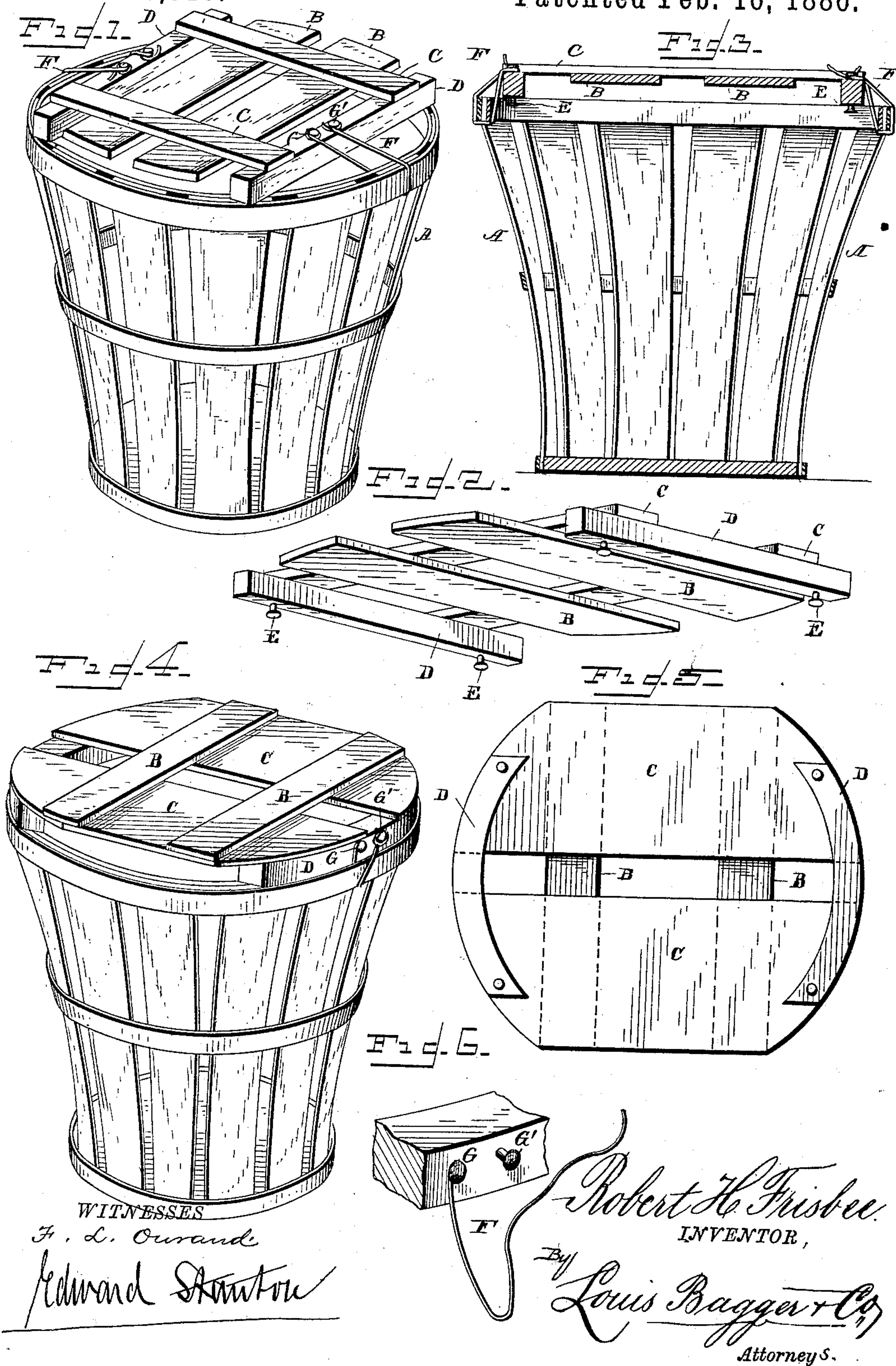


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. FRISBEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Union City, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Fruit and Vegetable Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fruit-basket provided with my improved cover. Fig. 2 is a perspective inverted view of the cover removed from the basket. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the basket with its cover. Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating a modified construction of the cover. Fig. 5 is an inverted plan of the cover shown in Fig. 4, and Fig. 6 is a detailed view of my improved fastener.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention has relation to covers for baskets adapted for the shipment of fruits, vegetables, and articles of a similar perishable nature, and has for its object to produce a cover for that class of crates or baskets which shall be sufficiently rigid to enable it to safely support one or more crates or baskets when these are piled or stacked upon one another, and also allow the top of the cover to rise a sufficient distance above the rim of the basket to prevent it from bruising the fruit or vegetables contained in the basket.

It further has for its object to so construct the cover that the same may be readily fastened upon the basket in such a manner that it cannot be accidentally displaced while the baskets are in transit from one place to another.

With these ends in view my improvement consists in the detailed construction of the cover which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A denotes the basket, which may be of any desired construction, shape, and material. The cover consists of a series of slats, B, which are

nailed parallel to one another to the under side of the parallel cross-pieces C C, which are in turn supported at opposite ends upon the side pieces, D D, which are of such a length that their ends will rest upon the rim of the basket. These slats B B are made longer than the side pieces D D and are secured at some little distance from their ends to the cross-pieces C C. By this arrangement the side pieces D D can be placed so near the sides of the basket as not to injure the fruit, and the cross-pieces C C be secured to their ends, and the ends of the slats B B will project far enough from the cross-pieces as to cover the top of the basket at the sides.

In order to prevent the side pieces from slipping off of the basket, I insert nails or screws, (shown at E) into the under side of said side pieces in such a manner that these will project down into the basket and bear against the rim on the inside.

