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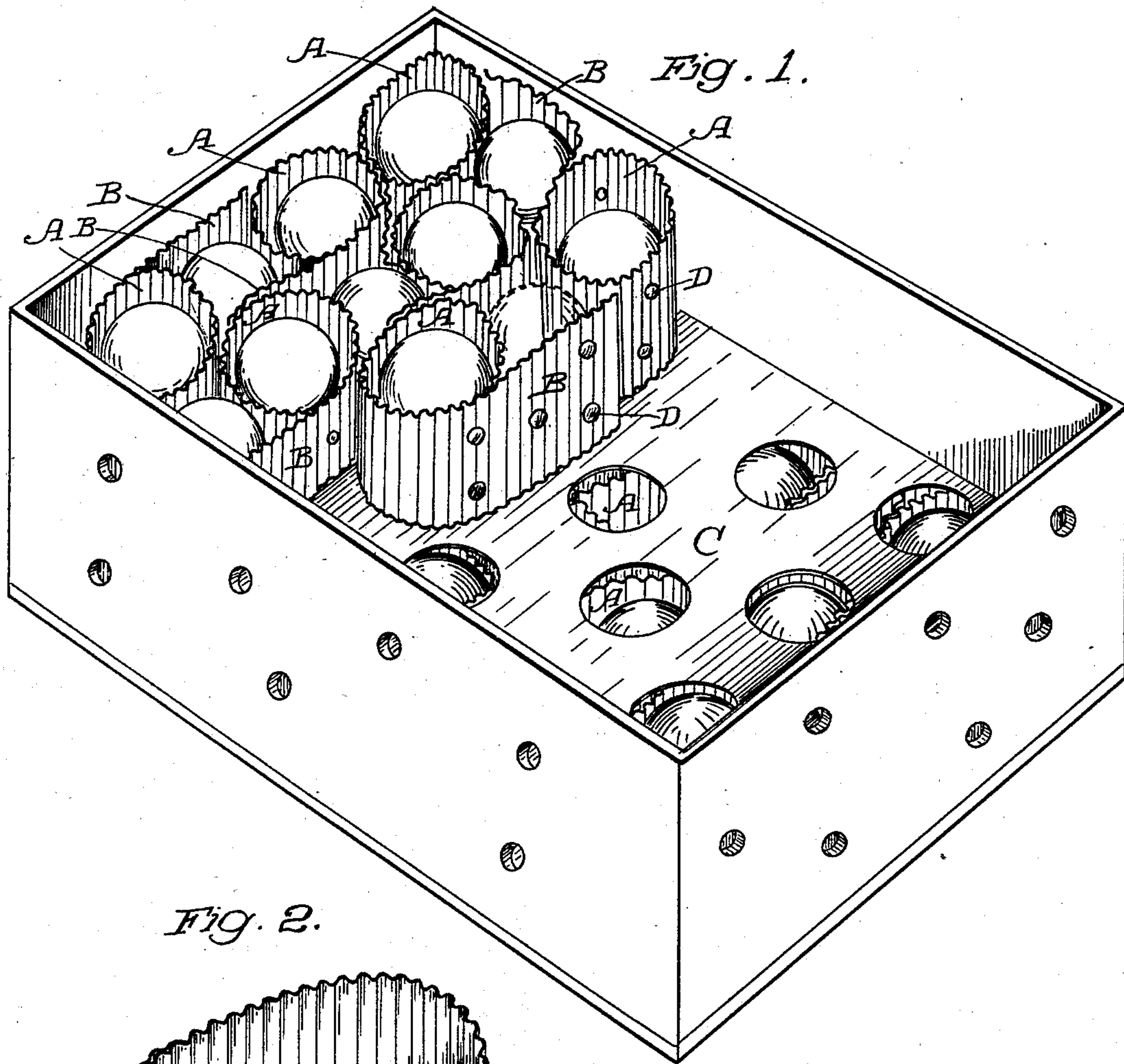
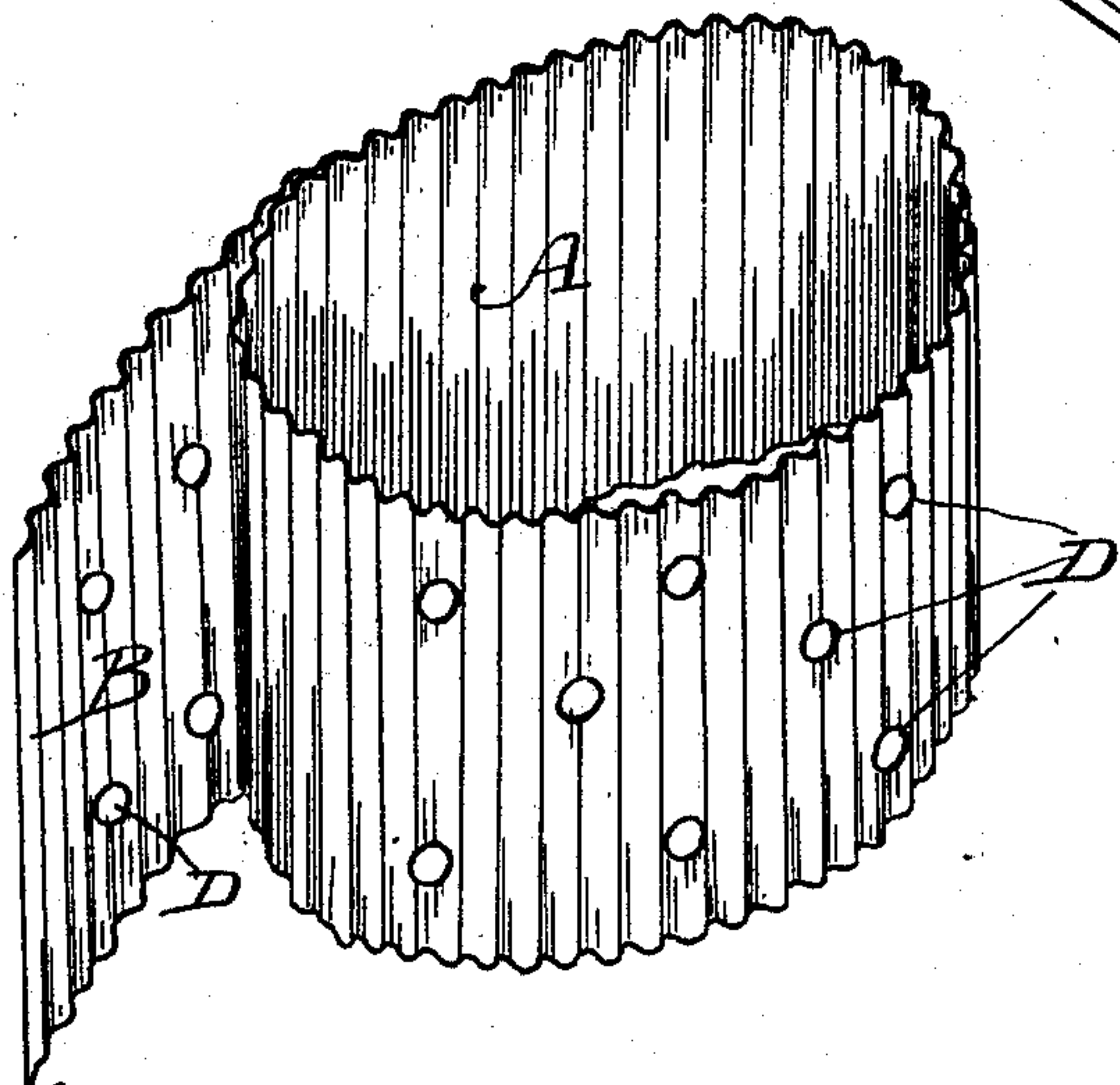


