

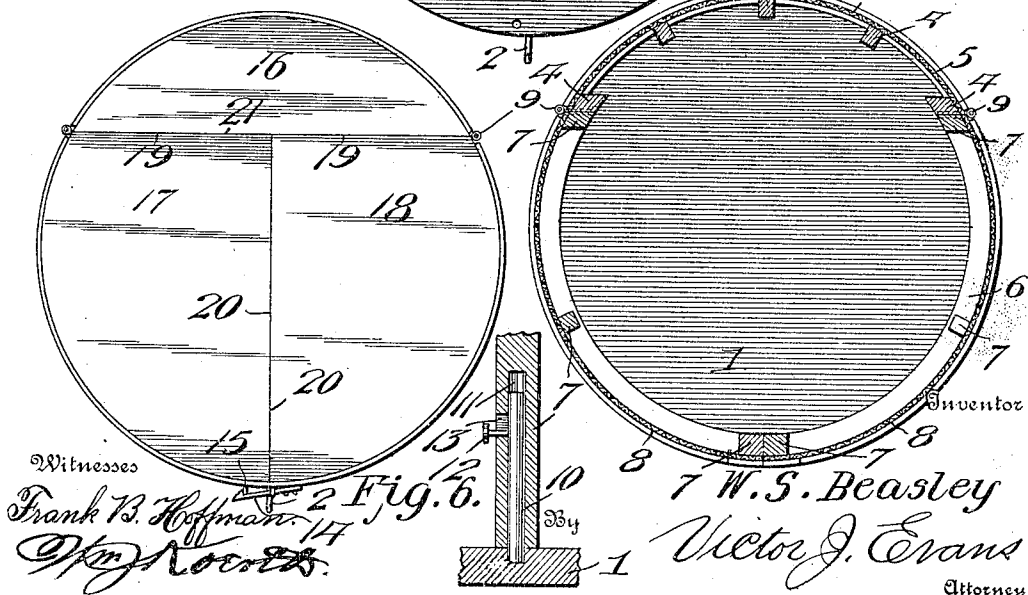
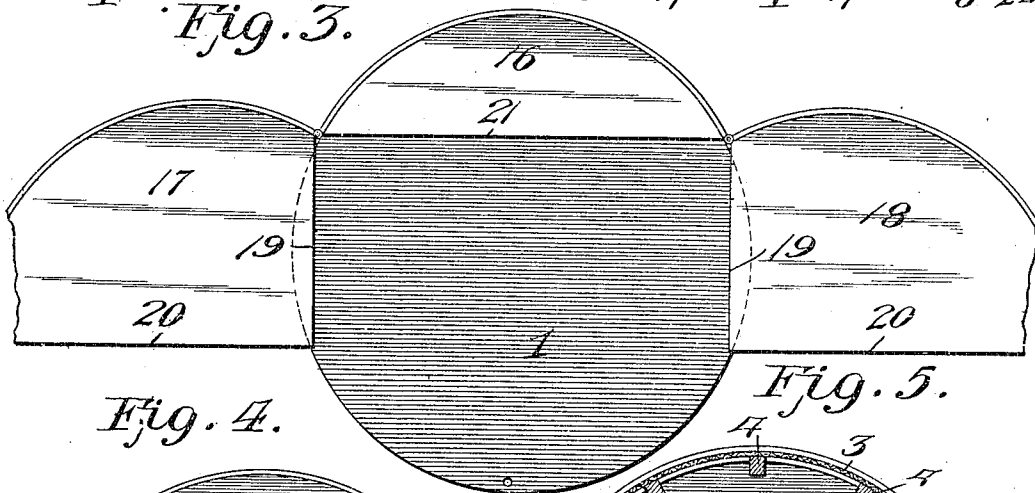
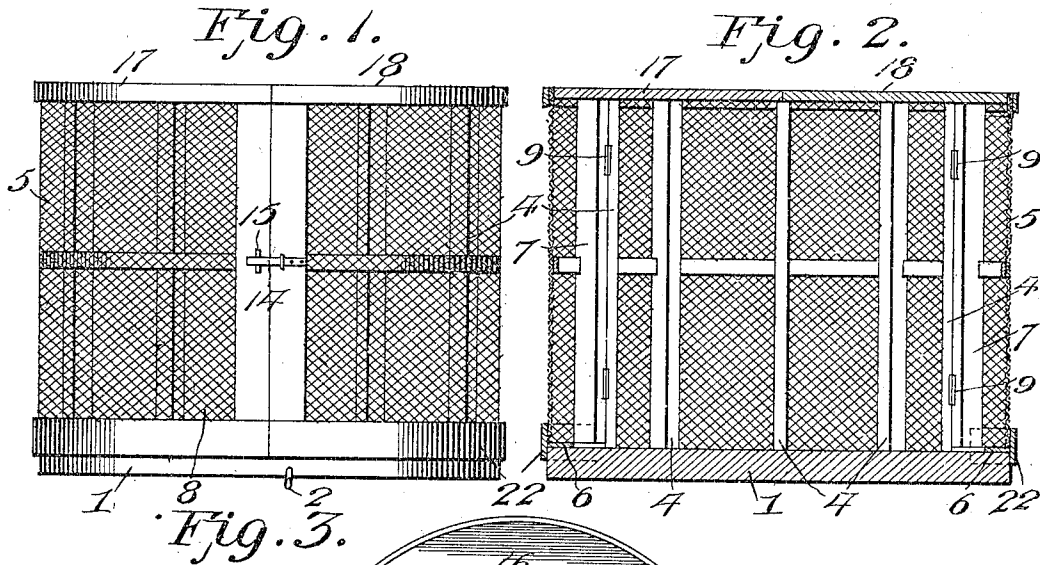
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALDNSE S. BEASLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westlake, in the county of Hamilton and State of Florida, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cheese-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cheese-boxes, the object of the invention being to provide a simple, cheap, and convenient box or case especially designed for holding, protecting, and ventilating a cheese and giving ample access thereto, so that the computing cheese-cutter now in common use may be utilized in cutting up the cheese without necessitating the removal of the cheese from the box or, in fact, any movement of the cheese, the doors of the box or case being so combined with the top of the case that the major portion of the top of the case is moved out of the way simultaneously with the opening of said doors.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a cheese-box embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical diametrical section through the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the cheese-box, showing the doors partially open. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the doors closed. Fig. 5 is a sectional plan view of the box, and Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail section showing the manner of securing one of the doors to the bottom.

