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Fig. 1.

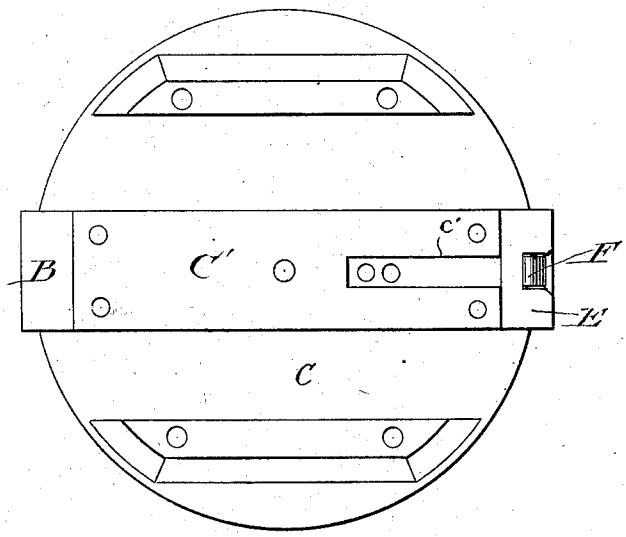


Fig. 2.

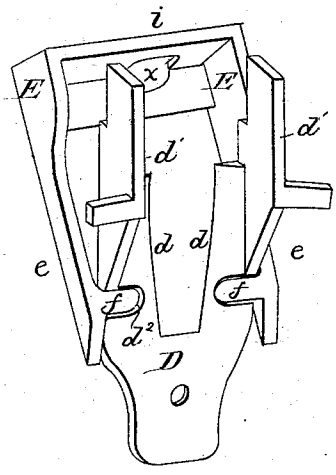
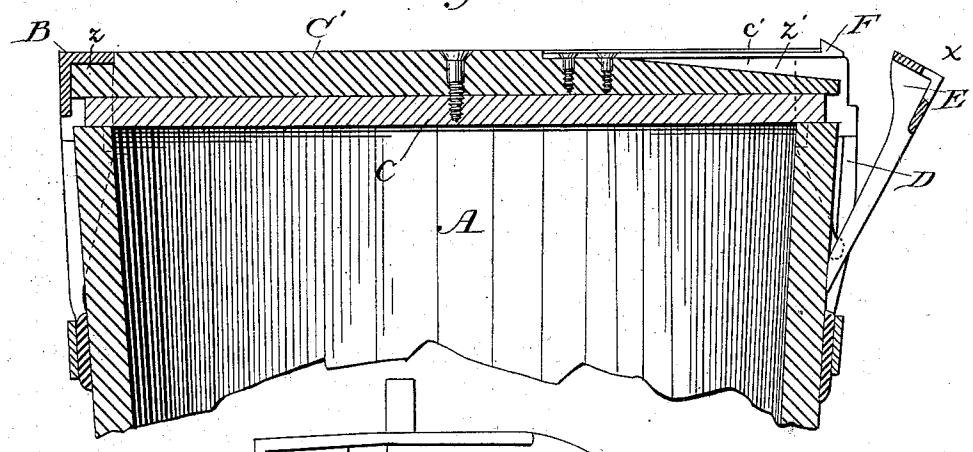


Fig. 4.



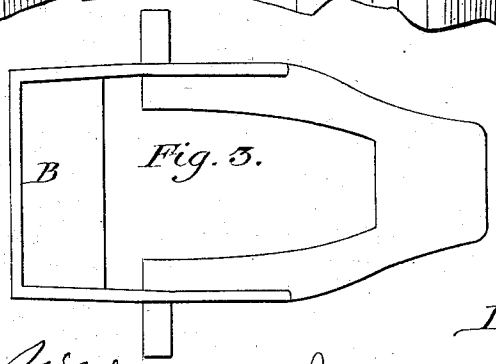


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. GUNN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Butter-Pails, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to fastenings for the covers of pails; and its object is to provide a pail with a simple reliable fastening device, so that accidental raising of the cover and occasional loss of the same may be avoided.

The invention consists in the improved construction hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of a pail provided with my improved fastening. Fig. 2 is a detached view, showing the inner side of the fastening device. Fig. 3 represents the stationary ear of the device. Fig. 4 is a vertical central section of a pail provided with my improvement.

A represents a pail, of any desired construction, provided at one side with an ear, B, which forms a bearing for one side of the pail-cover. The opposite side of the pail is provided with an ear, D, constructed with the main portion or sides *d* and the wings *d'*, the latter fitting into the top edge of the pail to receive the other side of the cover or its fastening-cleat. The ear D is also formed on its inner side with bearings d^2 to receive a locking-bail, E. The latter consists of two arms, *e e*, each provided on its inner side with a lug, *f*, to secure the bail to the ear D, as shown in Fig. 2.

The top portion or cross-piece, *i*, of the locking-bail is provided with an opening, *x*, to receive the latch of the cover.

C represents the cover of the pail, to which is secured a transverse cleat, C', one end, *z*, of which fits within the ear B of the pail. Near the other end, *z'*, is a short inclined recess, *c'*, within which is secured one end of a spring-latch, F, by screws or otherwise. When the cleat is in the position shown in Fig. 4 the bail E is turned over the spring-latch F, and the cover is thus held in place.

What I claim is—

The combination, with a pail having the fastening devices B, D, and E, of a cover provided with a cleat, C', one end of which fits in the ear B, while the other end is provided with a spring-latch, with which the bail E engages, substantially as set forth.

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