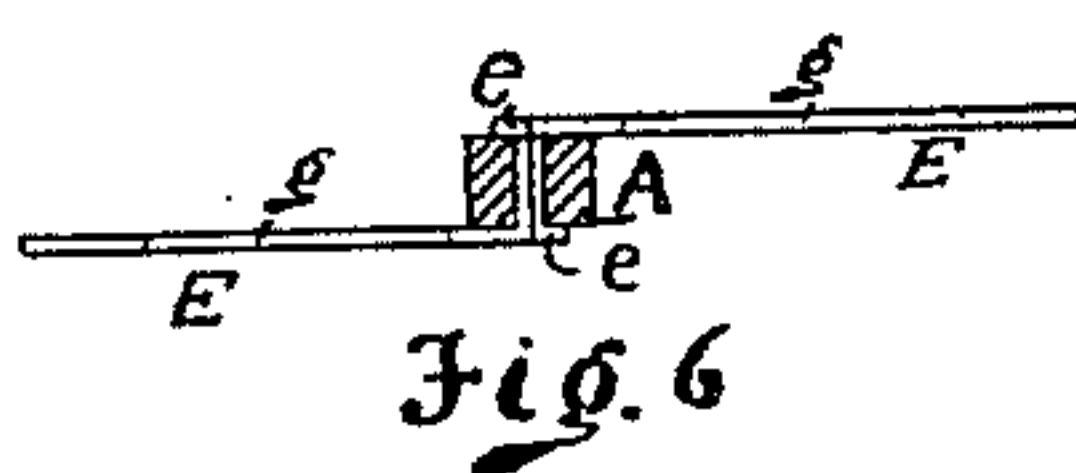
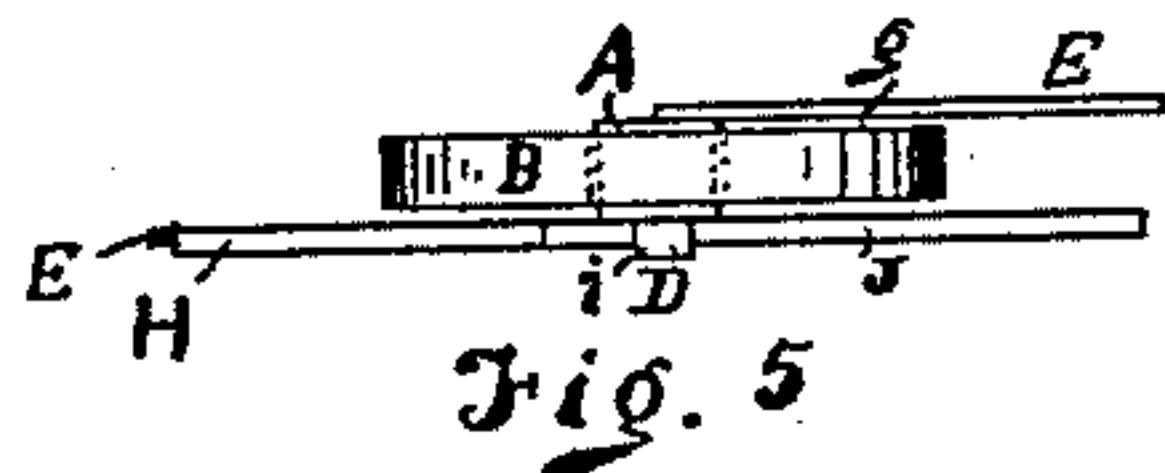
