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Fig. 1.

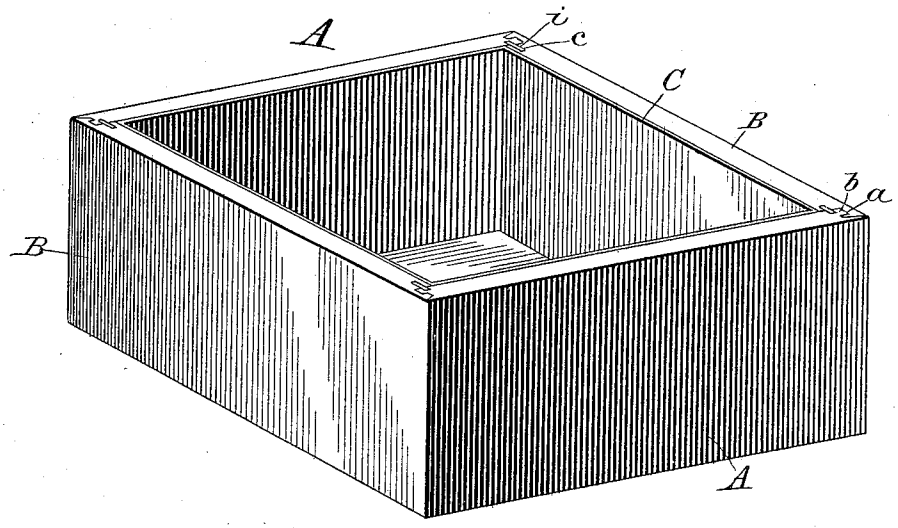
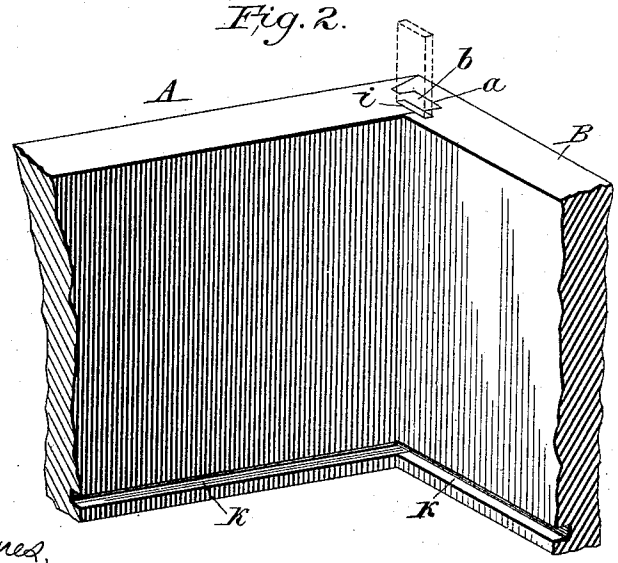


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. DUMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, in the county of Washington and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Butter-Box, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in butter-boxes in making them without the use of nails or metals.

The accompanying drawings may be referred to as a part of my specification.

Figure 1 is a view of my invention with the cover removed, showing the lining. Fig. 2 shows the manner of attaching the ends and sides with a spline or key of wood without the use of nails.

In the drawings, A represents the sides and B the ends.

a represents a groove or slot in the end to receive the projection or tenon *b*.

c represents a spline or key fitting the grooves or key-seats *i*.

C represents the parchment lining.

k represents the long groove to receive the bottom.

To make a box according to my invention, cut the sides and ends with the grooves and tenons, as shown, and put them together so that the tenons will fit into the grooves, then shove the spline *c* into the slot *i*. This holds the sides and ends firmly together in the form of a box The bottom is slipped into the long grooves before one of the ends is put in place. In this manner of construction the box is firmly and strongly built without the use of nails or metal, thus removing the possibility of any rust or corroding of metal, which is a great objection to boxes for butter.

A box made according to my invention is handsome, strong, and durable.

I do not limit my box to any particular size. The size I make the most boxes is the one that holds about five pounds of butter.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a wooden butter-box, the combination of two sides, each provided with a groove and tenon at each end, and two ends, each of which is also provided with a groove and tenon similarly placed, said grooves and tenons of the ends being so cut as to fit snugly upon and into said tenons and grooves of the sides and keys, holding the whole together by fitting in grooves in the sides and ends of the box, all substantially as set forth.

2. In a wooden butter-box, the combination of two sides having grooves and tenons at each end, with two ends, also provided with grooves and tenons similarly placed, said grooves and tenons of the ends being so cut as to fit snugly upon and into said tenons and grooves of the sides, keys fitting into slots cut in the sides and ends and binding them together, grooves cut in the sides and ends to receive the bottom, and a bottom sliding in said grooves, substantially as set forth.

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