To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. ROGERS, of Niles, Berrien county, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Milk-Safes, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of the invention relates to the construction of a milk-safe for the reception, safe keeping, and delivery of milk by dairymen; the object being to enable the dairymen to deliver his milk and collect his tickets without calling the purchaser, said milk being deposited in a self-locking can, which also locks to a suitable support near the dwelling of the purchaser, who may get his milk at any time after it is deposited in the can.

The accompanying drawing forms a part of this specification.

The letters of reference marked thereon denote the parts indicated by a similar letter in the written part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings shows a perspective view of my milk-safe as attached to a fence-post; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

A represents the body of the can or safe. This is provided with a hinged cover, F, and supplemental bottom B. This bottom is provided with ears C C. D D represent wings or flanges. These flanges fit in grooves in the ears C C. E represents a double-acting lock. This serves to fasten the safe A to the supplemental bottom B, and also fasten the cover F.

Common locks may be used, and need not be described here.

The body of the safe A is constructed very much like common milk-cans, and need not be described in full.

The supplemental bottom B is fastened by means of the screws G G G to the top of a fence-post, or any suitable support, and should be located so as to be convenient for both the purchaser and seller of milk.

The purchaser of milk deposits a ticket in the safe, which is then locked by means of a key in the possession of the purchaser. This may be done at any time before the arrival of the milk-seller, who is provided with a duplicate key, by means of which he unlocks the safe, and takes out the ticket and deposits the amount of milk called for by the ticket in the safe, and locks it as before, when it cannot be disturbed by any person not having the proper key; and the safe may have graduated marks that will indicate the quantity of milk in the safe, thus dispensing with other measures.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination of the can A, having the flanges D D, cover F, and double-acting lock E, with the supplemental bottom B, having the grooved ears C C, as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

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