The improved cheese box or case contemplated in this invention comprises, essentially, a base 1, which is preferably of considerable thickness. This base is circular or round and is provided at the front with a hook 2, adapted to receive and hold a quantity of bags or paper for the cut portions of the cheese. The cheese box or case also comprises a circular top and a cylindrical body or side wall which extends entirely around the case, the complete case being in the form of a true cylinder.

The back portion of the body of the case (shown at 3) is permanently connected to the top and bottom and consists of a series of up-rights or posts 4, around which is secured a screen 5, of wire fabric. The remainder of the cylindrical wall of the case is composed of two doors, each of which comprises a seg-

mental bottom rail 6, which when the door is closed rests upon the edge of the base, as shown in Fig. 2, and posts 7, extending from said rail upward, each door also comprising a segmental screen 8. The doors are hinged at 9 to the adjacent posts or standards 4 of the back, as best shown in Fig. 5, while one of the doors is provided at its meeting edge with a vertical sliding bolt 10, which is mounted in an opening 11 in the edge portion of the door and moved up and down by means of a knob 12, connected to the bolt and working in a slot 13, as clearly shown in Fig. 6. By means of the bolt 10 the door with which it is connected may be fastened, thus allowing the remaining door to be opened and closed without disturbing the other door. The other door is provided with a spring-catch 14, which engages a keeper 15 on the door which carries the securing-bolt, said catch being adapted to snap automatically into engagement with the keeper 15 when the door is slammed.

The main feature of this invention resides in the top, which, as shown, is composed of three sections 16, 17, and 18. The section 16 covers the fixed portion or back of the side wall of the box and serves to brace said fixed portion of the wall, the section 16 being secured firmly to the tops of the posts 4. The forward edge of the section 16 is straight, so as to meet with the corresponding straight edges 19 of the movable top-sections 17 and 18, each of which is permanently secured to and carried by one of the doors. The meeting edges 20 of the doors are also straight, and they meet on a line which extends diametrically of the box from the front rearwardly to the forward edge 21 of the fixed section 16 of the top. Thus when the doors are closed all of the meeting edges of the sections of the top fit closely together and prevent the entrance of flies or insects. A band 22 extends around the bottoms of the doors and projects below the plane of the bottoms of the doors, so as to overlap the base, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, said arrangement serving to exclude flies and insects and also giving an ornamental finish to the case or box as a whole.

As the top-section 16 is considerably less in area than one-half of the top of the box, when the doors of the box are swung open fully two-thirds or three-quarters of the cheese is exposed to the action of the knife or cheese-cutter, thus enabling the modern computing cheese-cutter to be used without moving the

cheese from its position on the bottom or base 1.

I claim—

1. A cheese-box comprising a circular bottom and top, a cylindrical screened wall extending from top to bottom and embodying a pair of segmental doors, and means for fastening said doors to the base, the box-top being divided into three sections, one of which is fixed and the others each carried by one of the segmental doors, and all of said sections meeting on straight lines, while the movable sections of the top constitute the major portion of such top, substantially as described.

2. A cheese-box made in the form of a cylinder and comprising a circular top, a circular bottom and a cylindrical screened wall connecting the top and bottom, the screened wall comprising a fixed portion and two mov-

able portions hinged to the fixed portion, a band extending around the lower part of the movable portions and overlapping the periphery of the base, and the top comprising a fixed and two movable sections, the fixed section having an area less than one-half of the top of the box and the movable sections being carried by the movable portions of the side wall and having straight meeting edges where they come together and also where they meet the fixed section of the top, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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