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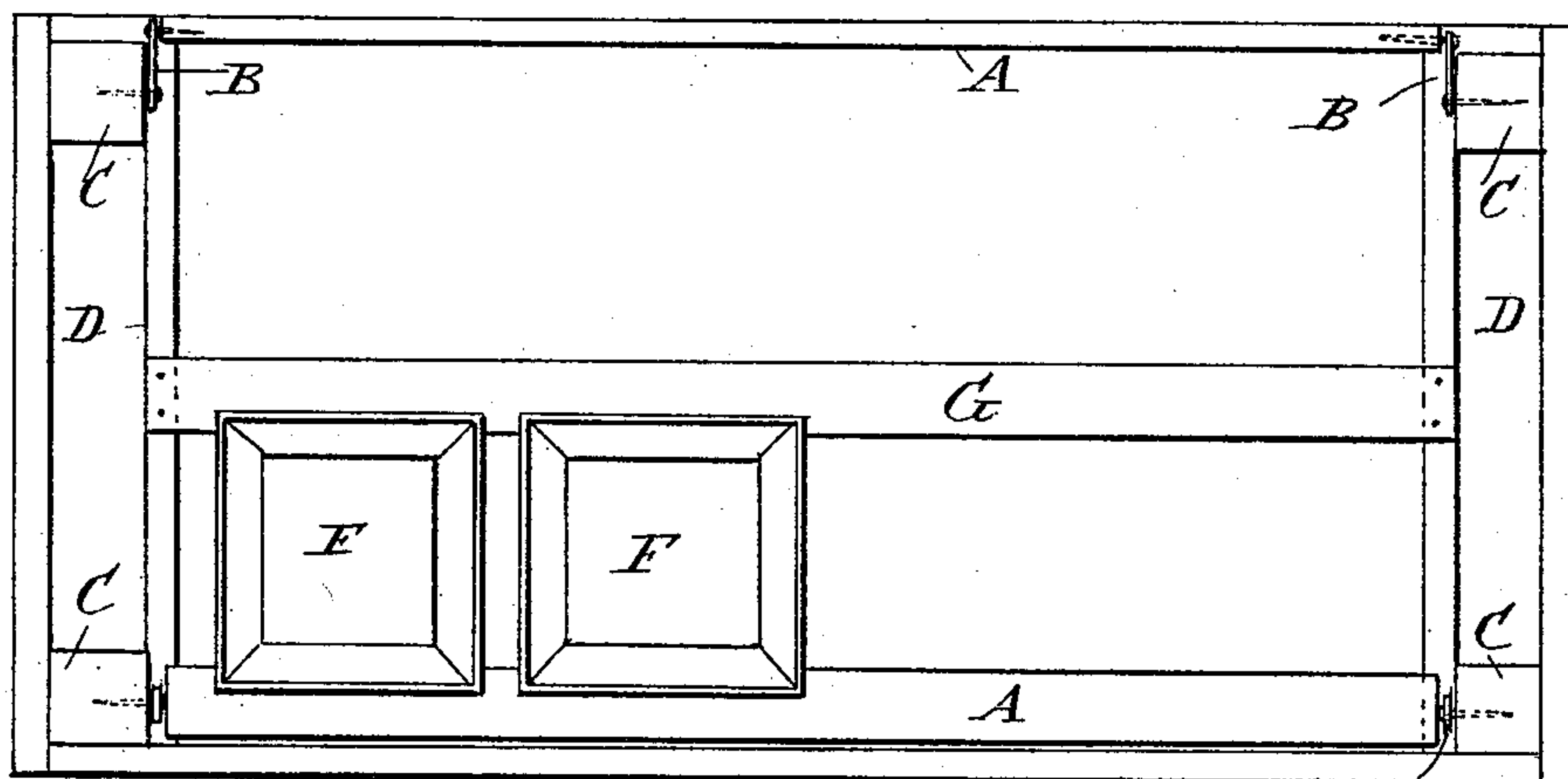
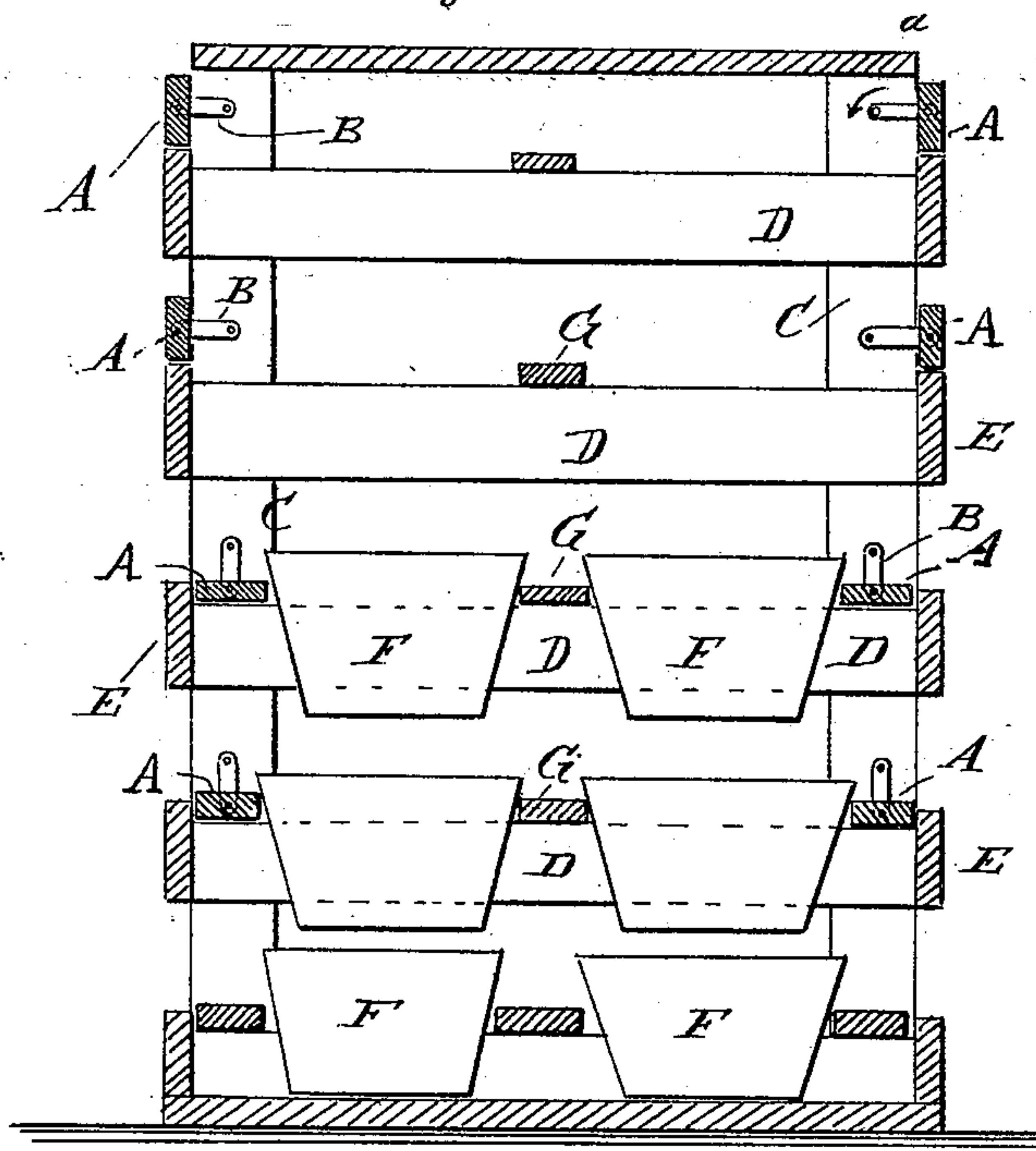
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BERRY CRATE.

