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Egg-Carriers.

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Fig. 1.

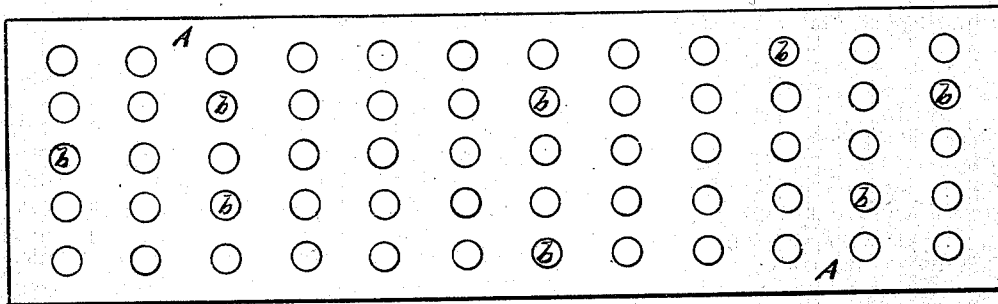


Fig. 2.

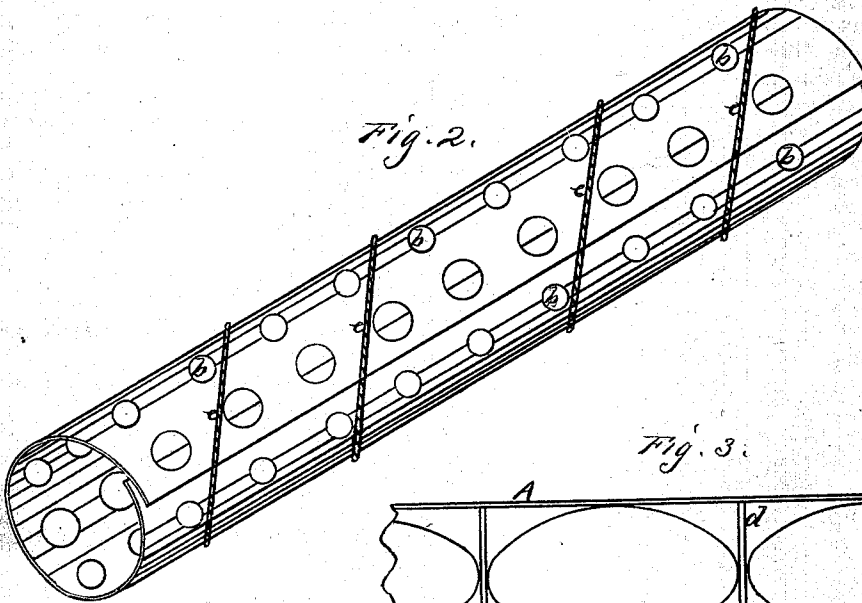
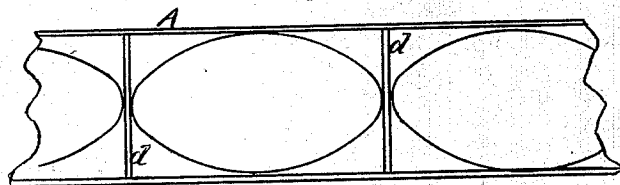


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE A. FRANKLIN, of San Bernardino city and county, State of California, have invented an Improved Egg and Fruit Packing Case; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawing are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to an improved case for containing eggs, fruit, fragile ware, and like perishable articles and substances. My improvement consists in constructing a cylindrical or approximately cylindrical case or roll out of pasteboard or other cheap material, said case or roll being capable of containing any stated number of eggs, fruit, or other articles in a single row. This pasteboard roll or case I supply with numerous perforations, so that the eggs, fruit, or other substance contained in it can be examined without removing them from or opening the case, and which also serve as ventilating-openings. The roll or case I secure in its cylindrical shape, when it is filled, by means of a cord or string wrapped around it.

In order to more fully describe my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

A represents a piece of card-board, pasteboard, or other cheap paper material. I prefer to use common straw-board paper. This strip of paper I supply with numerous perforations, *b*, large enough to form a skeleton strip, as shown. Usually, I shall steam or wet the strips, and, after bending them around a cylindrical form, will leave them to dry, so that they will keep their form, and thus be more convenient to handle and pack. The eggs, fruit, or other article will then be either

placed side by side inside of this case or roll until it is filled, a piece of paper or pasteboard, *d*, being inserted between each two to keep them apart, or they can be dropped in from one end of the roll, the separating-strip being dropped in alternately. To secure the articles in the case or roll, I then either wrap a single string or cord, *e*, spirally around the roll, so that it will indent the paper or pasteboard between each article and thus keep them in place and prevent them slipping out at the open ends; or two or three short strings can be used to tie around different portions of the roll, say one at each end and one in the middle, as shown. If preferred, the strings can be passed through the perforations from side to side and then tied; so as to keep the articles in place.

By this arrangement, I provide an exceedingly cheap and convenient case for packing the articles above mentioned.

The rolls of pasteboard, when properly prepared by the process of wetting and drying above described, will keep their cylindrical form even when the strings are removed, the elasticity of the material allowing it to be opened without injury.

I therefore do not claim a cylindrical packing-case, broadly; but

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

The egg-carrier herein described, consisting of the cylindrical perforated pasteboard case A, with the cords *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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