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IMPROVEMENT IN PACKAGES FOR OYSTERS, CLAMS, &c.

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, MORGAN W. BROWN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Package for Oysters and Clams; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same.

This invention consists in a package for oysters and clams, made of a paper or cloth which is rendered impervious to air, water, or fat by the application of a compound of glycerine and caustic potash, or by any other compound which will produce the desired effect, in such a manner that a cheap, convenient, and durable substitute is obtained for the tin cans generally used for putting up and transporting oysters and clams.

In carrying out my invention I take paper or cloth and treat the same with a compound of glycerine and caustic potash, or with any other compound or material which will render the paper or cloth tough, pliable, and impervious to air, water, or fat.

From the paper or cloth thus produced I make bags or packages of any suitable form or shape, by preference in the form of paper bags, the edges of the paper or cloth being united by a suitable cement, and after these bags have been charged with oysters they

are tied like flour-bags; or they may be sealed by securing in their mouth a tube or other material and stopping up said tube with cork or other suitable material, and they are ready for the market or for transportation.

By these means a package for oysters or clams is obtained which is much cheaper than the tin cans at present used for this purpose; and furthermore my package can be opened and reclosed without trouble, while the operation of opening a tin can is attended with some difficulty; and if such a can has been once opened it cannot be closed again, and its contents must be used up at once.

When my packages are empty they can be put up in a comparatively small space, and in many instances they may be returned to be recharged.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a package for oysters or clams made of paper or cloth, rendered tough, pliable, and impervious to air, water, or fat, substantially in the manner set forth.

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