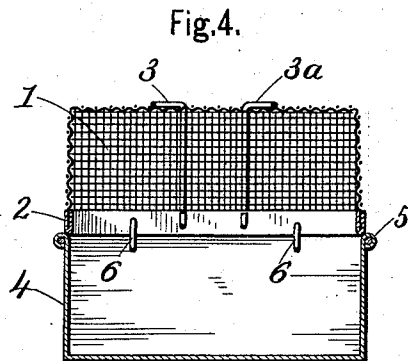
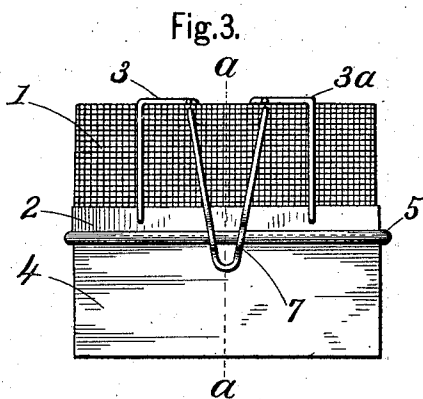
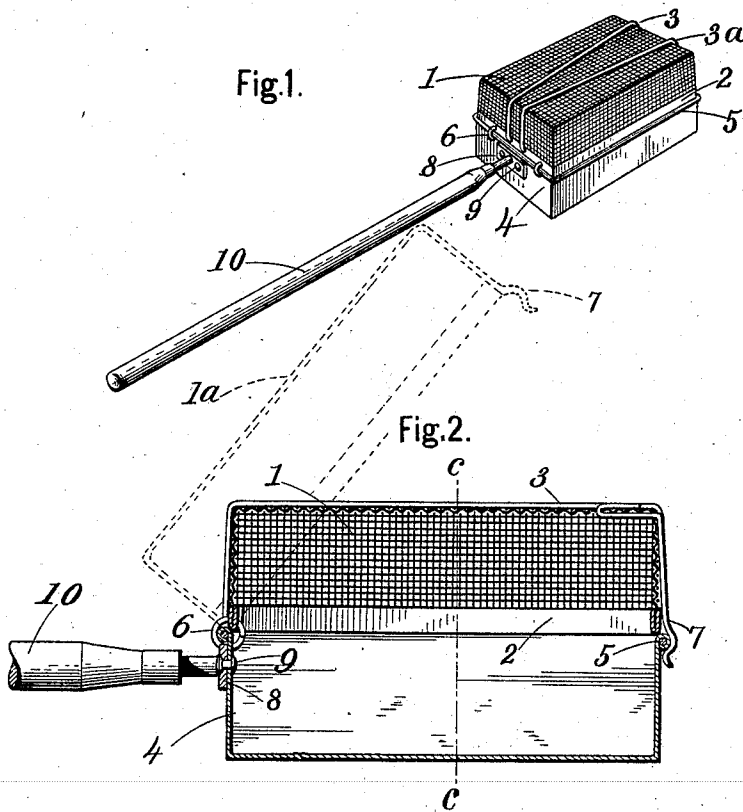


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAVOISIER MAURICE MORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Reversible Corn-Popper, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements whereby the device may be employed in popping corn either with salt or butter, all of which will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the corn-popper complete. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal central section on or about line *aa*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 represents a front end view showing a similar view of the spring fastening device for holding it when shut. Fig. 4 represents a vertical cross-section on or about line *cc*, Fig. 2.

The object of my invention is to produce a reversible corn-popper, one part being adapted for use when salt alone is required or when the corn is to be seasoned after being popped, the other part being adapted for use when butter is employed or when the corn is to be seasoned in the popping-receptacle or during the act of popping it.

Referring in detail to the accompanying drawings, 1 represents that portion of the popper made of woven wire and adapted for use when salt is employed to season the corn after it has been popped in the ordinary way. It is constructed in the usual manner, its surrounding rim being strengthened by a folded sheet-metal strip 2. Extending longitudinally over the part 1 and over each end are two wire strengthening and protecting braces 3 and 3^a. The opposite part 4 of the device is made of sheet metal adapted to hold liquid—melted butter, for instance—without leaking. It is preferably constructed of tin-plate or other sheet metal provided with a wired edge or rim 5. The reticulated or open-work portion 1 is secured to the part 4 by means of wire loop-hinges 6, but any ordinary hinges may be used.

At the forward of the part 1 is secured a wire spring-catch, which fastens the two parts 1 and 4 when shut by catching over the wired edge or rim 5 on the part 4. (See Figs. 2 and 3.) Any well-known catch may be used. To the opposite end of the part 4 is secured by rivets 9 a T-shaped piece 8, the shank of which is secured to the handle 10 in the usual way.

It will be noticed by reference to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings that the handle 10 extends backward in a substantially parallel line with the bottom surface of the two portions.

When it is desired to put corn into the popper or take it out, the catch 7 is pulled off from the wired portion 5 and the part 1 turned up on its hinges into the position shown by the dotted lines 1^a in Fig. 2, and the contents are thrown out by turning the popper over in the hand.

The advantages of this device are that it can be used for popping corn in the usual way, in the open-work portion, or it can be reversed and melted butter used with the corn, or it can be used for any purpose for which an un-leaky vessel is adapted.

I am aware that heretofore corn-poppers have been constructed with tin or sheet-metal covers. Therefore I do not claim such broadly, but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A reversible corn-popper, comprising two equal separable portions hinged together, one portion being formed of woven wire for holding the corn when popped by itself, and the other of liquid-tight sheet metal for holding the corn when popped with butter, and a handle secured to and arranged in relation to the popper portions, so as to allow the exterior face of either portion to serve as the bottom of the popper and be exposed to the heat of the fire with equal facility.

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