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DISPLAY-COVER FOR PROVISION AND OTHER RECEPTACLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LA ROCQUE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Covers for Provision and other Receptacles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to display covers for boxes in which cakes, crackers, dried fruits and other eatables are to be exhibited, and its object is to provide an inexpensive removable cover which is designed to permit the manufacturer to ship his products to the dealer in wooden boxes, and not in boxes having glass sides, as is now so extensively done, and permits the dealer by removing one of the sides of the box to close the same with my improved cover. This will expose the contents of the box to the inspection of the customers in a neat, clean, and attractive manner.

By the use of my improved cover the large bakeries can first pack their crackers, cakes, etc., for shipment to dealers in pasteboard fiber boxes and then inclose the same in an outer stronger wooden box to prevent the same from crushing and thereby depreciating the value of the product.

Under the old way of exposing the cakes and crackers for sale the dealer usually removed the upper cover thus subjecting them to the varying conditions of the atmosphere, which causes them to lose their crispness and freshness and allows the dust and dirt to settle on them. By the use of my improved cover all these objectional features are eliminated, while the commodities are at the same time displayed to the purchaser in a clean and attractive manner, and it will also in a measure protect the dealer against indiscreet persons who might otherwise be inclined to sample the goods too freely.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cover placed upon the top of an ordinary wooden cracker or cake box, showing the lid in raised position. Fig. 2 is a transvertical section of the same taken on dotted line 2—2, Fig. 1.

In the drawings A indicates a wooden shipping box, inside of which is placed a pasteboard box B holding cakes, crackers or other commodities, that is provided with a removable cover *b*. When the box is received by the consignee, the top of the box is removed, and my improved cover C is fitted over the same. This cover is made of tin or other sheet metal and comprises a rectangular rim section D, and a lid section E, hinged thereto along one longitudinal edge. The rim section D consists of a vertical portion made, preferably, of a continuous strip of sheet metal that is approximately of rectangular dimension and is adapted to surround the upper edges of the box and tightly bind the same. In order to form a jamb for the edges of the cover, this rim section is bent inwards and overlaps the upper edges of the sides of the wooden box to a point beyond

the vertical walls of the pasteboard box B where it is flanged upward at right angles to itself, as shown in the drawings at *d*, *d'*.

The skeleton frame forming the lid section E of my improved cover is of the same rectangular dimensions as the rim section and is constructed of sheet metal bent at right angles to itself, and preferably L-shaped in cross-section. A beading *e* is formed upon the horizontal portion of this frame adjacent to the angle thereof and extends entirely around the same, and provides a raised marginal surface which protects and avoids any strain upon the glass when the boxes are piled one upon another. The remaining flatter portion *e'* of this L-shaped frame is in a lower plane than the top of the beading, as clearly seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and placed beneath this flat portion *e'* is a pane of glass F, that is securely held in its proper position by means of wooden retaining strips G secured to the vertical portion of the lid section by means of suitable screws or rivets. These retaining strips are made just wide enough to fit tightly in the jamb of the rim, or, in other words, between the upturned or flanged portion *d'* of the rim and the vertical portion of the lid, thus forming a dust-proof guard. By the construction of the lid just described it has been found that the glass will stand any ordinary shock or jar because of the yielding ability of the margins of the skeleton frame against which it is secured, due to the presence of the beading *e*.

Should it be desired to display any commodities without removing the cover *b*, the cakes or crackers may be placed in the shallow space intervening between the glass and the said cover *b*, and this may also be done when all of the goods have been sold by placing other cakes, crackers, etc. therein for the purpose of displaying the same.

One commendable feature of my invention is that it can be used over and over again, and its use avoids the necessity of the tin boxes with glass fronts of tops now in extensive use for shipping commodities of the particular kind hereinbefore referred to and the liability of breakage to which they are subject.

What I claim as new is:—

1. A display receptacle comprising a rectangular box; a commodity-package contained within the same; a removable display cover for said box comprising a rim that surrounds the top edge of said box having its upper portion bent inward and upward and overhangs the top edge of said package, an open frame lid section hinged to said rim provided with a transparent material for closing the open portion to form a display section between said transparent material and the cover of the commodity package, and retaining strips adapted to secure said transparent material to said lid section and fill the space between the upturned flange of the rim and the outside edge of the frame of the lid. 100 105 110
2. A display receptacle comprising a rectangular box; a commodity package contained within the same; a removable display cover for said box comprising a rim that surrounds the top edge of said box having its upper portion 115

bent inward and upward and overhangs the top edge of said package, an open frame lid section hinged to said rim made substantially L-shaped in cross section, and transparent material closing the open portion of said lid to form a display section between said transparent material and the cover of the commodity package.

3. A display receptacle comprising a rectangular box; a commodity package contained within the same; a removable display cover for said box comprising a rim that surrounds the top edge of said box having its upper portion bent inward and upward and overhangs the top edge of said package, an open frame lid section hinged to said rim, and a pane of glass closing the open portion of said lid to form a display section between the same and the cover of the commodity package.

4. A display receptacle comprising a rectangular box; a commodity package contained within the same; a removable display cover for said box comprising a rim that surrounds the top edge of said box having its upper portion bent inward and upward and overhangs the top edge of said package, an open frame lid section hinged to said rim made substantially L-shaped in cross section, and a pane of

glass closing the open portion of said lid to form a display section between the same and the cover of the commodity package.

5. A display receptacle comprising a rectangular box; a commodity package contained within the same; a removable display cover for said box comprising a rim that surrounds the top edge of said box having its upper portion bent inward and upward and overhangs the top edge of said package, an open frame lid section hinged to said rim made substantially L-shaped in cross section, and a pane of glass closing the open portion of said lid to form a display section between the same and the cover of the commodity package and retaining strips adapted to secure said glass to said lid and fill the space between the upturned flange of the rim and the outer edge of the frame of the lid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of June, A. D., 1905.

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