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Egg Box.

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Fig. 1.

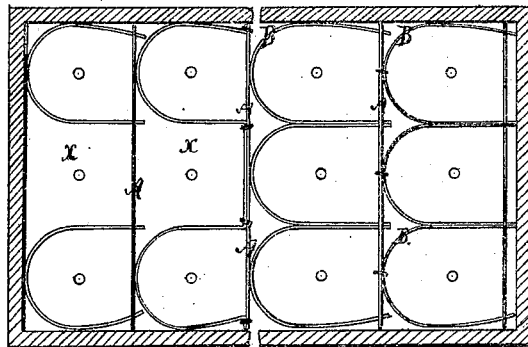


Fig. 4.

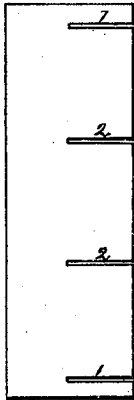


Fig. 2.

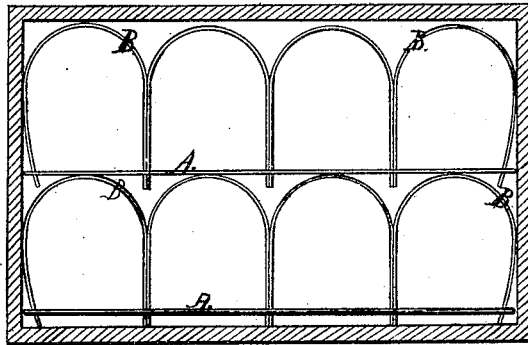
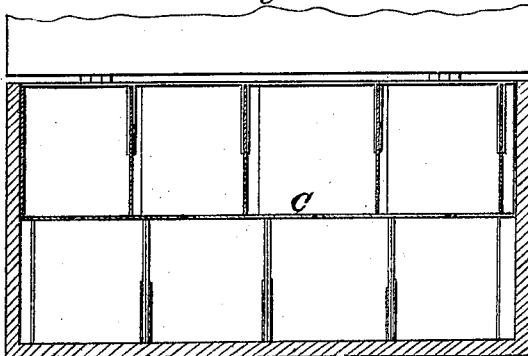


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG AND FRUIT-CARRIERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CLARK, of Lena, in the county of Stephenson and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Peach and Egg-Carrier; and I hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to an improved construction and arrangement of boxes or compartments for the transportation of peaches, eggs, or other similar articles needing careful usage in moving and handling.

Figures 1 and 2 represent plan views of my improved carrier;

Figure 3, a central vertical section; and

Figure 4, a front elevation of the face-plate.

The materials of which the compartments are made may be pasteboard, paper, or any analogous material.

The form of the series of nests or compartments, as shown in fig. 1, is made of a strip of paper or pasteboard, A, with bent strips B attached thereto, as shown in the figures, the parts being so arranged, if preferred, as to leave a space, *x*, between the bent outer compartments, and the whole resembling, in plan, a yoke with the bows in place. These may be attached to each other, as shown in fig. 1, *z*, the apices of the bows being fastened to the face-board of the contiguous set.

In fig. 2 is represented a modification more particularly intended for round packages. It differs from the other form in having the bent portions placed side by side, without leaving any space between, and admits of attaching two bent parts in the same slot in the face-board.

The method of attaching the parts, shown in figs. 1 and 2, is by slotting the paper half way and locking the slots into each other, as clearly shown.

The face-plate is cut as shown in fig. 4, the slots 1 receiving the slotted edges of one bent part, and 2 those of another. These need no other fastening, being held by the several layers, and the top and bottom of the box in which they are packed, from rising out of place.

In fig. 1, *y*, the method of attachment shown is by means of wire, which is passed through the center of the strip, and bent up on one side and down on the other, the ends being turned over the edges. The bent strip in this case need not be cut, but simply bent in the form of two bows, the central straight part fitting against the straight face-board. This form may also be cheaply and easily sewed together. In this no notches or slots are needed, the ends being simply lapped and attached as described.

When one layer of these compartments is placed in a box I place over them the partition-board C, which forms a cover for the lower, and bottom for the next series. Its perforations allow free circulation of air, and a similar board is interposed on edge between the sets.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A series of compartments formed of a face-plate of paper, or similar material, and a series of bent pieces attached thereto, forming the main portion of the compartments, as set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 7th day of June, 1870.

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