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Egg-Carriers.

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Fig 1.

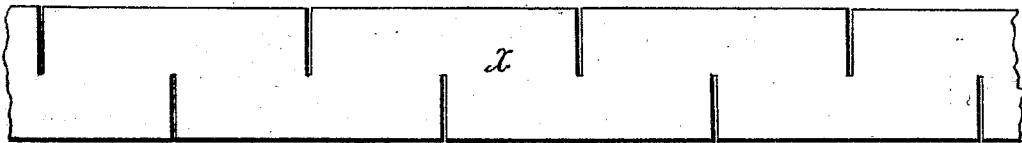
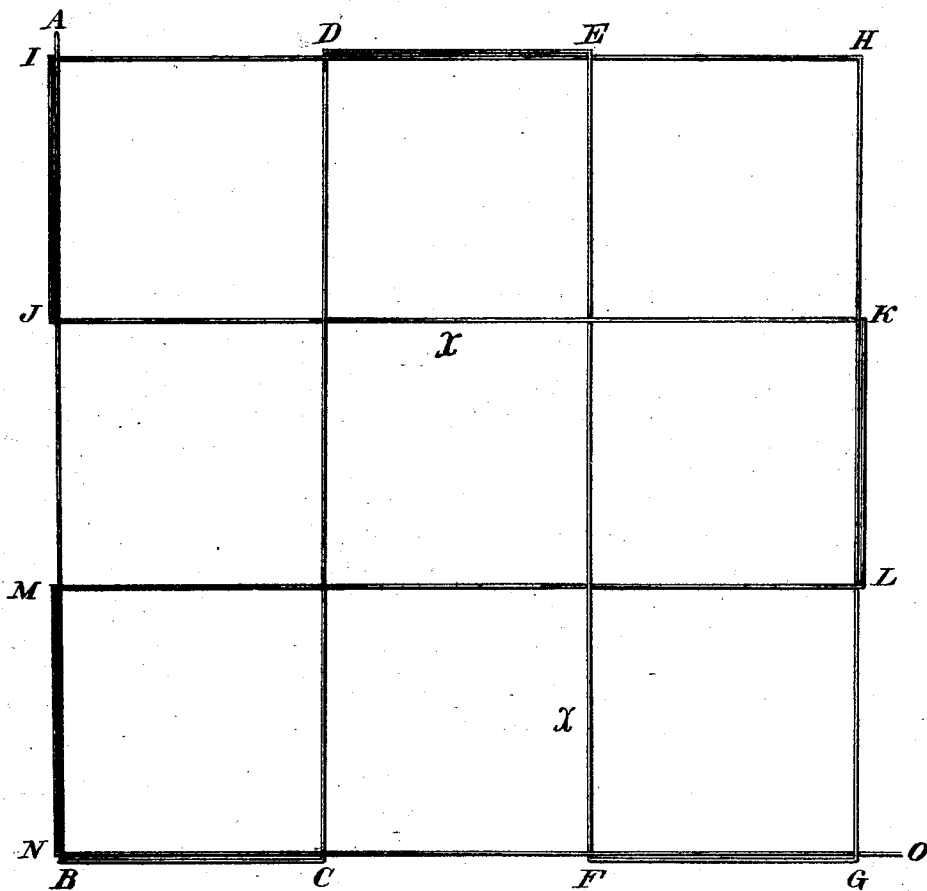


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. STRONG, of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw county and State of Michigan, have invented an Improved Egg-Carrier, of which the following is a specification:

The invention relates to forming the carrier of a slitted paper strip in such a manner that it is rendered more durable than the carriers of its class, the ends of the several interlocked parts or sections of the strip being joined together and protected as hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a side view of a fragment of the slitted strip. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the carrier complete.

The strip *x*, of paper-board or other suitable material, is provided with slits, which are perpendicular to its sides or edges, and whose length is half its width. The slits alternate with each other, so that any two contiguous ones are on opposite sides of the strip. This construction adapts the strip to be woven, or one part thereof to interlock with another, to form a carrier having egg-compartments, as shown in Fig. 2. The engagement of the slits is such that no portion of the strip can be raised without raising the parts or sections which cross it, while the carrier may be folded flat when desired and without injury. At A the strip is carried from A to B, from B to C, from C to D, from D to E, from E to F, from F to G, from G to H; then from H to I, pass-

ing alternately above and below the intervening parts of the strip; so from I to J, from J to K, from K to L, from L to M, from M to N, and from N to O, interlocking or woven, as before, and completing the compartments. Thus the carrier is formed from one strip, which conduces to strength and durability.

The main practical objection to paper carriers, as heretofore made, is that the projecting ends of the strips break or tear off, which destroys the utility of the carriers, however perfect they may otherwise remain. I remove the difficulty by using the continuous strip and folding it at the sides of the carrier, as shown.

I am aware the alternation of slits on opposite sides of the strips, as herein described, for the purpose of preventing the disconnection of the latter when interlocked, is not new, and I do not claim it.

What I claim is—

An egg-carrier constructed of a single strip having slits on opposite sides, alternating, as shown, the same being folded and interwoven, as described, so that the ends of the several crossed or interlocking parts are connected on the sides of the carrier, as specified.

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