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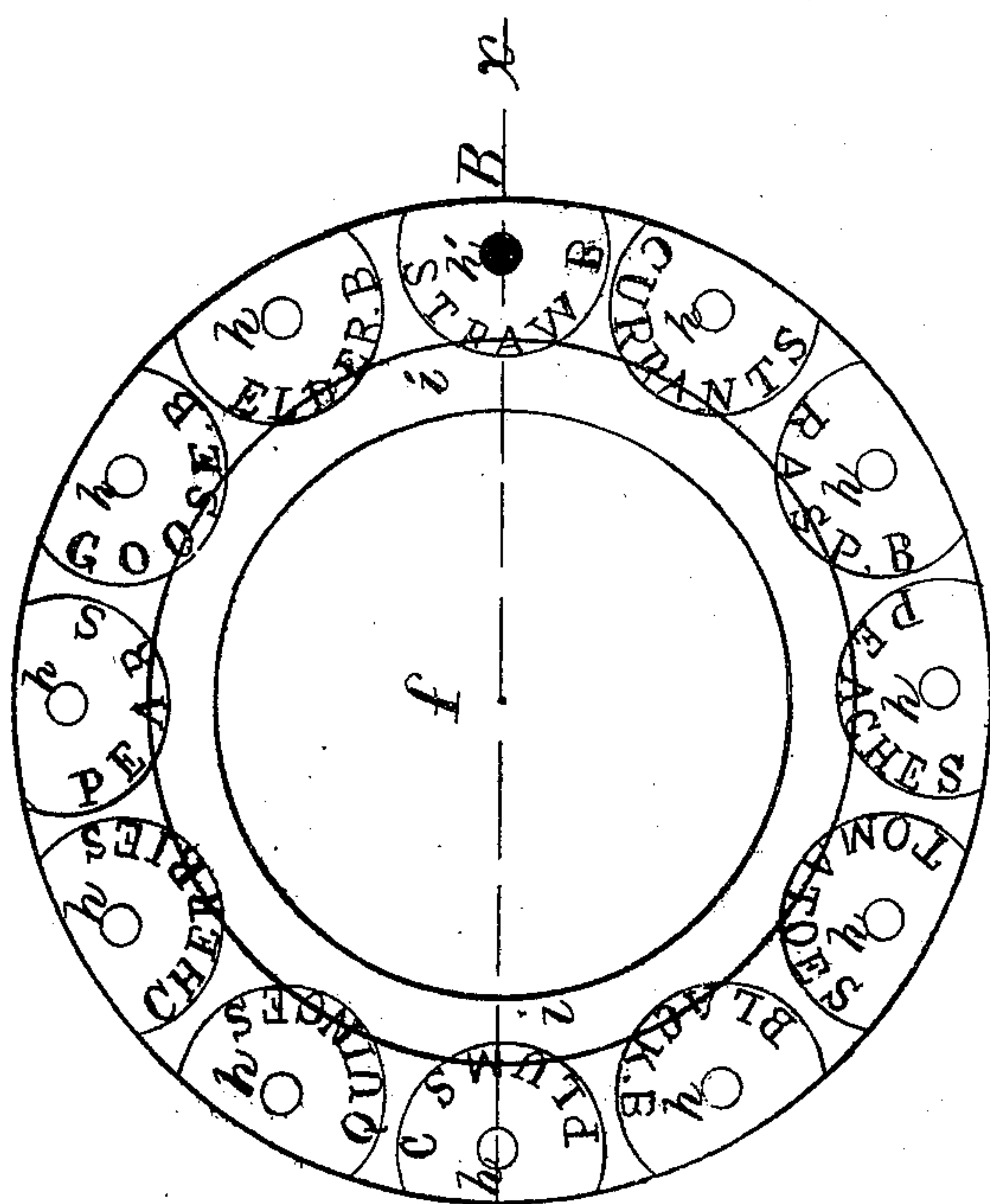


Fig 1.

