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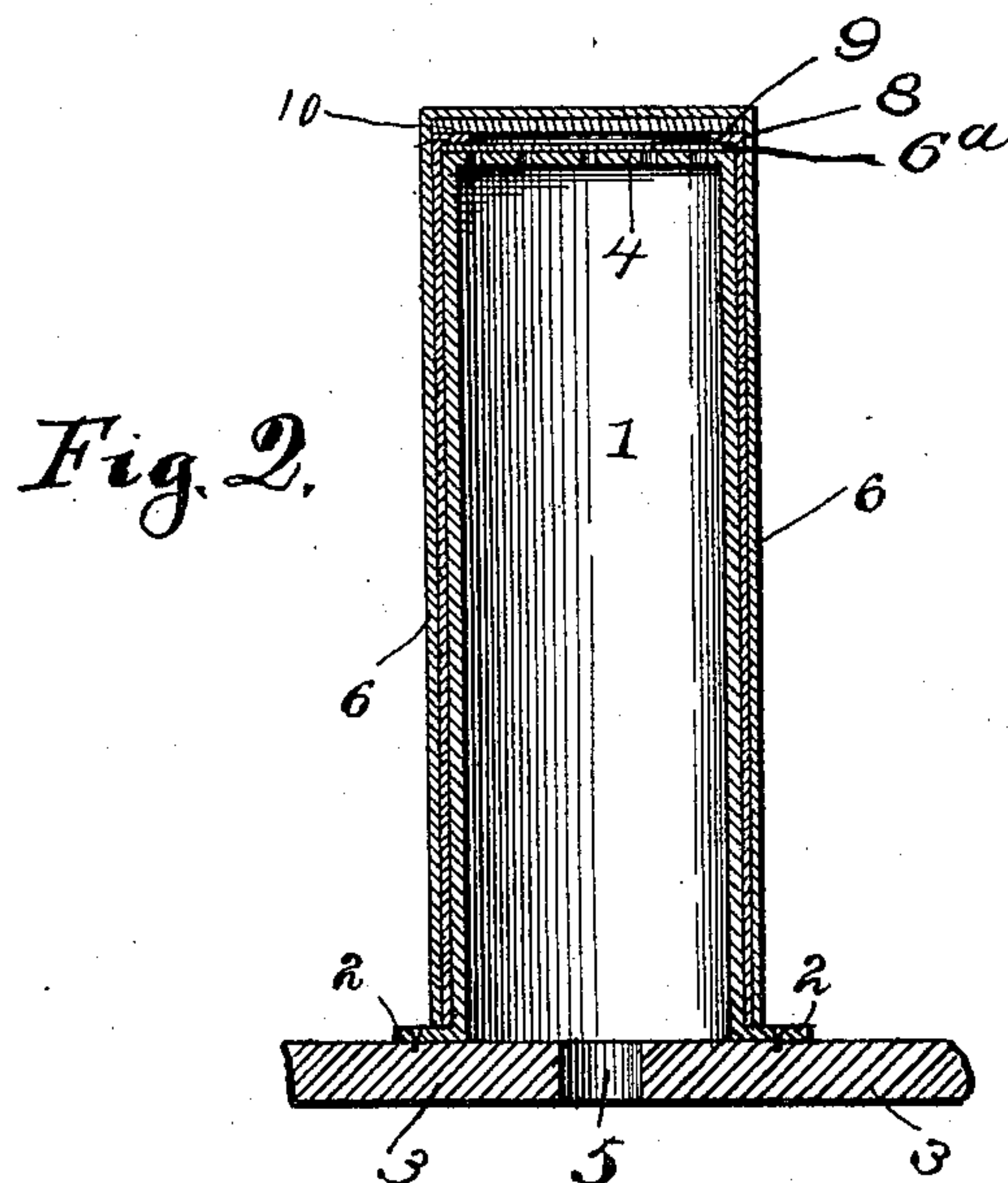
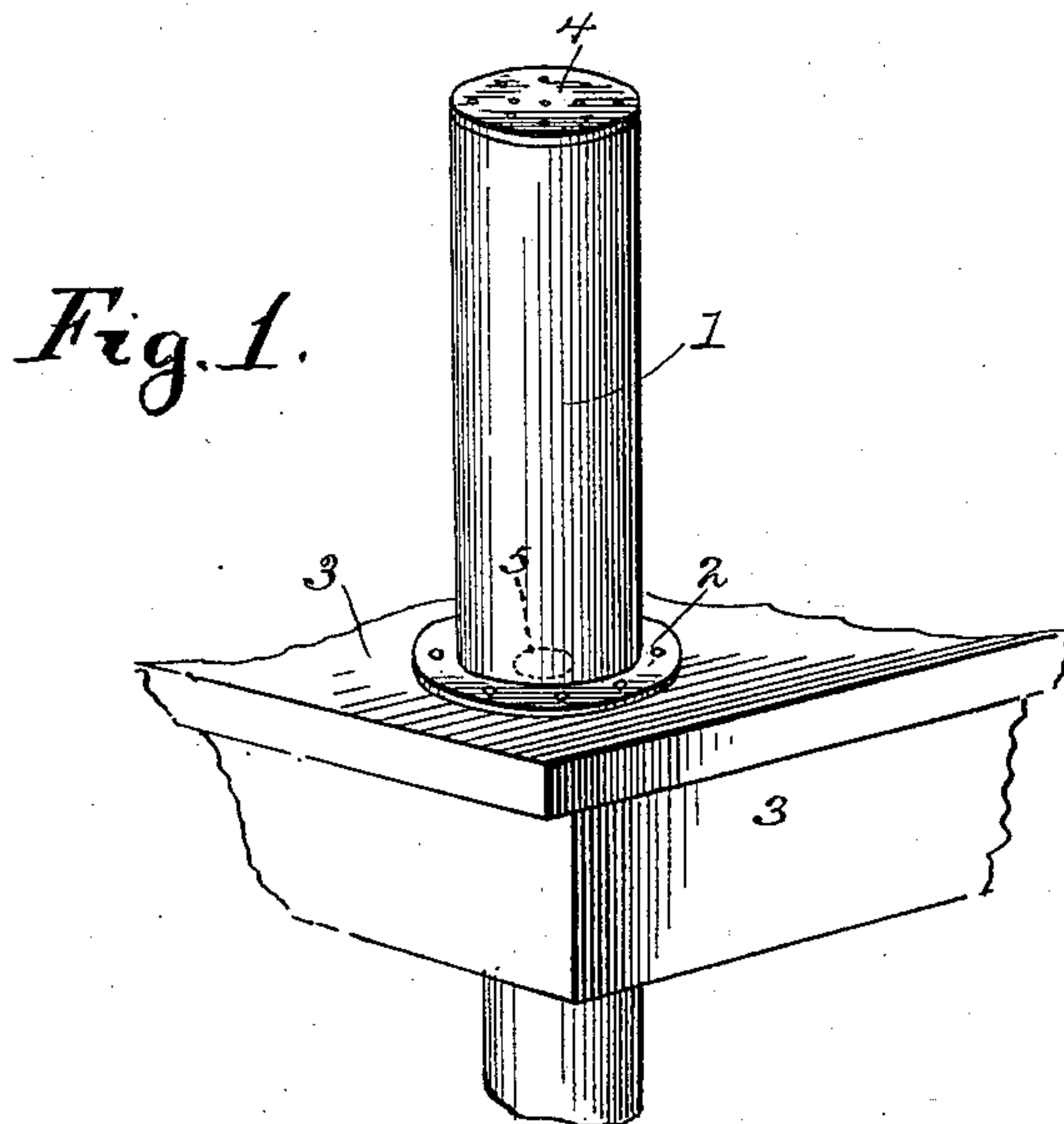
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM GIBSON BELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for Making Meat-Packages; and I do 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 has relation to an apparatus for making meat-packages, particularly designed for the packing of ground meat, such as sausage; and the object is to provide an improved apparatus by means of which the package may be easily and quickly made.

With these objects in view the invention consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved former; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the former, showing the completed package in place thereon.

In the drawings, 1 denotes a former, which consists of a cylinder the lower end of which is provided with a base supporting-flange 2, by means of which it is secured to a bench or table 3. The upper end of this former has a perforated cap 4, and 5 denotes an air-opening in the bench directly below the lower end of the former.

In preparing the package I place a thin

of the former, and then take a strip of paper 8, preferably oiled or treated with paraffin, wind it around the former until its edges overlap, and then fold down its upper end 9 over the paper disk. I then place a second disk 10, preferably of stiffer material, over the folded-down end of the paper, and in this position a muslin sack 6 is drawn tightly over the paper tube thus formed, which forms a lining for said sack as well as a stiffener for its bottom. The completed package is now removed from the former by drawing it off the same, and by the provision of the air-hole in the table and those in the top of the former the package may be withdrawn and retain its cylindrical form, which would not be the case were not provision made for the entrance of air into the former.

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

The herein-described former for making packages, consisting of a hollow cylinder having an outwardly-extending base-flange secured to a table or support provided with an opening or air-inlet communicating with the flanged base of the hollow cylindrical former, the upper end of the hollow cylindrical former being open, and provided with a foraminous disk or cover, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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