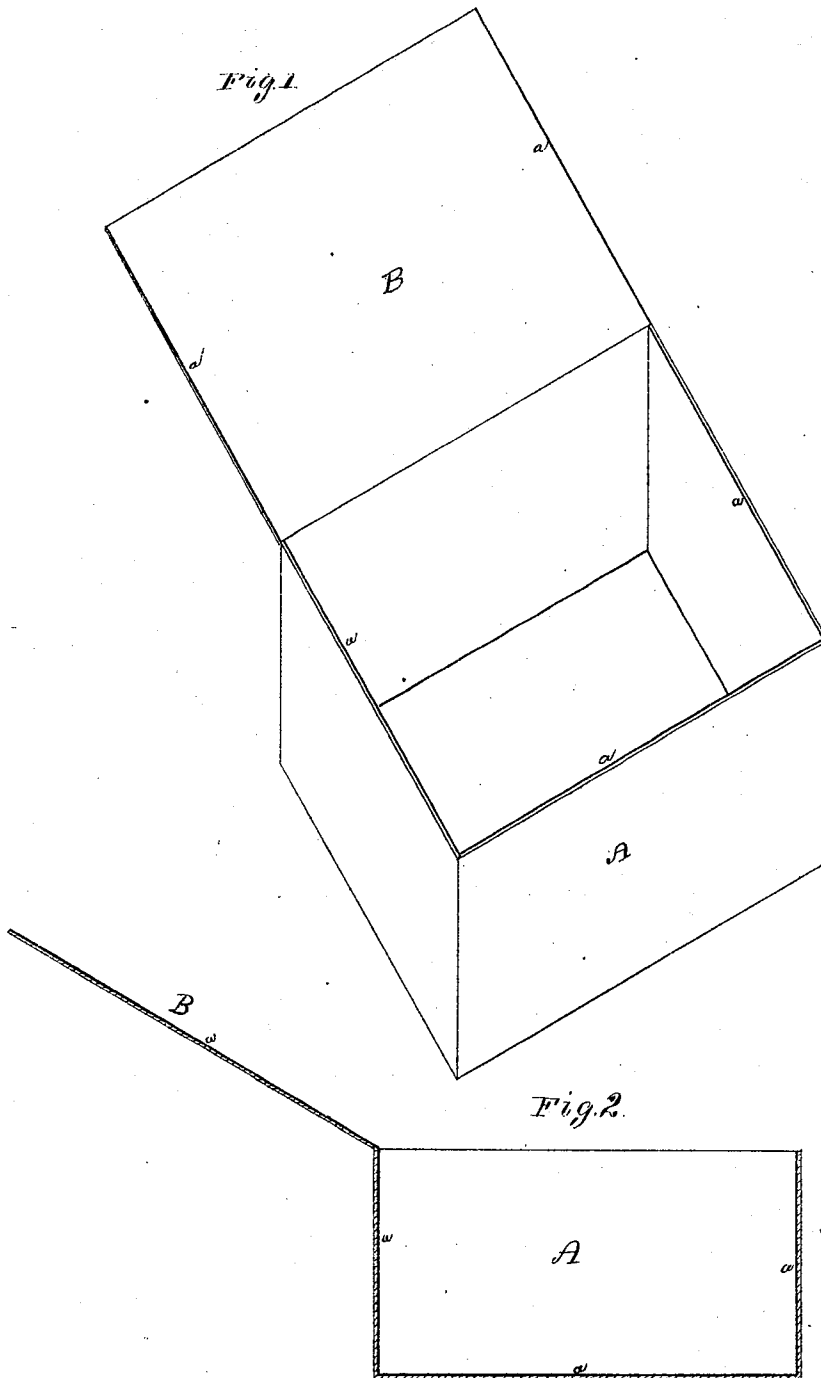


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To all to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. THURSTON, of Cambridgeport, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Caddy or Box for Holding Crackers, &c.; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, which denotes a perspective view of a caddy or box as constructed in accordance with my invention.

The object of my invention is to produce a cheap and effective anti-absorbent caddy or box for preserving crackers, wafers, and other articles of pastry or confections in their normal condition.

It is a well-known fact that it is impossible to keep crackers and various other kindred edible matters containing any considerable amount of "shortening"—butter, lard, or other oleaginous or fatty matter—for any great length of time in a vessel composed of an absorbent material; and consequently the better quality of such articles are packed and kept in tin boxes.

To furnish a cheap and reliable substitute for such boxes is the design of my improvement. My invention completely obviates this difficulty, and preserves the articles in their fresh normal state; and my invention consists in an improved manufacture of caddy—viz., of pasteboard or card-board, having one of its surfaces veneered with tin-foil, such veneered surface covering the entire inner surfaces of the caddy or box.

In carrying out my invention, I take sheets of pasteboard or card-board, of any desirable thickness, and, by means of any suitable mechanism, veneer or apply to one side or surface thereof a thin layer of tin-foil. This having

been effected, I next stamp out or cut the bottom, top, and sides of the caddy by means of suitably-shaped dies. The parts are then put together in the ordinary manner that paper boxes are made, each part forming an inner surface having a metallic facing.

In the said drawing, A denotes the body of the caddy, which is of a rectangular shape, but may have any other desired form. B is the cover thereof, the said parts being connected by means of a paper hinge. *a* is the metallic veneering.

From the above it will be seen that I produce a simple, cheap, and effective box for the purpose designed—one which can be afforded at a much cheaper rate than one made of tin, while at the same time it preserves the normal condition of the articles inclosed with equal effect.

I am aware that wooden boxes for containing lard have had a coating of tin-foil applied to their exterior surfaces, while the wood itself has been impregnated with an anti-absorbent solution. I am also aware that tea-chests have been made of wood and combined with an interior casing of lead separate and independent therefrom; neither of which I claim. Nor do I claim the invention as described and shown in Letters Patent granted to Chas. L. Tucker on May 2, 1871, as my invention differs therefrom.

Having described my invention, what I claim as an improved article of manufacture, is—

A caddy or box formed of metal-surfaced paper or pasteboard, in manner as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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