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Fig. 1.

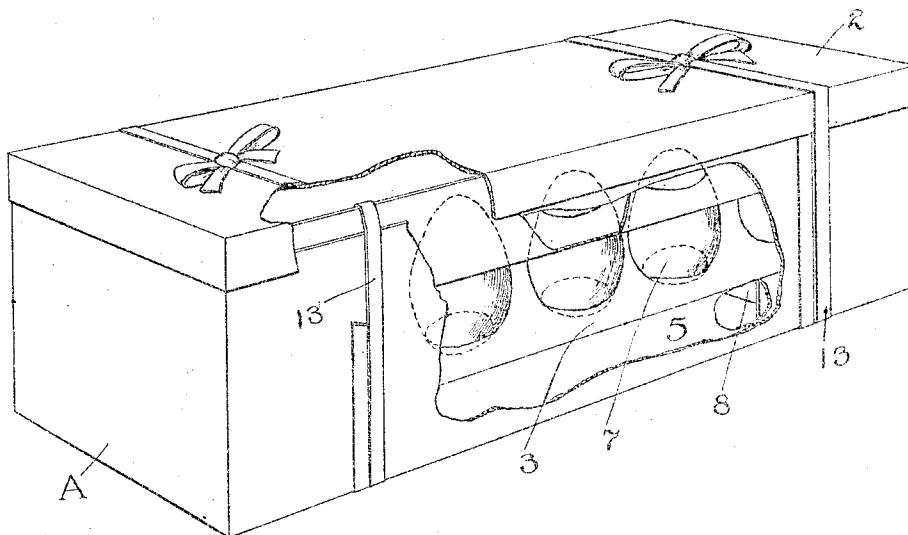


Fig. 2.

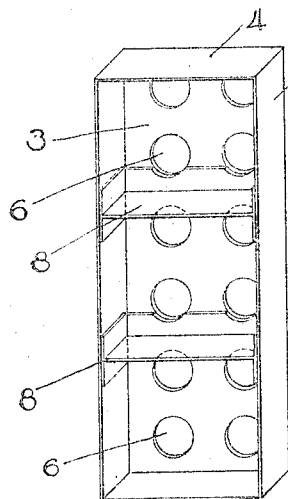
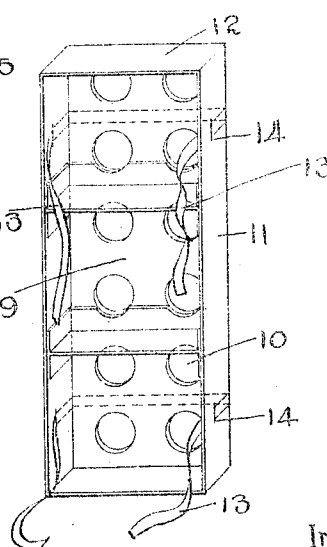


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD WERNESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shipping-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shipping packages designed particularly for shipping eggs, its object being to provide a simple construction of package in which the eggs may be shipped without danger of breaking, and which is particularly adapted for repeated use.

To this end the invention consists in the features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box containing my features of improvement; Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the lower egg holding wall or false bottom; and Fig. 3 is a top view of the upper egg retaining wall or false top.

Referring to the drawings A represents a box as an ordinary pasteboard box provided with the usual cover 2. Within the box is placed the false bottom 3 formed, as shown, with downturned ends 4 and similar sides 5. The false bottom in its top face is formed with a plurality of openings 6 to receive the larger ends of the eggs 7. As shown the false bottom is strengthened and reinforced by cross walls 8 secured between the downturned sides and bearing against the underside of the bottom.

For the purpose of cooperating with the false bottom 3, I provide the wall or false top 9 similar in construction to the false bottom. The false top is formed with openings 10 to receive the smaller ends of the eggs and the upwardly extending sides and ends 11 and 12 of the false top are of such height that when the eggs are in position between the false top and bottom, as shown in Fig. 1, the upwardly extending sides and ends of the false top will project above the corresponding sides and ends of the outer box. In order to press the false top downwardly upon the eggs I provide straps 13. As shown in the drawings a pair of these straps are provided, each strap being carried underneath the false top with its ends passing inwardly through a slot 14 in the side walls 11.

When the eggs are in position between the false top and bottom, as shown in Fig. 1, the sides and ends of the false top will extend, as stated, above the corresponding sides and ends of the outer box. To then tie up the box, the ends of the straps 13 will be carried over the upwardly projecting side walls of the false top and downwardly underneath the outer box and thence upwardly and tied over the cover. This permits the straps when pulled upon to pull downwardly upon the side walls of the false top to press said false top downwardly with spring pressure upon the eggs, the false top being held in this position by reason of the strap being carried around the outer box and tied as shown in Fig. 1. It will thus be evident that the straps serve the double function of pulling and holding the false top with spring pressure upon the eggs and also holding the cover 2 in closing position.

I claim as my invention:

1. An egg shipping case of the class described comprising an outer box, an inner false bottom formed with downwardly extending sides and with openings to receive the corresponding ends of eggs, a similar false top having upwardly extending sides, said sides being proportioned to extend above the corresponding sides of the outer box when in egg retaining position, and a cover for said box, said cover resting upon the upwardly projecting edge of said false top whereby to hold the same under spring pressure upon objects supported between the false bottom and false top.

2. An egg shipping case of the class described, comprising an outer box, a cover therefor, an inner false bottom formed with egg receiving openings, a false top formed with egg receiving openings, said top being formed with upwardly extending sides projecting above the corresponding sides of the outer box when in egg retaining position, and securing cords carried by and projecting over the projecting edges of the false top and around the box to pull said top downwardly within the box.

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

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