

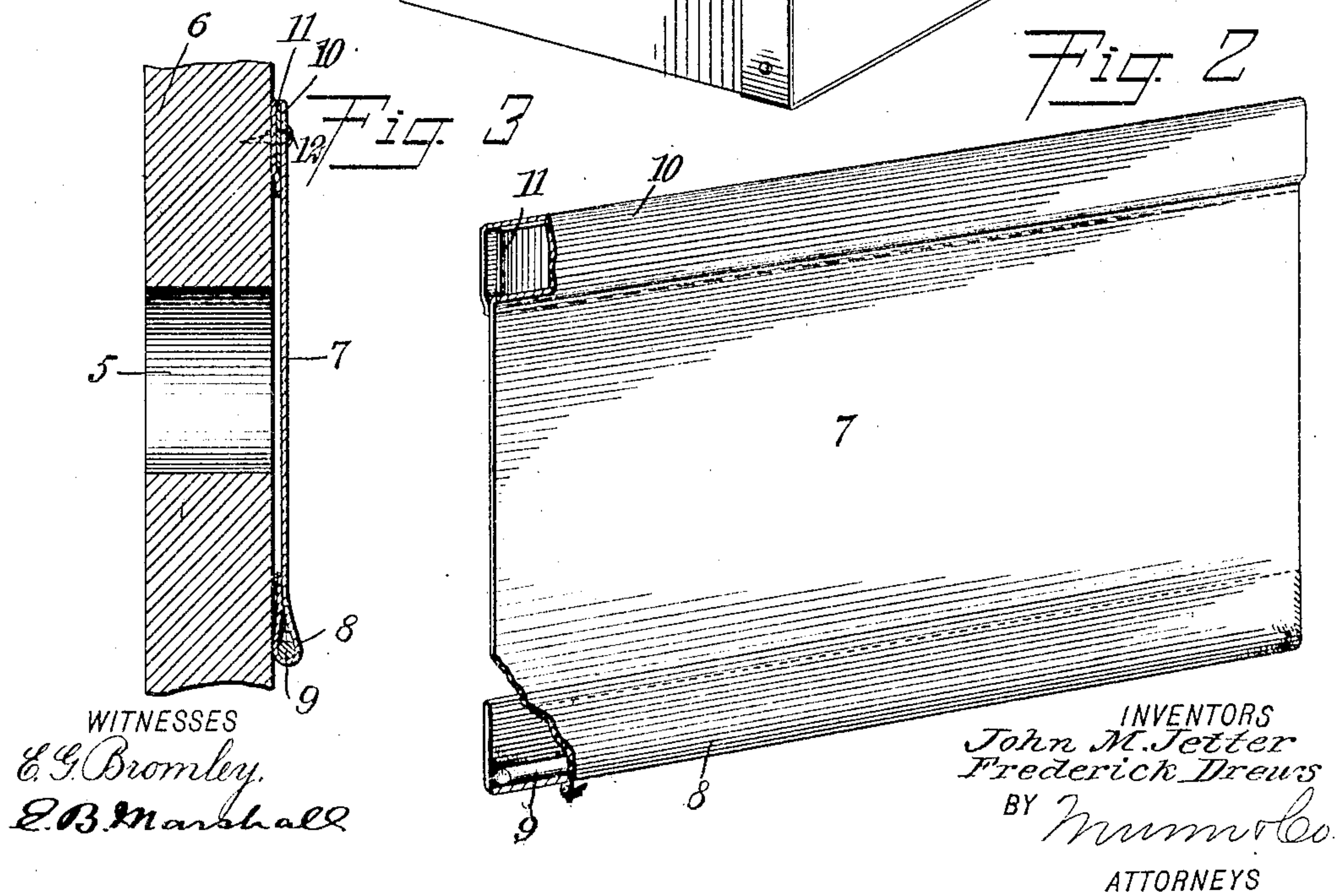
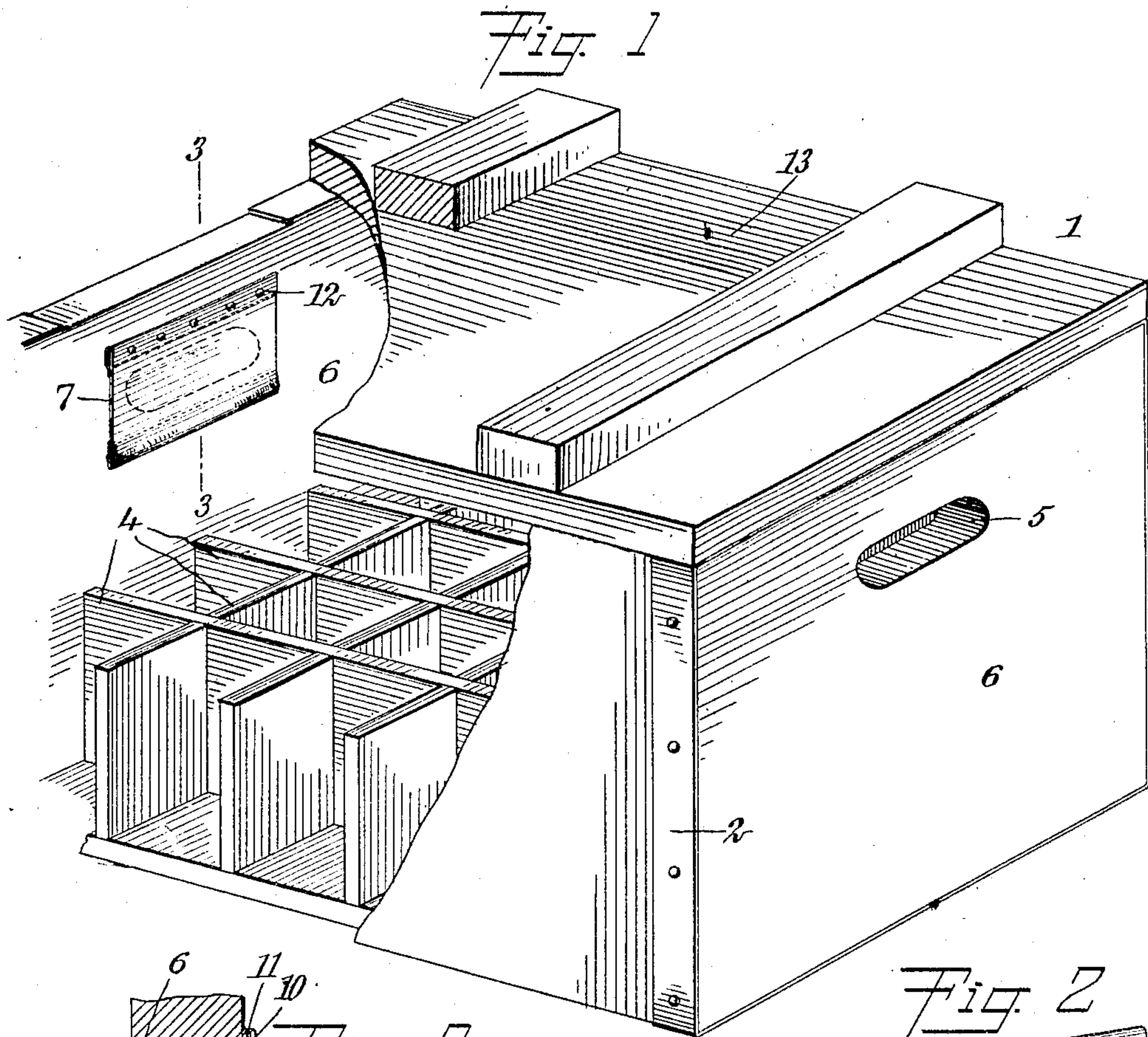
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN M. JETTER and FREDERICK DREWS, citizens of the United States, and residents of South Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Beer-Case Curtains, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates to beer cases, and has for its object to provide curtains for the openings in the ends of the cases which serve as handles. Bottled beer deteriorates if exposed to light, and with our curtain the beer cases are made dark inside as no light can enter through the handle openings. The curtain is also adapted to keep out some of the cold air in winter, and thus keep the beer comparatively warm during the winter months. While the curtain protects the beer in the bottles within the case from excessive light and cold, it does not interfere with the handling of the boxes, as it is readily pushed aside by the fingers when the case is taken hold of in the usual manner. The curtain also serves to keep within the box saw dust or straw in which the bottles may be packed to keep the beer from freezing.