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. WADE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Fruit-Carriers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a protective receptacle and carrier for fruit and other perishable articles to be used in conjunction with the exterior boxes or cases, and it consists of independent sections so constructed and arranged as to be fitted together to form compartments into which each article may be placed, and especially to fit the compartments to any size or shape of box which it may be desired to use.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention,—Figure 1 is a view showing a carrier of my description, the cover of the box being removed. Fig. 2 is a view of one of the sections separately.

In the construction of fruit carriers, it is customary to make an exterior box of a certain size, and then to fit it with transverse partitions of various shapes which form spaces or chambers into which each article is placed, and by the walls of which the adjacent articles are separated from each other. In all these contrivances, it is necessary to make them of a certain proportion to fit the interior of cases or boxes of known size, and when the shipper happens to have a supply of boxes which are not of a size to fit the interior parts as manufactured, these boxes are lost to him, as he must get new ones which will fit.

My invention is designed to fit the carriers to any style or size of box which may be in possession of the shipper.

In carrying out my invention I take paste-board or fibrous material of any suitable description, and preferably have it corrugated as shown. This paste-board is cut into widths and lengths sufficient to form a single receptacle A, with a projecting leaf or piece B, which extends beyond one side of the receptacle. This receptacle will stand upon end,

either upon the bottom of the box or upon any soft or yielding fabric which is put in as a lining for the bottom of the box, and these receptacles are then placed along one side or end of the box, and thereafter parallel with each other until the bottom of the box is filled.

The arrangement will be as follows: The first receptacle A may stand in the corner of the box with its projecting leaf B extending along the side of the box. An article to be shipped is placed in the receptacle A, another one may be laid against the leaf or projection B, another of the chambers A is now placed in contact with the fruit or article which has been placed against the leaf B, and the corresponding leaf of the second chamber A projects outside of this fruit or article, while a third article may be placed in the second chamber as shown. It will thus be seen that each two of these chambers, with their projecting leaves B, will form three chambers to receive articles, and it will also be seen, by reason of their independent construction, that they may be fitted to articles of various sizes, and also fitted into boxes of any size or description. As soon as the bottom of the box has been covered with a layer of articles to be shipped, an intermediate horizontal partition C is placed above this layer, and another layer is then placed upon the top of this partition and so on until the outer box is filled. These intermediate layers may be made of paste-board or of any flexible or fibrous substance, either corrugated, or in other ways so formed as to prevent any bruising or pressure upon the fruit or other articles.

It will be manifest that more than one thickness of material may be used for the compartments or for the partitions if needed or desired.

The sides of the chambers A, as well as the projecting leaves B, are also perforated with holes, as shown at D for purposes of ventilation, and holes are made through the exterior box for the same purpose. By this construction I am enabled to provide an exceedingly cheap and convenient protective covering for fruit, which is to be transported in boxes, and by reason of the independent construction of these covers I am enabled to fit



them into boxes or cases of any size or description.

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

1. A carrier for fruit and perishable objects consisting of an exterior case, independent compartments consisting of flexible material, coiled into cylindrical form at one end so that  
10 each will inclose an object, and having projecting flaps or leaves extending in an approximately straight line beyond the point of joining, said compartments being set in rows within the case, with the projecting flaps extending in opposite directions upon opposite  
15 sides between each two adjacent compartments and adapted to form a third intermediate compartment.

2. A carrier for fruit and perishable objects

consisting of an exterior case, independent  
20 compartments made of flexible corrugated material coiled into cylindrical form at one end and having projecting flaps exterior to the point of junction said flaps extending in  
an approximately straight line in opposite  
25 directions between each adjacent compartment of the same series and adapted to form a third intermediate one for the reception of articles and arranged in series with horizontal  
intermediate partitions separating the se-  
30 ries from each other.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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