If desired, the end pieces D D may be curved to conform to the shape of the top of the basket, as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5.

By this modification the basket-cover is made without corners and presents a neater finish, the side pieces being made in that case of sufficient width to overlap the rim of the basket on the inside, so that the nails or blocks E will bear against the inside rim of the basket and hold the cover in place. The cover is fastened upon the basket on each side by means of a piece of copper or other ductile wire, (shown at F,) cut to a suitable length, and one end of which is permanently fastened to the cover by a nail or tack, G. The free end of the wire is inserted through the opening between the slats of the basket and doubled around the rim, after which it is wound a couple of times around another nail, G', the outer end of which projects from the side of the cover, leaving the end projecting, so that it may be readily unwound when it is desired to remove the cover. By this construction of the cover the top of the same, consisting of the slats B B, is elevated a sufficient distance above the rim of the basket not to come in forcible contact with the contents of the same, thus avoiding undue pressure, which is apt to bruise and damage the fruits or vegetables placed in the basket.

The side pieces D D, as well as the cross-pieces C C, are sufficiently rigid to prevent the cover from sagging, even if a large number of baskets are stacked upon one another, and by means of the fastening-wires, arranged as described, 5 the cover of the basket may be removed and replaced in a moment of time. When the baskets are returned to the shippers after emptying, the covers may be nested in such a 10 manner as to occupy very little room, thus saving return freight.

I am aware that it is not new to make slatted covers for fruit-baskets and to secure them to the same by means of wire, and I do not 15 claim such construction, broadly; but

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with two side pieces, each of which is provided with a downwardly-pro-

jecting pin near its end, upon its under side, 20 and two nails upon its outer side near its middle, one of said nails having a wire firmly secured thereto and driven in its full length, and the other one being only driven in part of its length, the ends of said side pieces 25 resting upon the rim of the basket, two cross-pieces secured on the tops of said side pieces, and a series of slats secured to said cross-pieces, said slats being longer than the side pieces and having their ends projecting from 30 the cross-pieces, as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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