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Refrigerator Oyster Can.

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Fig 1

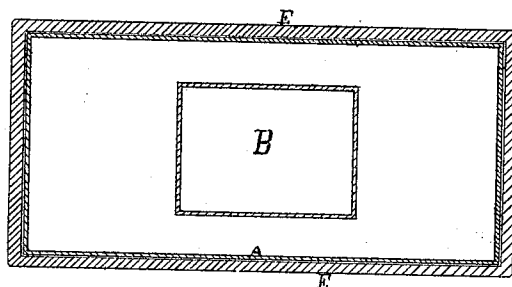
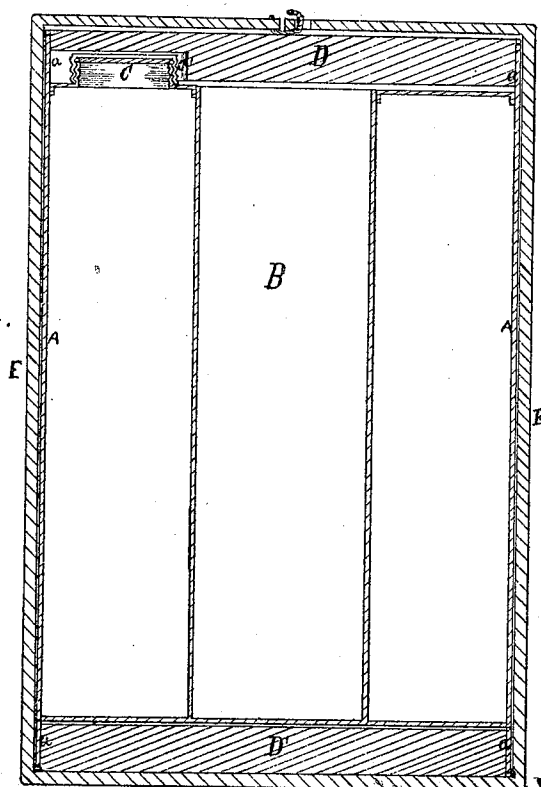


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REFRIGERATING OYSTER-CANS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED BOOTH, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements to the "Refrigerating Oyster-Can" for which Letters Patent of the United States, No. 103,551, were issued to me, bearing date May 31, 1870; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved refrigerating oyster-can, and

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawing.

My invention has for its object to provide sheet-metal refrigerating-cans for oysters in bulk, with a guard to protect the ends and corners thereof during transportation, and so constructing them as more effectually to prevent the heat of the sun and of heated atmosphere affecting the contents of the can.

In the accompanying drawing—

A is a sheet-metal can of sufficient size to contain several gallons of oysters, having flanged edges, *a a*, projecting from the ends of the can.

In the center of the can, extending from the top to the bottom, or from side to side, is formed a rectangular ice-chamber, B, which is opened at the top, and having four sides exposed within the body and to the contents of the can.

The can proper is filled with oysters through the opening C, which is securely closed by means of the screw C'.

The ice-chamber B is closed by means of a wooden cover, D, made of suitable dimensions, so as to fit

snugly within the flanged edges of the end of the can over the opening into the ice-chamber and upon and against the screw-cap C', and projecting a little beyond the ends of the flanges, and secured thereto so as to be easily removed.

At the other or opposite end of the can is also firmly and securely fastened a similar wooden cover or guard, D'. Said covers or guards D also serve the purpose to protect the ends of said can from injury during transportation.

After the can is filled with oysters, the ice-chamber with ice, and the covers or guards secured thereto by tacks or screws through the flanged edges, I cover or envelop the sides of said can, when desired, with a case or covering, E, of felt, woolen cloth, or other suitable material, so as to absorb any moisture that may accumulate on the outer sides of the can, and to assist in producing evaporation, thereby more effectually preventing the heat of the sun and heated atmosphere affecting the contents of the can during transportation.

Having described my invention,

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

1. The combination, in a sheet-metal refrigerating-can for oysters in bulk, of the flanged ends *a a* and the wooden covers or guards D, or their equivalents, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the case or covering E with the can, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 29th day of November, 1870.

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