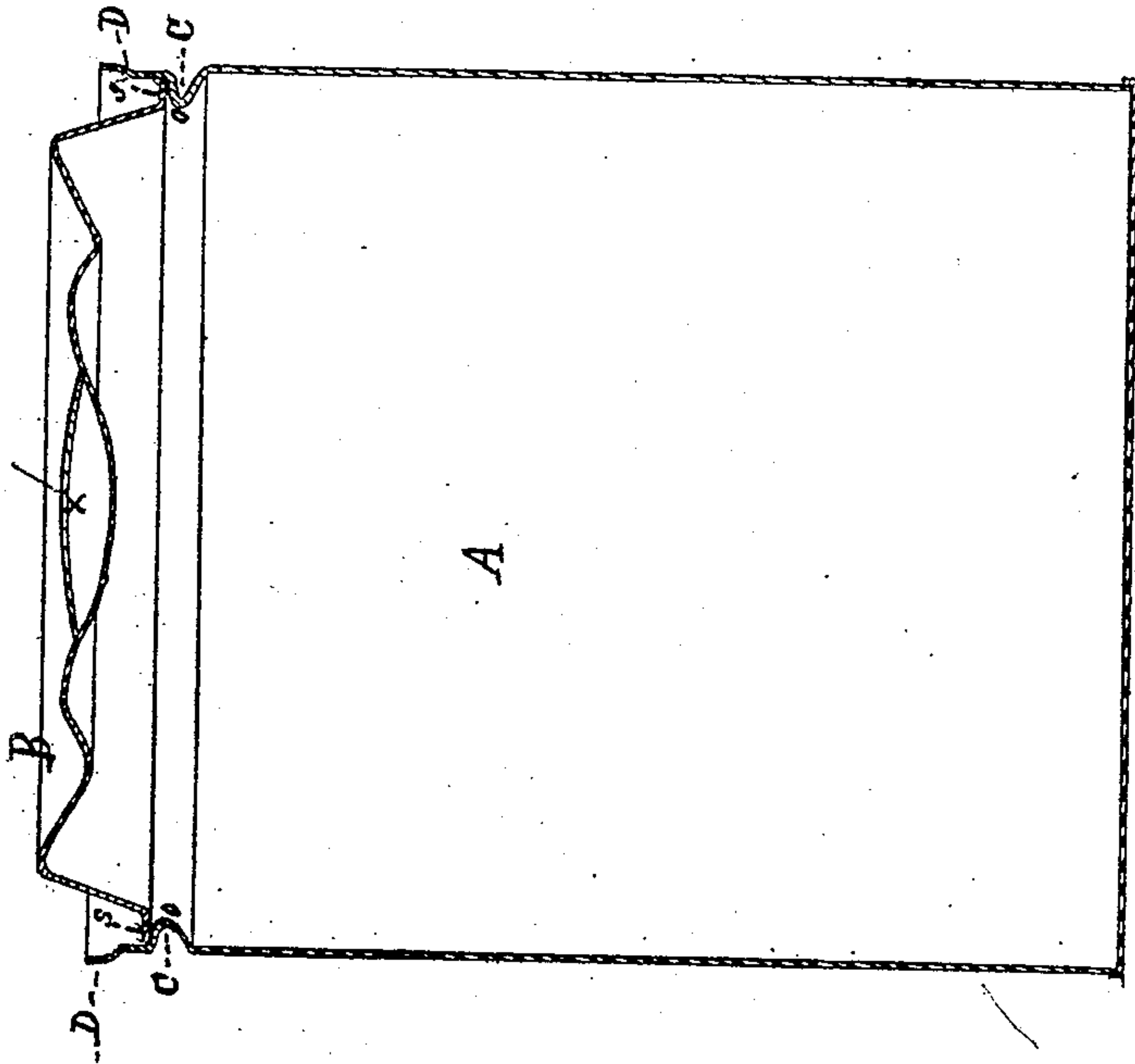


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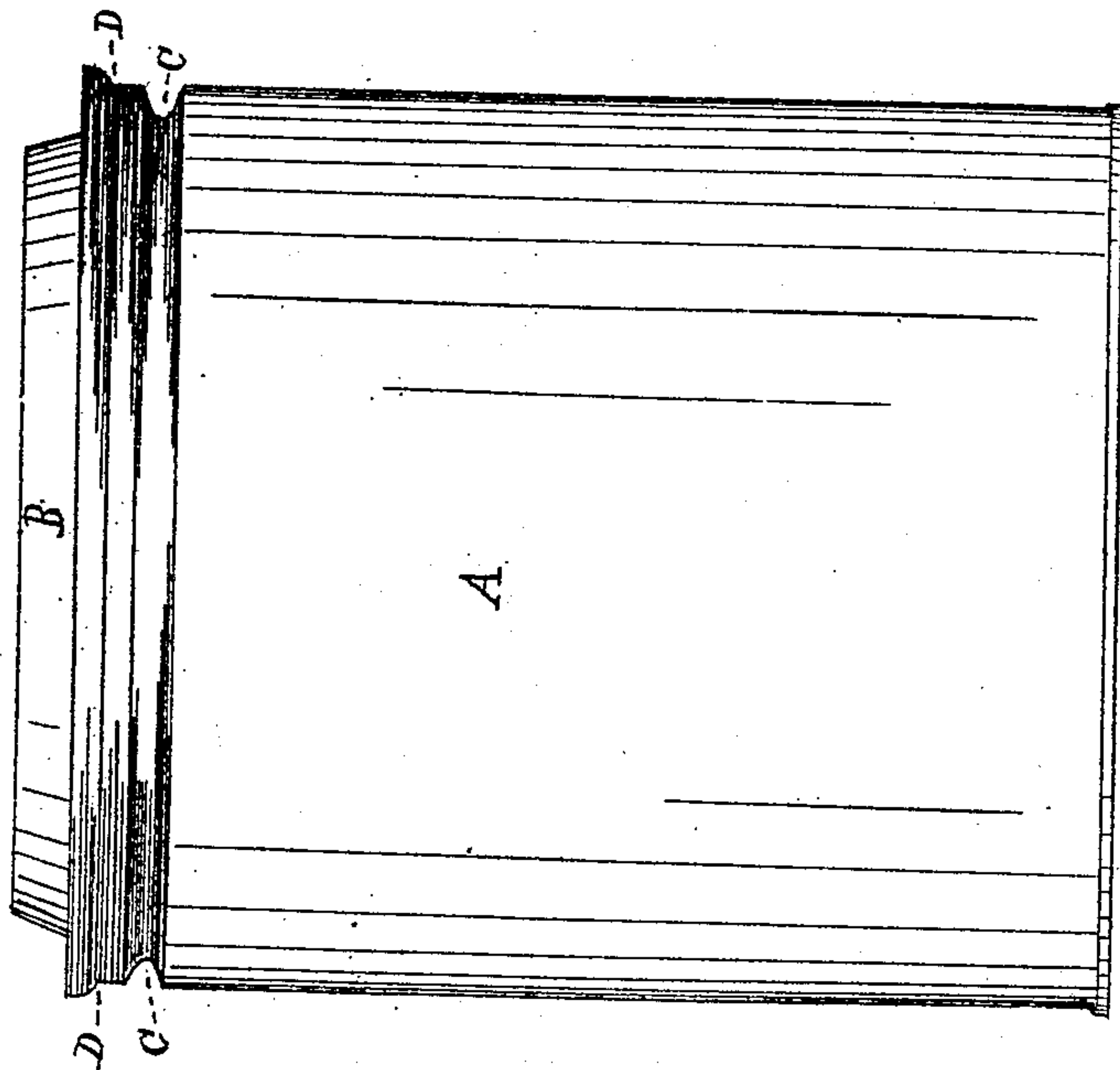
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Fig. 1



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-CANS.

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

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, CHARLES BECKER, JOHN A. ROSS, and JACOB STEUERNAGEL, all of the city and county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fruit-Cans; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of our invention consists in contracting the body of a fruit-can, near the mouth, so that a projecting rim is formed on the inside of the can, for a rest for the flange of the lid, said projecting rim and flange of the lid being used in combination with a corrugated lip of the mouth of the can, and cement for sealing it, the whole being constructed, arranged, and operating in the manner hereinafter described.

To enable others to make and use our invention, we will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of our application—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of our improved fruit-can.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of the same.

We construct our fruit-can of the ordinary form, and in the usual manner, but we contract it below the lip or mouth of the can, so as to form the deep groove, marked C. By forming this groove, we form the rim or shoulder o, for the flange i of the lid to rest on. By constructing the lid B in the form shown in the drawings, and by the corrugated lip D, a recess, s, is formed, for holding the sealing-cement. x represents the handle of the lid B.

The operation of our improvement is as follows:

The fruit is heated in the ordinary manner, and the body A of the can filled with the hot fruit. The lid B is then put to its place, care being taken that the flange i of the lid is well fitted to the shoulder or rim o of the can. We press down firmly on the lid, and fill the recess s with heated cement, which will properly seal the can.

The advantage of our improvement in fruit-can consists in the ease and facility afforded for cleaning and drying the can, which is a very great consideration where cans are made of tin, which is now the general practice.

Having thus described the nature, construction, and operation of our improvement, what we claim as of our invention is—

The arrangement of the corrugated lip D, shoulder o, flange i, and recess s, constructed, arranged, and operating as herein described, and for the purpose set forth.

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