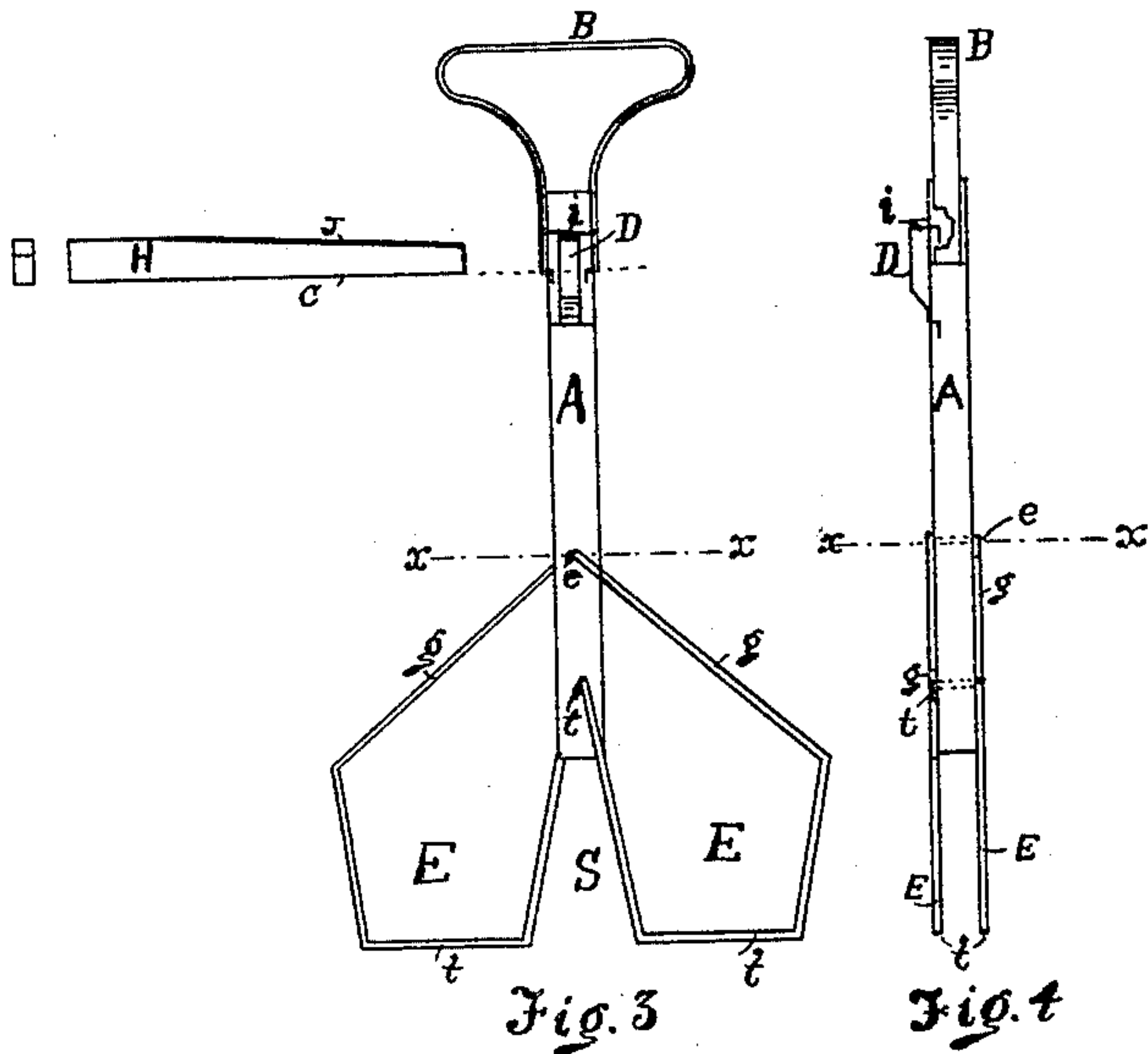
