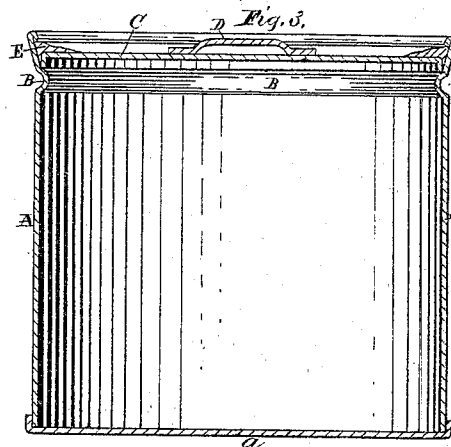
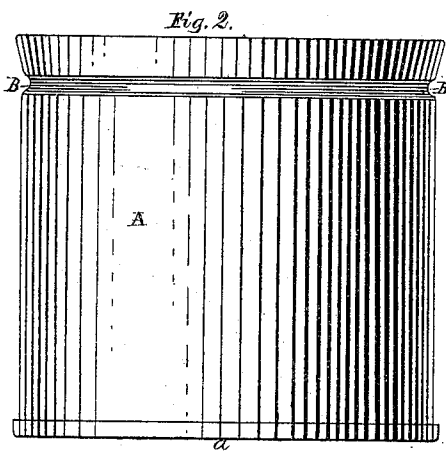
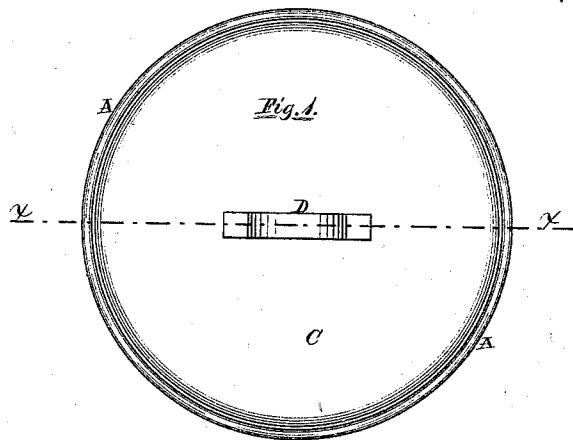


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY HAMMOND, of Syracuse, county of Morgan and State of Missouri, have invented an Improvement in Fruit-Cans, of which the following is a specification:

Nature and Objects of the Invention.

The nature of my invention relates to improvements in metallic cans in which to hermetically seal fruits for preservation; and the invention consists in so constructing the top of the can and the lid as to furnish a cheap article, and one which can be filled with fruit and the lid readily and easily adjusted for the ordinary cement, and which may be easily and thoroughly cleaned when the fruit is removed, all as hereinafter fully described.

Description of the Accompanying Drawing.

Figure 1 is a top view of my invention; Fig. 2 is a side elevation; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of Fig. 1, on the plane of the line *x x*.

General Description.

A is a cylindrical tin can, with a bottom, *a*, attached in the ordinary manner. B is an annular bead or groove, pressed interiorly into the body of the can A near its top. The upper edge of the can A is turned inward, and then hammered or rolled to flare it slightly outward above the bead B, as shown at Fig. 3. C is the cap—a plain flat disk, with its outer edge turned downward to give it stiffness and

form a suitable rest on the bead B, as plainly seen at Fig. 3. D is a handle on the upper side of the cap C, for convenience in lifting it. E, Fig. 3, is the sealing-wax.

The operation of my invention is deemed obvious from an inspection of the drawing. The can being filled with fruit prepared and heated in the ordinary manner, the lid C may be put in place and pressed down until its edge rests on the bead B, when a small amount of ordinary sealing-wax may be poured around and in the joint between the lid C and can A. To remove the cap C the sealing-wax may be removed or heated and the cap lifted by the handle.

It will be plainly seen that this construction of top obviates the necessity of a tapering or conical-shaped can, and also dispenses with flange soldered around the top, thus producing a cheaper can, and one having many other obvious advantages.

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

The can A having a flaring mouth, in combination with the lid C having an inwardly-turned flanged edge, so constructed that when pressed into the mouth of the can it will be held in position by contact of the surface alone, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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