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BANANA CRATE.

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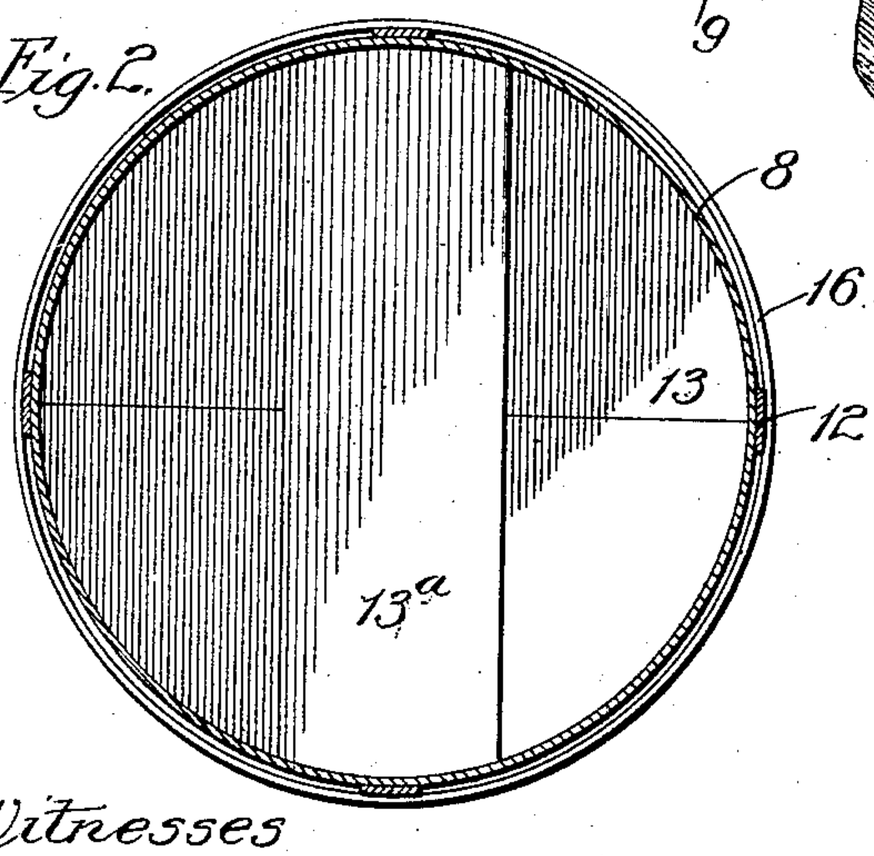

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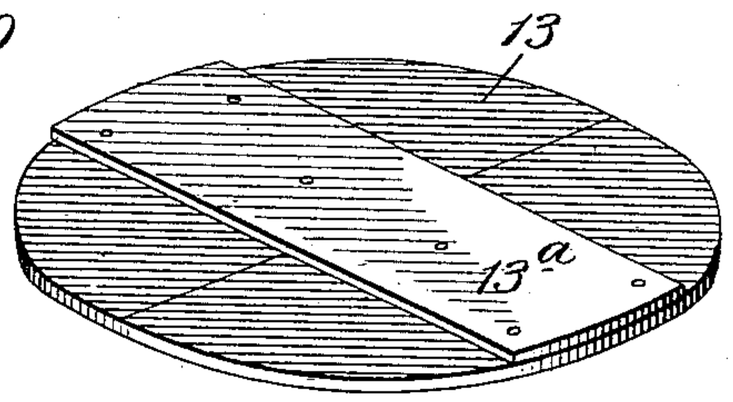

