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A graph is called well-covered if all maximal independent sets have the same cardinality. Hartnell and Rall showed that if the Cartesian product $G\Box H$ is well-covered, then at least one of G or H is well-covered. A natural question is whether one can characterize those graphs whose Cartesian product is well-covered. We will show that for any connected graph G of girth at least 5 and minimum degree at least 2, $G\Box K_2$ is well-covered if and only if $G \cong C_5$. We also show that for any two connected graphs G and H, both with girth at least 5, $G\Box H$ is well-covered if and only if $G\Box H \in \{K_2 \Box K_2, K_2 \Box C_5\}$. (Received January 12, 2019)