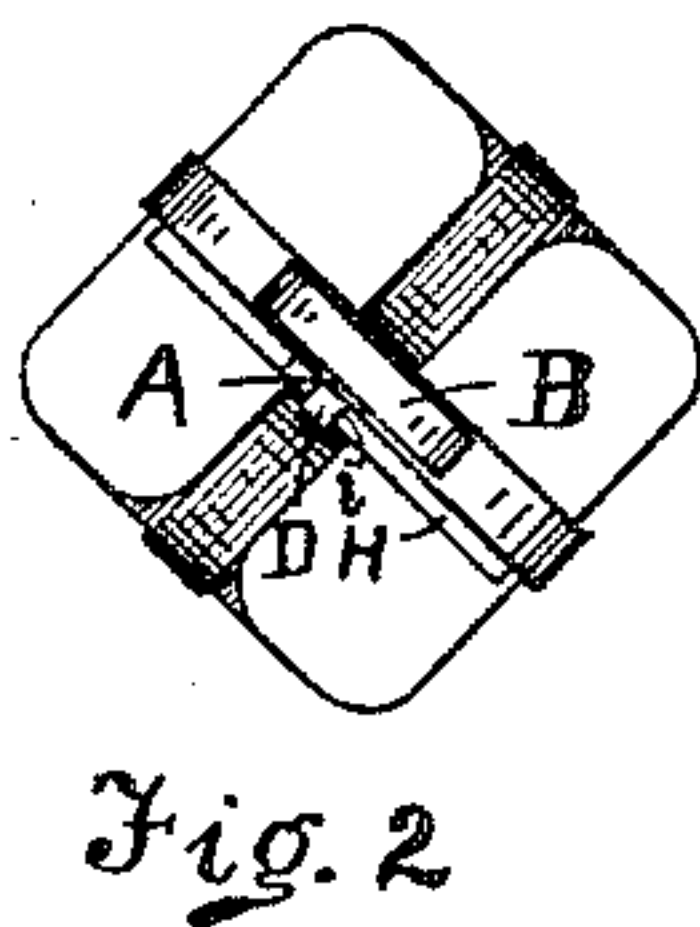
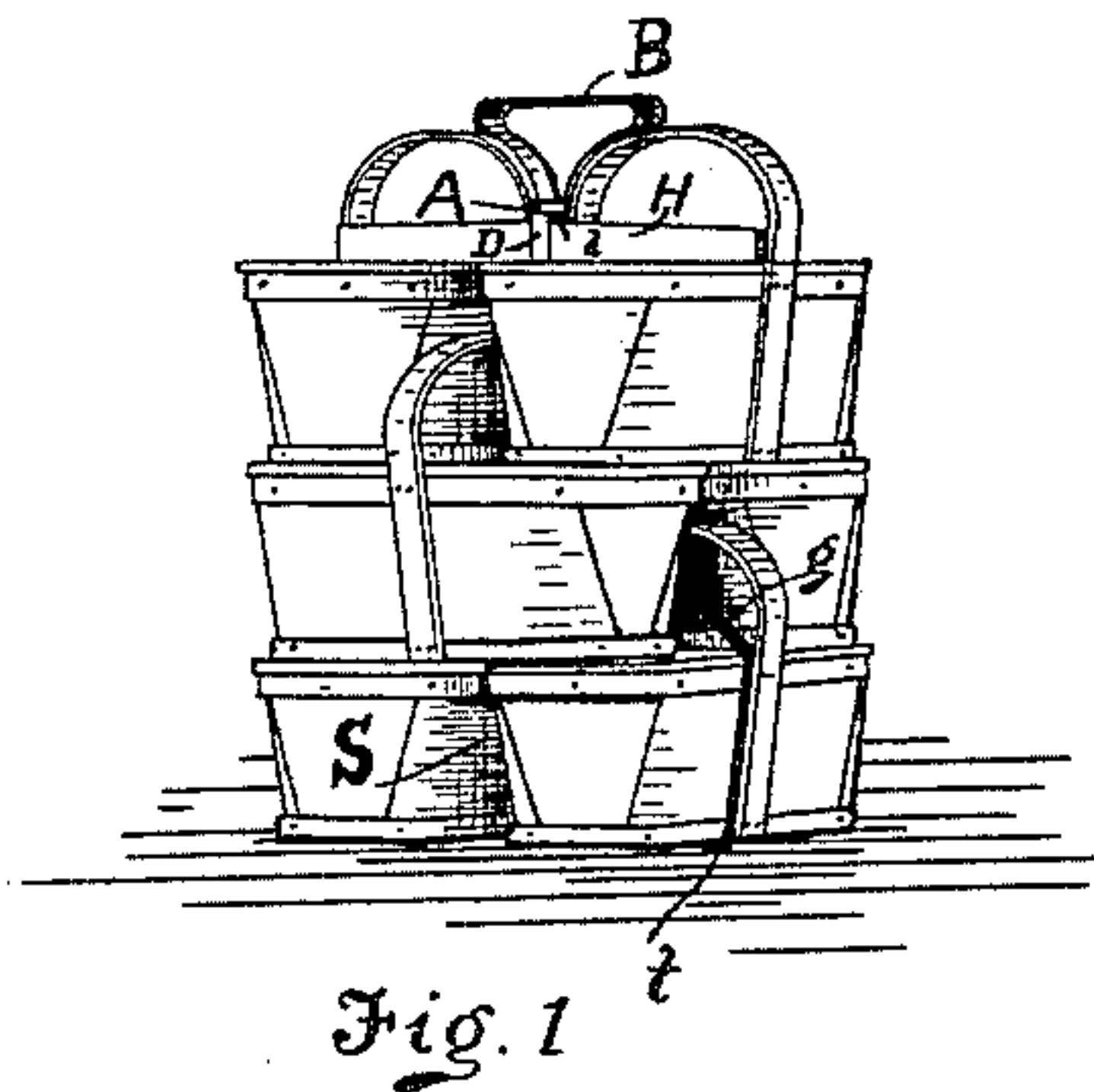


