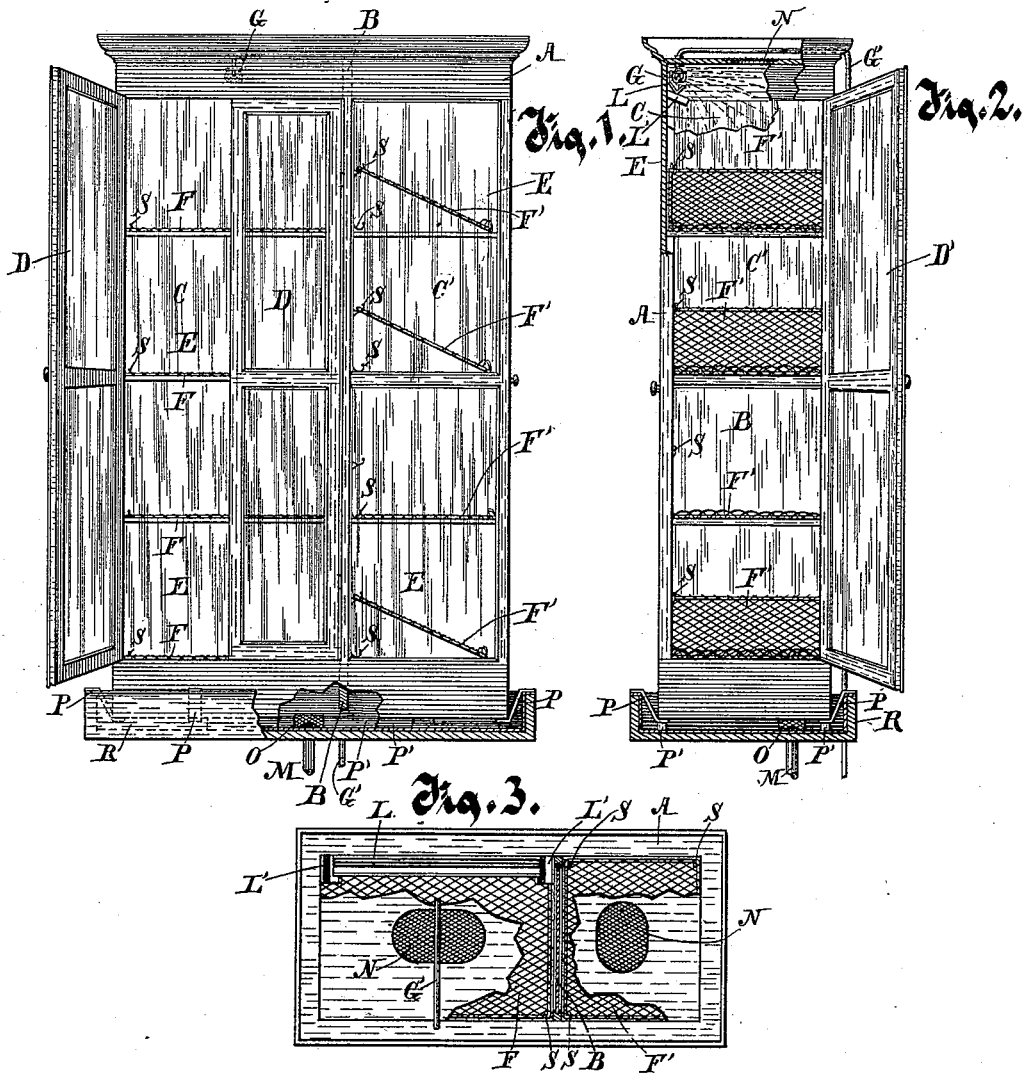


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GERHARD D. BASSE, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Vegetable and Fruit Preserving Case; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is a device that is an improvement upon the device for which Letters Patent of the United States, No. 325,310, were issued to me September 1, 1885.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device, parts being broken away to show interior portions. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same device, parts being broken away to show interior portions. Fig. 3 is a top view or plan of the same device, parts being broken away to show interior parts.

The case A is divided vertically by the partition B into two chambers C C'. These chambers at the front, rear, and sides are inclosed by glazed doors D and D' and stationary panels E E. The chambers are each provided with several shelves FF and F', some or all of which shelves in the chamber C' are supported in an inclined position facing toward the door D'. This chamber C' is intended and adapted especially for receiving and preserving fruit or berries in boxes, and the shelves are inclined with reference to exhibiting the berries to view while within the case, as well as so locating them that they can be conveniently removed from the case.

The chamber C is more especially adapted for holding vegetables, and is provided with a water-spraying device G, located near the upper part of the chamber and attached to a water-supplying pipe G', which is connected with the water-service pipes or other source of water-supply.

Immediately below the sprayer G a small gutter L is preferably located, which catches any surplus water, carrying it to the sides of the chamber, where it is emptied upon the spouts L' L' and is discharged into the tank R, from which it is discharged through the

waste-pipe M. A screen O guards the inner end of the waste-pipe M.

The shelves F and F' are perforated, or are preferably made of woven wire, so as to provide free circulation in the chambers C and C'.

Apertures N N are provided in the top of the case for ventilation, which are partially closed by wire screens.

The case is supported by brackets P P, or partly by brackets and partly by the blocks P' P', in a tank or water-tight box R, which is provided with the water-discharge pipe M, heretofore mentioned.

It will be seen that the case is so constructed that it is adapted to hold vegetables in the chamber C, upon which it is proper and desirable to spray water by means of the spraying device G, and that the chamber C' is adapted to hold fruits and berries on which it is not desirable to spray the water, but in which the fruit will be protected from dust, and at the same time will be kept cool and fresh by the cold radiated from the water and cooler air in the adjoining chamber C.

The hooks S S on the rear wall of the chamber C' are adapted to receive the inner edge of the shelves F' F' thereon and hold the shelves in position.

The case A has no bottom, and the air coming in freely through the lower ends of the chambers passes out through the apertures N N, whereby a constant circulation of fresh air is provided for.

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

1. A vegetable and fruit preserving case having two chambers located alongside each other and perforated shelves therein, in combination with a water-spraying device located in one of the chambers, substantially as described.

2. A vegetable and fruit preserving case consisting of a case having two chambers and perforated shelves, the case being open at the bottom and provided with apertures at the top, in combination with a water-spraying device in one of the chambers, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a vegetable-preserving case A, having ventilating-apertures N

N in its top, and a water-spraying device located in the upper part of the case, in combination with a tank P, in which the case is supported at a distance from its bottom,  
5 whereby ventilation is secured through the chambers of the case, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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