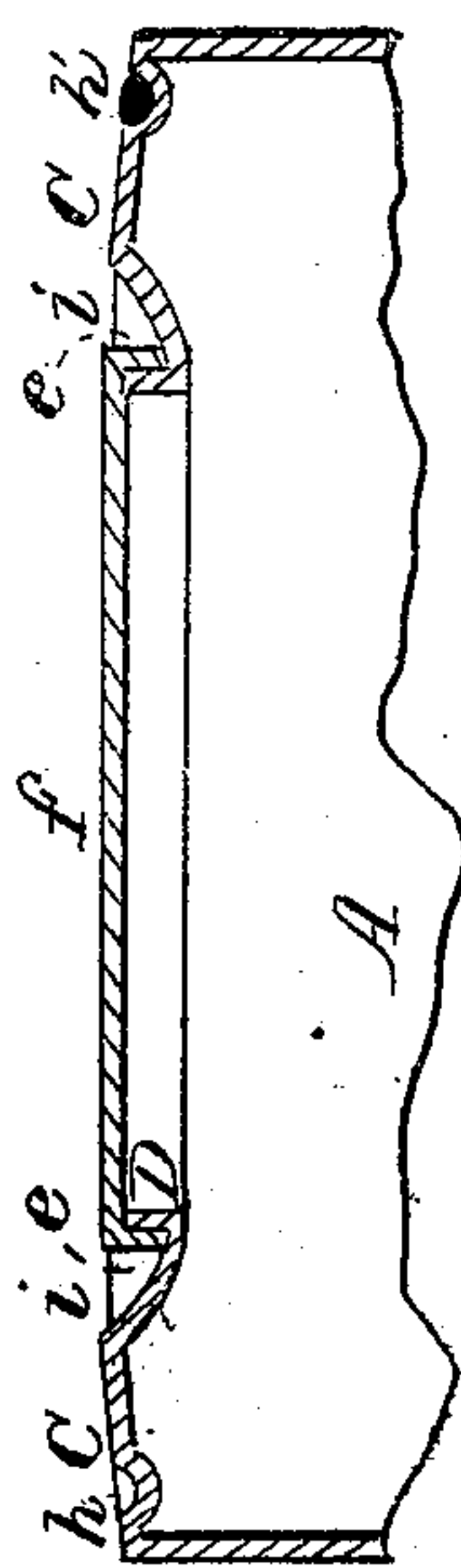


Fig 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-CAN LABELS.

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, JOHN DUNLAP, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tops for Fruit-Cans; and I 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 my invention consists in furnishing a new article of manufacture, viz, a top for fruit-cans; said top being provided with a series of marking-cells arranged around on the "breast" of the top, with the names of fruit stamped into, or otherwise affixed on the can-top, with relation to the marking-cells, so that by filling a cell with a suitable marking-material, the contents of the can will be indicated.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of my specifications—

Figure 1 is a top view or plan of my improvement in tops for fruit-cans.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the same.

A represents a section of the body of an ordinary fruit-can made of tin.

B represents the top of the can.

C represents what is termed the "breast" of the can-top.

D represents the flange of the neck of the can-top, over which is fitted the flange *e*, of the lid *f*.

The flange D, of the neck of the can, is sunk down so as to form a sealing-groove and bring the upper surface of the lid *f* on a line with the "breast" C, for the purpose of forming a flat surface, so that one can may be set on the top of another, in shipping or storing them away on shelves of stores or other place.

h represents the marking-cells, which are indentations made in the "breast" of the can-top. Around

these cells are stamped or affixed, (as clearly shown in fig. 1,) the names of fruit, viz, pears, gooseberries, elderberries, strawberries, currants, raspberries, peaches, tomatoes, blackberries, plums, quinces, cherries; and other names of fruit may, in like manner, be placed on the can-top, when so desired.

The operation of my improvement is as follows:

The fruit is properly prepared and put into the can, (for example, cherries;) the lid *f* is then placed on the top, (as shown in fig. 1;) cement or other sealing-material is run into the groove *i*, so as to hermetically seal the can, and secure the lid on the top of the can.

A drop of the cement or sealing-material is then dropped into the marking-cell, (which in this case would be in the cell around which is the word "cherries,") in every case filling the cell, which will indicate the contents of the can.

By thus stamping or affixing the names of fruit on the breast of the can-top, with a marking-cell near each name of a fruit, a certain, safe, easy, and expeditious means is provided for indicating the contents of the can, and one which, by its position, secures the mark from casual displacement by friction or violence, and which admits of its being readily removed when the cans are to be refilled, and the label or indicator is required to be changed.

Having thus described the nature, construction, and operation of my improvement,

What I claim as of my invention, is—

As a new article of manufacture, providing each one of the constant series of labels, now in use upon the top of a fruit-can, with a corresponding indicator, consisting of an indentation to receive and retain a drop of the sealing-cement or other material, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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