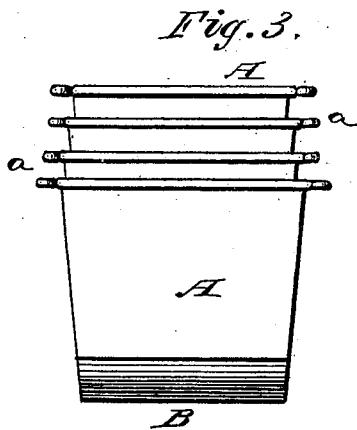
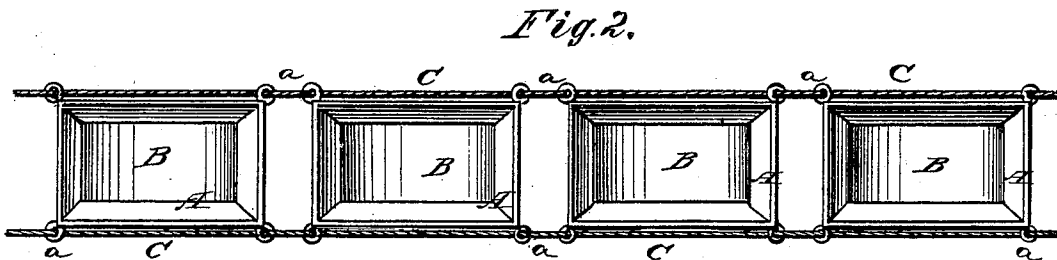
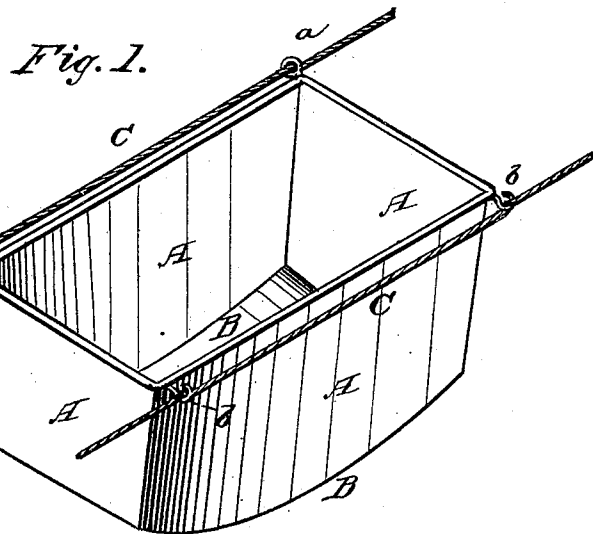


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IMPROVEMENT IN FEED-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, WM. M. WALTON and JOSEPH J. WALTON, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Army Feed-Boxes; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of our invention consists in the construction of feed-boxes for army use, and in the method of applying or suspending the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a plan view, showing a series of boxes strung together; and Fig. 3 shows a side elevation of a number of boxes nested together for transportation.

Our feed-box may be made of light sheet metal, canvas, or other suitable material, but canvas will probably be the most preferable; and it is made in oblong form, with slightly-flaring sides A A and a curved bottom, B, which allows of their being packed closely into each other for transportation.

From each corner of the box A B at the top projects a horizontal eye, *a*, as shown, on a diagonal line across the box.

These boxes are intended to be strung upon ordinary picket-lines C C by passing said lines

through the eyes *a a*, and staking down the ends of the lines at any desired height from the ground. The feed-boxes will then be suspended from the lines, and cannot slip back and forth thereon on account of the bends in the lines where they pass through the eyes *a*, which eyes bind on the lines and prevent such movement.

In place of the eyes *a* we may use hooks *b*, extending on line with the sides of the box, and having their openings on the under side. This is, perhaps, preferable to the eyes, as the boxes can then be attached and detached at will without disturbing the picket-lines, whereas with the eyes one end of each line must be loosened and drawn through the eyes.

This invention is very simple and cheap, can be applied or put up for use in very short time, and takes up but little room in transportation.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A series of feed-boxes suspended upon lines C C by means of the eyes *a* or hooks *b*, projecting from the ends of the boxes, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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