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Fig. 1



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Fig. 2

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BERRY-CRATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS D. CHAPMAN, of Irvington, Essex county, New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Berry-Crate, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved berry-crate in which the baskets can be placed very conveniently and in such a manner that the berries in one basket will not be bruised by the other baskets, and the baskets can also be removed very conveniently.

The invention consists in a slat pivoted above each fixed longitudinal slat of the crate in such a manner that it can be folded down to rest flat on the upper edges of the fixed slat, and to project into the inside of the crate, the baskets being supported by the inner edges of these pivoted slats.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a cross-sectional elevation of the berry-crate, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Slats A are pivoted at the ends to short arms B, pivoted to the inner sides of the uprights C of the crate, above the upper edges of the transverse and longitudinal fixed slats D E of the crate, in such a manner that the lower edge of these pivoted slats A can rest on the upper edge of the longitudinal fixed slats E. These pivoted slats A can be turned down, as indicated by the arrow *a'*, in such a manner that the ends of the pivoted slats A will rest on the transverse slats D only, and the outer edge of these slats will rest against the inner surface of the longitudinal fixed slats E. As is shown, the transverse slats D are attached to the inner sides of the uprights C.

The baskets F rest on the inner edges of the

slats A, or on the edge of a middle longitudinal slat, G, and the edge of one of the slats A, in case two adjoining rows of baskets are arranged in the crate. The cover is hinged to the uprights C C.

The baskets are passed into the crate as follows: The baskets are placed on the bottom of the crate first, and then the lowest pivoted rail A is turned down, and the baskets are placed between two of these slats, or between one of them and the middle slat, G. Then the next higher slats are turned down and another row of baskets placed in the crate, and so on until the same is filled. The baskets are supported by the slats altogether, and do not rest on each other, and consequently the upper baskets cannot bruise the berries in the lower baskets.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A berry-crate made, substantially as herein shown and described, with longitudinal slats pivoted above the longitudinal fixed slats, as set forth.

2. In a berry-crate, the combination, with the uprights C, of the transverse and longitudinal fixed slats D E, of the arms B, pivoted to the uprights C, and of the slats A, pivoted to the arms B, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a berry-crate, the combination, with the uprights C, of the transverse and longitudinal fixed slats D E, of the pivoted slats A, and the fixed middle slats, G, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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