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BUTTER-PACKAGE.

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Fig. 3.

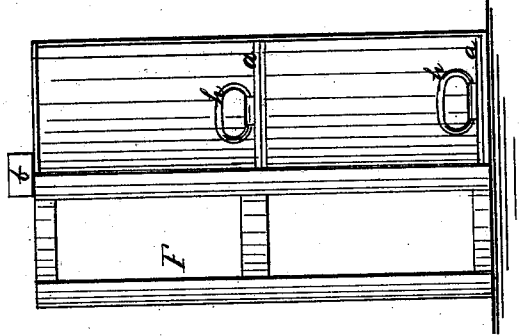


Fig. 2.

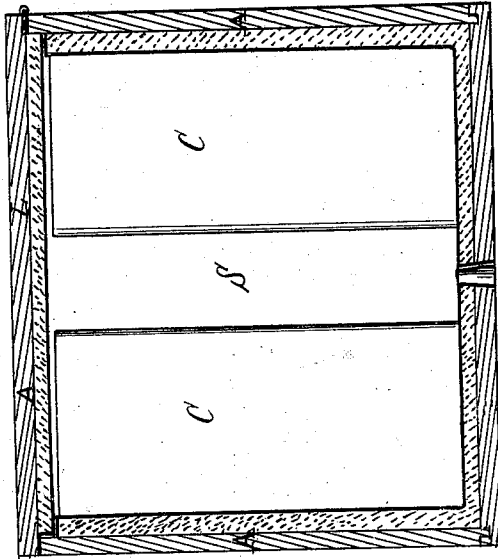
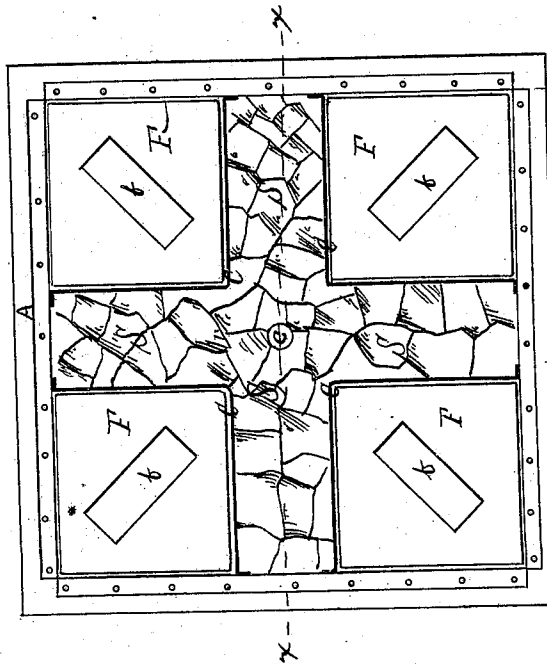


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-PACKAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDGAR B. HOLLISTER and C. W. KING, both of Factory Point, Bennington county, State of Vermont, have invented an Improved Butter-Package, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof.

Our invention consists in the combination, with a refrigerator case or box, of suitable chambers, in which are arranged removable frames, provided with sliding shelves, the said chambers having spaces between or around them, in which ice may be placed, whereby butter may be conveniently packed for transportation, and kept cool and hard during transit.

Figure 1 is a plan of our butter-package, the lid being removed. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detached view of one of the removable frames.

A is the refrigerator box or case, which is preferably made with an interior metal wall, inclosing a charcoal lining or packing, as shown, and provided with the hinged lid L, similarly constructed, as shown. The chambers C are arranged within the case A, as shown, extending upward from the bottom, and open at the top, and having the spaces S between them. The frames F are formed, as shown in Fig. 3, preferably with skeleton sides and back, to permit a free contact of the air of the case with the butter, and with open fronts, and provided with the sliding shelves *a*, resting upon suitable cross-braces, as shown, and having the folding handles *h* on their front end, for convenience in drawing them out of the frame. The frames F and cham-

bers C are preferably formed of tin or zinc, or similar metal. The frames F are arranged to fit into the chambers C, as shown, and may be placed therein, or removed therefrom conveniently, by means of the handles *b*, with which each frame is provided on its upper end, as shown. An opening, *c*, closed by a bung, in the bottom of the case, permits the draining off of the water collecting in the spaces S by the melting of the ice therein.

Now, it is evident that butter may be in suitable forms placed on the shelves *a*, and the said shelves then slid into their proper places in the frames F, and the frames thus filled be placed in the chambers C, and that, the spaces S being then filled with ice, and the lid of the case secured, the butter thus packed may be readily and conveniently transported, and kept cool and hard during transit.

It is also evident that the butter may be readily exposed, either for sale or for domestic use, by withdrawing the frame F and pulling out one of the sliding shelves *a*.

It is also evident that the number, form, and arrangement of the chambers C and the frames F within the case A may be varied without materially changing the essential features of our invention.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, as a butter-package, of the refrigerator-case A, the chambers C, the frames F, having the sliding shelves *a*, together with the spaces S, as described.

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