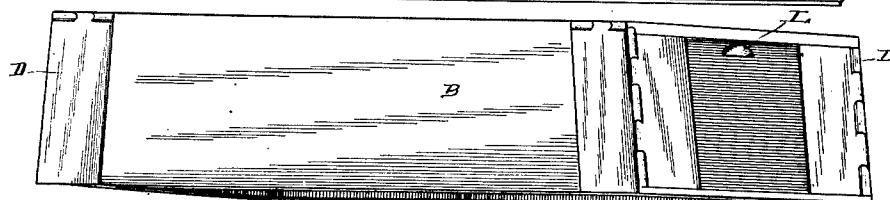
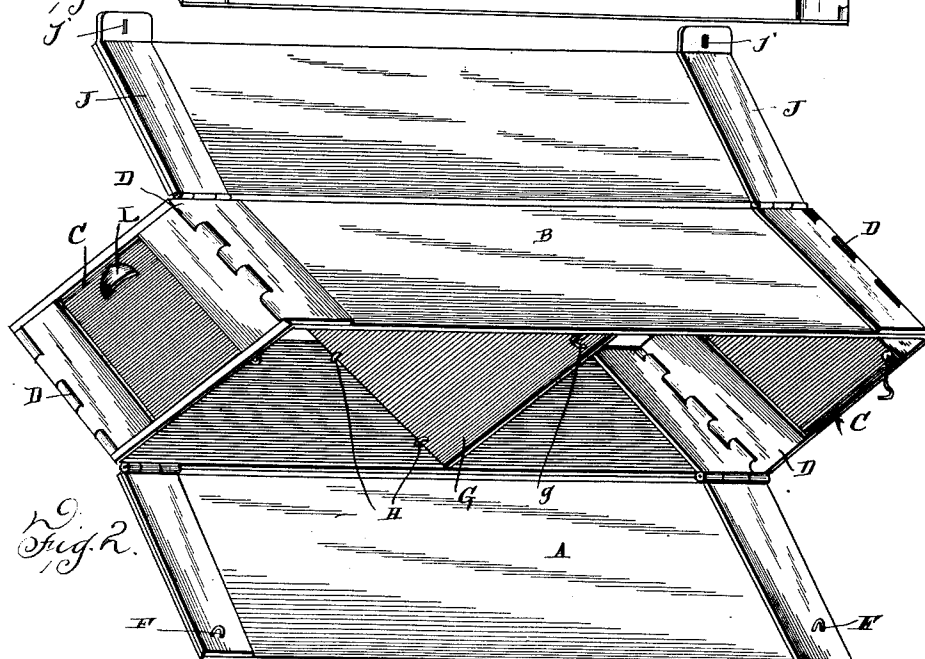
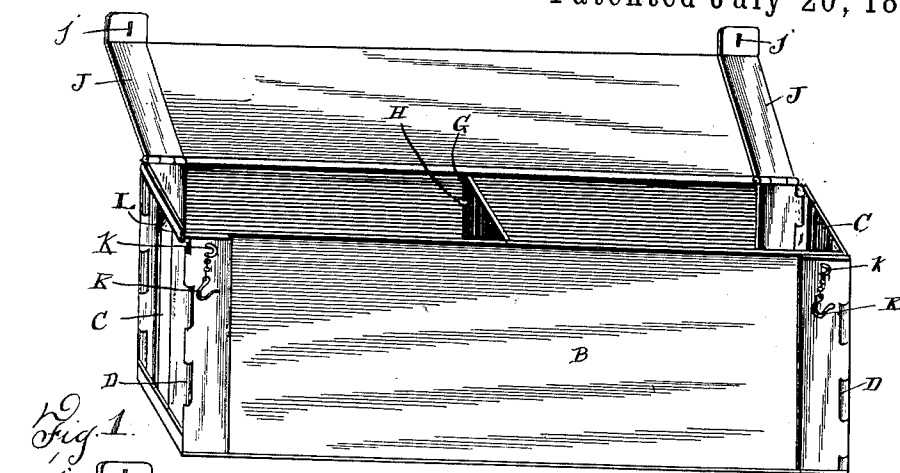


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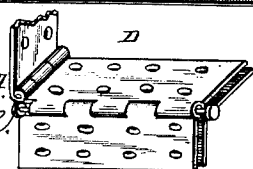


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODOR ELLENBECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Forestville, in the county of Door and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Egg-Crates; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in folding crates of that class designed for the shipment of eggs and the like; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple, cheap, and durable device of that character which can be easily folded into small compass for shipping and storage and readily set up when desired.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved crate set up. Fig. 2 is a view of the same, showing it in its partially-folded position. Fig. 3 shows the same folded. Fig. 4 is a detail of the hinged corner combined with the hinge of the corner of the bottom.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the bottom, B the sides, and C the ends, the ends and sides being connected by suitable hinges D, the ears or eyes of which are adapted to receive the bolt or rod by which they are detachably connected together. The top and bottom are hinged to the diametrically opposite edges of the two sides, as shown, and the bottom is designed to be held in its closed position by suitable means, as hooks and staples F, the hooks being, preferably, screw-hooks engaged in the inner faces of the ends, as shown.

G is the partition, detachably secured in

place by suitable means, as the hooks *g*, the said partition being hinged at one edge by suitable hinges *II*, so as to fold down against the inner face of the side when the crate is to be folded.

I are metallic straps secured to the top or lid and having slots *j* in the ends thereof which extend beyond the edge of the top to receive hooks *K* on the outer face of the front of the box which pass therethrough and are secured by lock or otherwise, or these slots may engage the staples *k*, after which the lock or hook may be placed therethrough to secure the lid in position.

The box may be provided at the ends with suitable handholds or handles or analogous means *L*, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2.

The crate can be readily folded without separation of any of the parts, as indicated in Fig. 3, and occupies but a small space for shipment or storage. The box or crate can be folded even when full of the pasteboard fillers or egg-cases, which shut or fold or close up in the same way.

Modifications in details may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A folding crate comprising a bottom, sides and ends connected by double hinges extending the entire height thereof and having removable pintles, a top hinged at diametrically opposite sides to the hinge of the bottom, hooks and staples for holding the bottom in its closed position and means on the cover for holding the same in its closed position, and a partition hinged at one edge to one of the sides and hooks for detachably holding the other end in its distended position when the crate is opened, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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