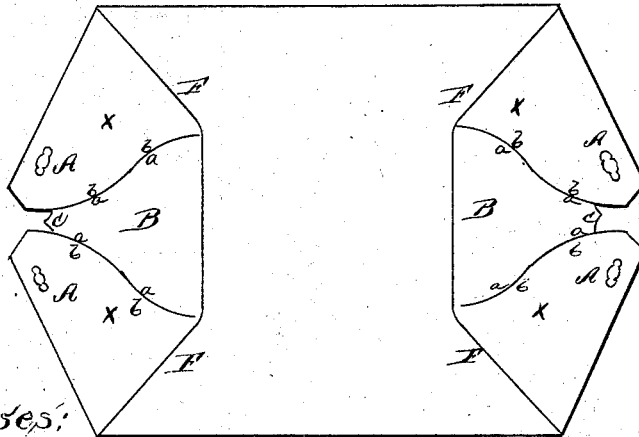


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE O. COLE, of Hillsdale, Bergen county, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Fruit-Vender's Dish, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a vertical view of the blank, made of thin wood, veneer, or other flexible material, from which the dish is formed. Fig. 2 represents a lateral perspective view of the dish. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the same.

Fruit-boxes have heretofore been constructed of a blank cut out in one piece by a single blow of a die, and provided with corner flaps or wings provided with slits brought to register with each other, through which the tongues of central flaps or wings pass from the outside of the box.

My invention is intended to improve the above-described construction of boxes or dishes by introducing the tongues into the registered slits from the inside of the box or dish instead of the outside, whereby the tongue has end supports in the flaps or wings, and the weight of the fruit or other material in the box forces the tongues into the slits, and they are supported by the wings or flaps, whereas if they (the tongues) are introduced from the outside, the weight of the material in the box presses the tongues out, and in the construction alluded to have no support from the wings or flaps. It will also be perceived that in my construction of dish the tongues and flaps are so curved that the openings between the wings or flaps are entirely closed.

To this end my invention consists of a fruit-dish having wings or flaps provided with slits through which the tongues pass from the inside, as hereinafter more fully described.

I stamp the material of which the dish is to be formed substantially as shown in Fig. 1, and at the same time punch in each of the outer

wings, X X X X, any kind of elongated holes, A A A A, the greater diameters of which are exactly parallel with the outer lines of the wings X X X X.

The central tongues B B may of course be cut in a cuneiform, curved, or other similar shape, which will give a point or blunted point on a broad base. I prefer the shape shown in Fig. 1 and marked B C. The pointed end of the tongue B B I terminate preferably on a line with the holes A A, though it is obvious the point may be a trifle shorter or indefinitely longer.

To fasten the dish and permanently hold it in shape I fold the outer edges of the wings X X X X on either end together until the holes A A on each end are brought directly over each other. I then bend the tongues B B in such manner as to introduce their points C C through the holes A A and A A. When the tongues B B are flattened with the points in this position the dish is at once firmly pinned together and stiffened without the aid of any other appliance.

The dish before forming may be transported in flat sheets and put together at a moment's notice without the aid of any tools or machinery.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the dish herein described, consisting of the body F, having the wings X X at each of its opposite ends, said wings being provided with openings A A, registering with each other, through which the pointed ends C of the end tongues B B, respectively, pass from the inside of the dish, as herein set forth.

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