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALDEN EDGAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watkins, in the county of Schuyler and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Carriers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to further improvements in the carrier claimed in a pending application filed by me on or about the 19th day of January, 1891, and bearing the Serial No. 378,874.

It consists in the peculiar and simplified construction, the manner of securing the packages in the carrier, and adaptation of the parts for service, as clearly set forth and claimed hereinafter.

The object to be attained in this case is to simplify and cheapen the construction of the carrier, so that it may be brought to a cost so low that shippers of fruit may send it out as a gift with the packages it sustains.

The features of the present improvement are fully described hereinafter, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective elevation of my carrier filled with baskets. Fig. 2 is a plan view of same. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the empty carrier. Fig. 4 is a like elevation of different view. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the empty carrier. Fig. 6 is a sectional plan on the line *x x*, Figs. 3 and 4.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the main portion or body part of the carrier, constructed of a straight piece of wood or other cheap material. It may be properly termed a "standard," to which all other members of the carrier are secured and sustained in operation. A handle B, that may vary from the form shown, if desired, is secured to the upper end in any convenient manner as a part of said standard. Wire loops E, varying in number according to the kind of packages to be carried, are secured laterally on opposite sides, in the manner hereinafter described, to the lower end of the standard A. These loops are bent to conform to the sectional configuration of the packages

which they are designed to encircle, and at least enough of them are used to individually encircle each basket or other package in the lower tier. The loops have their bottom side *t* in the same plane and at right angles with the standard, thus forming, in connection with the baskets, a level base for the carrier, which maintains the standard, and consequently the packages of fruit, in an upright position. The upper side *g* of each loop is not made to conform to the package within it, but departs from the outer side thereof, acutely inclining upward to the standard. A suspending and sustaining brace to the loop is thus formed or made of this part and by it greater convenience accrues in placing the packages within the loops. The wire ends *e t*, returned in formation of the loop, are bent angularly, inserted through the standard, and clinched.

Projecting from the standard A near its upper end and secured thereto by insertion, as shown, or other equivalent means, is the hook or staple D, having in close proximity to the standard the shoulder *i*, against and beneath which the inclined plane J of the wedge H presses as the wedge is driven between said shoulder and the top of the upper packages lying in a plane slightly beneath it. I provide the wedge H with one straight under side *c* and one inclined upper side *j*, the straight side resting flatly upon the baskets or other packages assembled about the standard. A downward pressure is given all the packages between the wedge and loop E by the tightening action of the wedge against the shoulder *i*. The loops E as they depart downward from the standard diverge from each other slightly and from the aperture S between them in the base of the carrier to receive the handle of another carrier when they are piled one above the other in transportation.

Having thus clearly described the construction, the operation in the carrier shown is as follows: The first and lower baskets are set within the loops E centrally to the standard A. Upon these in the opposite direction are set another tier centrally to the standard, and so on until the carrier is filled to its shoulder *i*. The wedge H is then driven snugly between the shoulder and baskets, the pressure

thus obtained by the above or equivalent means being sufficient to retain the packages about the standard in transportation.

It is evident that the carrier may be constructed wholly of wire or that other slight changes may be resorted to in its construction. Therefore I do not wish to confine myself strictly to the forms I have chosen to illustrate, but consider myself entitled to all those variations which may properly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my improvements, what I wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

1. In combination with a carrier having a standard and projecting base, the projecting shoulder *i* upon the standard, and wedge H, which engages the under side of the shoulder and by means of which packages may be given a pressure between said shoulder and the base of the carrier, substantially as described.

2. A fruit-basket carrier consisting of a standard having loops projecting therefrom, an aperture between the loops below said standard, and a shoulder projecting laterally from the standard above the loops, in combination with a wedge fitted to press the under side of the shoulder next the standard, substantially as described.

3. A carrier consisting of the standard A, having the shoulder *i* projecting from its upper part, the laterally-projecting loops E below the shoulder, and the wedge H, fitted to engage the under side of the shoulder, and in combination, substantially as described.

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