In this specification we will describe the form of our invention which is shown in the accompanying drawings, but we do not limit ourselves thereto as we consider ourselves entitled to all constructions and embodiments which may be held to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings similar reference characters refer to similar parts in all the figures, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a beer case with one side broken away to show the curtain applied to the case; Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the curtain, partly broken away and in section; and Fig. 3 is a section through line 3—3 of Fig. 1 on an enlarged scale.

Referring to the drawings, a beer case 1, is shown in perspective, the case being bound by straps 2, and being in other respects of the usual type of beer case with partitions 4, extending longitudinally and transversely to separate each bottle from the others. The beer case has the usual horizontal openings 5, in each of its ends 6, and a cover 13 which is hinged or otherwise secured to the beer case.

On the inside of the box over each of these openings, a curtain is secured. The curtain 7, is manufactured of cloth which is opaque.

It has a hem 8, on its bottom in which is secured a rod 9, the said rod 9 serving as a weight to hold the curtain down in position and also serving to keep the ends properly extended. The top of the curtain has a hem 10, in which is inserted a flat piece of metal 11. The curtain is secured to the case by nails, screws or tacks 12, which are driven through the said metal 11, and its covering hem 10. When metal beer cases are used, the curtain may be riveted to the sides thereof.

As hereinbefore set forth, the curtain when applied to a beer case will prevent the transmission of light through the openings which serve as handles, and it will also keep out much of the cold in winter time. The cases have covers or lids 13 which prevent the entrance of light from above, but when the covers are not used, the light and cold air will be prevented from entering the box by placing one box over the other, the top box being covered by any suitable material.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. As an article of manufacture, a case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of which opening is adapted to be used as a handle, an opaque flexible curtain for the opening secured at one edge to the inner side of the box above the opening, a piece of flat metal secured to the upper edge of the curtain, and a rod secured to its lower edge.

2. As an article of manufacture, a case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of which opening is adapted to be used as a handle, an opaque curtain of flexible material for the opening secured to the inside of the box above the said opening, and a weight at the bottom of the curtain which keeps the curtain normally in place but which does not prevent its swinging when the fingers of the operator are inserted in the opening.

3. As an article of manufacture, a case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of said opening being adapted to be used as a handle, and a flexible hanging curtain for the opening secured to the inside of the box above the opening, said curtain having members which act as stiffeners to hold the curtain normally in position but which do not prevent the curtain from being readily swung away from the opening by the fingers of the operator.

4. As an article of manufacture, a case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of said opening being adapted to be used as a handle, a flexible curtain for the opening secured at its top to the inside of the box above the opening, said curtain having pieces of metal at its top and bottom which serve to hold the curtain normally in position but which do not prevent its being swung away from the opening by the fingers of the user.

5. As an article of manufacture, a case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of said opening being adapted to be used as a handle, and a flexible curtain for the opening secured to the box above the opening.

6. As an article of manufacture, a case

with a lid, the case having an opening in one of its ends, the upper edge of said opening being adapted to be used as a handle, a flexible curtain for the opening secured to the box above the opening, and a stiffener in the curtain to keep it normally in position but which does not prevent it from being swung away from the opening by the fingers of the operator.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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