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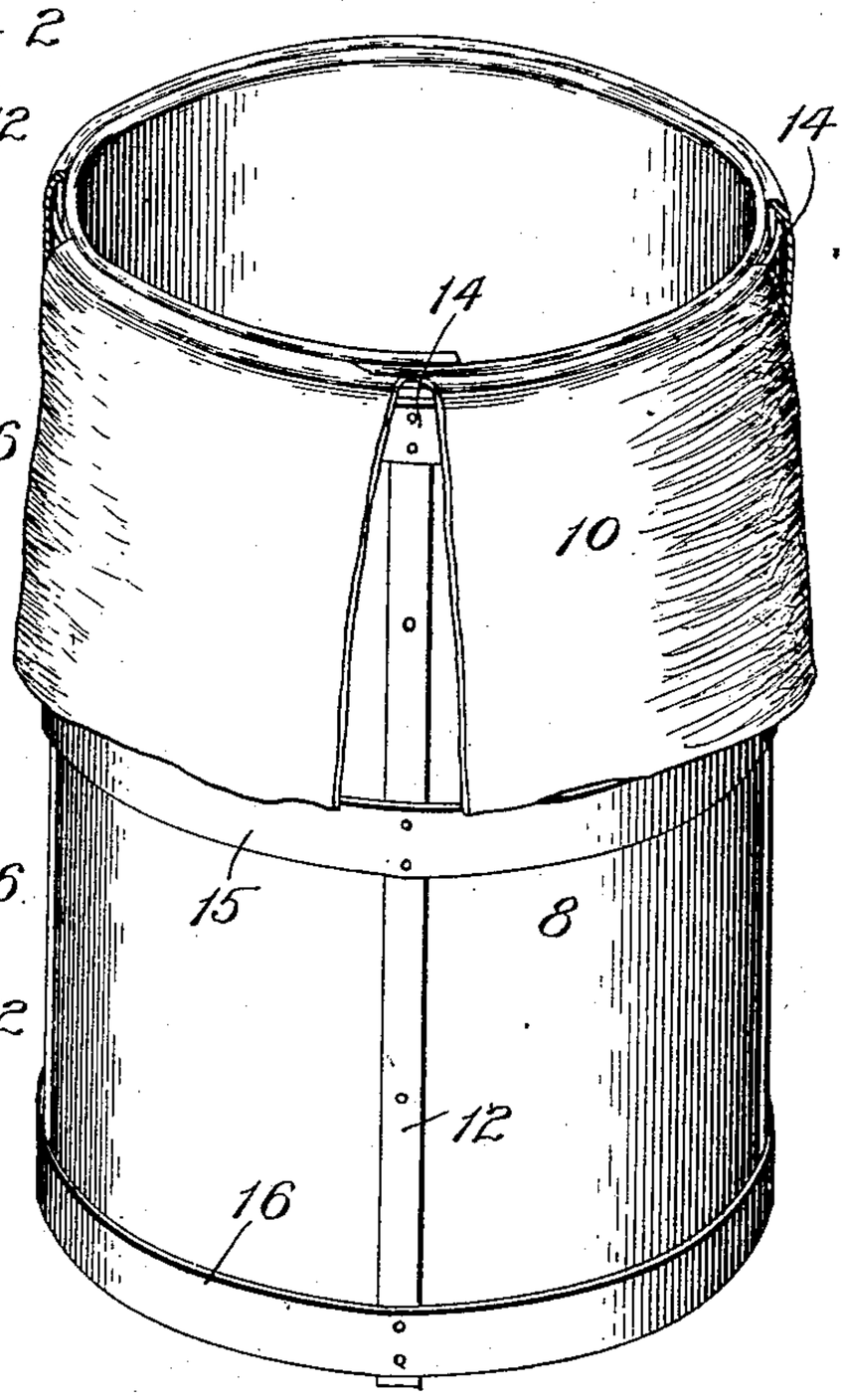

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, INNOCENT ALBERTELLI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Banana-Crates, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to packing crates, and consists of a crate which is especially adapted to have a bunch of bananas packed therein.

My object is to provide an improved crate of this class, as will appear from the following specification and claim.

In the accompanying drawings—Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved crate. Fig. 2 is a transverse section, taken on the line 2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the removable bottom. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the banana crate as a whole.

A sheet of flexible material, as heavy paper, is bent so as to bring the edges together, and thus form a cylindrical collapsible cylinder 8. At the bottom the edge of this cylindrical body is bent inward, as indicated by the reference numeral 9, so as to form a ledge about the inside of the bottom. At the top the flaps 10 of very flexible material, as paper, are lapped over the end and then this top end is bent outwardly, as indicated by the reference numeral 11. A number of equidistantly spaced longitudinal slats 12 are then attached to the outside of the body 8. A removable bottom 13 rests on the lower inturned ledge 9. This is formed of boards cut to a circular shape and held by a cross cleat 13ª. Outside of the slats 12, three removable hoops, 14, 15, and 16 are placed, respectively, at the top, middle and bottom of the crate.

I have described this banana crate with the parts in the relation which they would occupy if it were set up ready for use. When set up in this way a bunch of bananas can be introduced and the flaps 10 brought together and tied over the top. The crate may be knocked down by removing the three hoops 14, 15 and 16 and also removing bottom 13. Then the walls of the cylindrical body 8 can be brought together so that the said body will lie flat and the three hoops and the bottom can be packed flat inside of the body. The inverse operation of setting up the crate from the knocked down condition is obvious.

It will be seen that I have provided a simple and serviceable crate, one that may be constructed easily and at small expense and which can be readily packed for shipment and then quickly set up for use.

I claim:

A banana crate comprising a cylindrical collapsible body having its lower end folded inward and its upper end folded outward, the folded ends being secured to the body, a removable rigid bottom resting on the infolded lower end, a plurality of equally spaced longitudinal slats attached to the outside of the body with their ends overlapping the folded ends of the body and being secured thereto, terminal and intermediate hoops embracing the slats and a flexible cover flap having its edge folded in with the top edge of the body.

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